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**MESSAGE FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF
MALAYSIA HIS EXCELLENCY DATUK JILID
KUMINDING**

Greetings from the High Commission of Malaysia!

First and foremost, welcome to the 1st E-Newsletter of the High Commission. Many activities has been taken place in the first-half of this year. I am excited to share some of this with you in this issue.

Bilateral relations between Malaysia and Papua New Guinea (PNG) continues to enjoy a warm and close friendship based on mutual respect, understanding and cooperation. Malaysia and PNG are stepping up efforts to consolidate mutually beneficial cooperation in all sectors. The Government of Malaysia is delighted with active participation of PNG in technical cooperation and development of human resource under the scope of the Malaysian Technical Cooperation programme (MTCP).

To all Malaysians, your presence in this blessed country is the testament of close people to people contact between Malaysia and PNG.



INTERVIEW BY THE NATIONAL NEWSPAPER ON MALAYSIA-PNG TIES

Envoy: Countries need travel connectivity

THE Malaysian High Commission wants to see more connectivity between the two countries in regards to the airlines industry.

High Commissioner Jilid Kuminding said it would greatly boost trading relationship and economic expansion between the two countries.

"The connectivity we need to do more. I mean I always hope that more airlines are flying to Papua New Guinea, direct," he said.

"At the moment, I think we have Air Niugini of course, the main feeders. If we want to go back to Malaysia, we fly usually via Singapore with Air Niugini."

"And from Singapore we fly with Malaysia Airlines to Kuala Lumpur, and vice versa."

"We can also fly direct from Kuala Lumpur to Sydney or Melbourne and transit to Brisbane. And then from Brisbane, we will fly with Air Niugini to Port Moresby."

"Now Philippines Airline is also flying in so we can also use the Manila sector to come here."

"But my wish for the future is that this people-to-people relation we can expand further and one of the most important elements there is connectivity."

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Malaysia High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea Jilid Kuminding

can fly direct Kuala Lumpur-Port Moresby or Air Niugini can also fly to Kuala Lumpur. We have a service agreement with the two countries. I think it's just a matter of those

operators, Air Niugini, Malaysia Airlines or Air Asia, to sit down and explore for those opportunities. We can do it by Government-to-Government but at the end of the day, it is up to the commercial op-

erators feel that it is viable. I understand now that the airline business is very competitive. Kuminding said one of the airlines should look at these market by connecting the two countries direct.

His Excellency Datuk Jilid Kuminding was interviewed by Ms. Shirley Mauludu from The National on the current bilateral affairs between Malaysia and Papua New Guinea. During the interview, Datuk Jilid touches on several issues such as travel connectivity, small and medium enterprises and bilateral trade.

Trade growth pleases Malaysia

Reports By SHIRLEY MAULUDU

MALAYSIA is pleased with the growth of trade with Papua New Guinea, according to High Commissioner to PNG Jilid Kuminding.

He said Malaysia's total trade with Papua New Guinea between last January and November increased by 15.6 per cent from the corresponding period the previous year.

It was worth RM1.74 billion (K1.16 billion) — an increase of

RM485.79 million (K557.8million).

He said from 2010 to 2014, Malaysia's total trade with PNG steadily increased from RM1.12 billion (K0.74 billion) to RM1.7 billion (K1.13 billion) — recording an overall increase of 51 per cent in those five years.

Kuminding said PNG was Malaysia's third largest trading partner in Oceania. Globally, Papua New Guinea is Malaysia's 51st largest

trading partners over the same period. He said Malaysia's exports to PNG were valued at RM1.29 billion (K0.86 billion), increasing by 3.7 per cent (RM65.38 million) (K30.3million) from the corresponding period in 2014.

He said the main driver for export growth during that period was machinery, appliances and parts, beverages and tobacco, and petroleum products.

"The overall relation is very good," Kuminding said. "PNG is one of the most important destinations for export in terms of investment in the Pacific. I'm very happy that the growth of our trade, be it our export to PNG as well as Papua New Guinea's export to Malaysia was very, very positive, especially last year."

"Unbelievable. And I'm very happy. Trade must be equal partnership."

"We want to import more from you. We want to buy more from Papua New Guinea because still, it's not a balance trade."

"It's in our favor but we would like to very much have more from Papua New Guinea. Now it is on the increase and I think that is a very good indicator," he said. Kuminding said it was important the trade must continue to grow.

Malaysia to support business partnership

MALAYSIA wants to fully support any joint venture businesses with Papua New Guinea, High Commissioner to PNG Jilid Kuminding says.

He said both countries could learn a lot from each other and benefit more especially in the small to medium enterprise sector.

"Papua New Guinea is the power house of the Pacific," Kuminding said.

"We would like our exporters, business people and investors to

use Papua New Guinea, particularly Port Moresby, as the gateway to Pacific Island countries.

"That is what I will see — to use Papua New Guinea strength."

"There is no doubt that PNG is now the big brother of the other island states."

"So whatever is happening in Moresby, it will become the attention of the other island states."

"It's very important that there is a lot of potential."

"I am sure many of our (Malaysian) small to medium enterprises (SMEs) will be willing to come to Papua New Guinea and venture into those opportunities."

"That is one of the area that I would like to see it grow in the future."

"Our investment in Papua New Guinea is always on the increase."

"That will create an industrial base for PNG and the most important thing is using your resources."

"This is a sector that we can work together on."

"For example, a business investor coming here and doing joint venture with a Papua New Guinean. Set up a manufacturing base, and a manufacturing base first to capture the domestic requirements."

He said partnerships in SMEs can help stipulate the local economy and increase business participation by Papua New Guineans with their Malaysian partners.

PICNIC WITH MALAYSIANS IN PORT MORESBY

The High Commission together with Malaysians in Port Moresby got together and had a picnic in the Pacific Adventist University (PAU) at the outskirts of Port Moresby. The family outing is a regular activity organized by Malaysians in Port Moresby.



FRIENDLY FOOTBALL MATCH BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND PNG

sports

Malaysia coach upset after losing to PNG

MALAYSIA national team coach Ong Kim Swee demanded a massive improvement from his players, after witnessing his side slump to a 2-0 defeat against Papua New Guinea in their Oceania Tour opener on Friday.

The Southeast Asian nation are now ranked 173rd in the world. The Tigers will play New Caledonia (June 22) and Fiji (June 26) before returning home.

"Some players took it easy after the wins over Timor Leste (Asian Cup playoffs)". The head coach also opted to give Azrif Nasrulhaq and Khair Jones full-back roles after the duo featured on the wing last time out.

"It is disappointing that some players didn't show their character and help each other out."

The second half proved that even with 10 men we can play better if the players have the mentality of wanting to do something", said Kim Swee, referring to Shahrom Abdul Kalam's injury in the 66th minute after he had used all his substitutes.

"I hope both teams can benefit from this game."

"Players who are given opportunities should utilise it if they want to remain in the team," he said.

That allowed PNG to slowly work their way into the game, before they eventually broke the deadlock through Tommy Semmy on the 35th minute mark.



PNG striker Tommy Semmy about to strike the first of his two goals against Malaysia. PNG won 2-0.

Kunanlan, Fazly Mazlan, Amirulhadi Zainal, Amirul Hisyam Awang Kechik and S. Chanthuru were brought in after the break.

The visitors pressed to reduce the deficit and nearly pulled one back when substitute Christie Jayaseelan struck the post in the 82nd

minute but that was the closest the Tigers came. Kim Swee made the maximum six substitutions allowed for a worldwide

friendly but strangely, did not introduce the in-form Ahmad Hazwan Bakri who had scored three goals in his previous two matches.

PNG shocks Malaysia 2-0 in soccer friendly

BY PRISCILLA HARRY

193 ranked Papua New Guinea sent shock waves into Malaysian Football. The PNG Kapuls just coming off a positive OFC Nations Cup surprised the Malaysian national team 2-0

in one-off friendly at the Sir John Guise Stadium on Friday afternoon.

Malaysia ranked 173 in FIFA world rankings are on a three match Oceania tour. Kept hungry from the Nations Cup, PNG striker Tommy Semmy helped himself to

a double at the 35th and 42nd minutes.

Malaysia came back strong in the second-half but the Kapuls defended well to deny striker Muhammad Shahrom Abdul Kalam and skipper Mohd Amri Yahyah efforts to restore lost

pride more than anything else.

After the match, PNG coach Flemming Seristev said: "International friendly matches are good for the players and with these kind of games it will be a stepping stone for the squad to chal-

A friendly football match was held between the Malaysian national team with the PNG national team on 17 June 2016. The game was organized by the PNG Football Association (PNGFA). The friendly match was part of an Oceania Tour for the Malaysian team that includes New Caledonia and Fiji.



TV3 JEJAK RASUL AS-SALAM VISITED PNG



TV3 visited Papua New Guinea to shoot a documentary programme 'Jejak Rasul As-Salam'. The team was in PNG for two weeks shooting in various locations including Port Moresby, Simbu and other parts of PNG. The programme will be aired in Malaysia during the Ramadhan month.

FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR MR. SUHAMDAN MAPANYUKRI

A farewell luncheon was held for Mr. Suhamdan Mapanyukri, Third Secretary who has ended his tour of duty at the High Commission. We wish Mr. Suhamdan all the best in his future endeavours.



HEADS OF MISSION LUNCHEON AT GATEWAY HOTEL



His Excellency Datuk Jilid Kuminding hosted the Heads of Mission Luncheon in March 2016 at the Gateway Hotel, Port Moresby. The gathering is a part of a diplomatic 'get-together' to discuss various issues including current domestic development in PNG, diplomatic privileges and immunities and common interest.

The VIP guests are His Excellency William Dihm, Permanent Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Ms. Hakaua Susan Harry, Secretary of the Department of National Planning and Monitoring. The Ambassadors and High Commissioners who are present are from the European Union, Philippines, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, France, Indonesia, China, Australia, Republic of Korea, India, Japan, the Vatican, USA, Fiji, United Kingdom and UN representatives.



MAPNG CHARITY CONTRIBUTION



Sitting from left: Cheshire Disability Service's Winnie Wamasimble, Talleres De Nazareth Training Centre's Sr Elma Tuzon and Cannosian Sisters' Sr Louella Olatte showing the cheques given by MAPNG yesterday in Port Moresby. Standing from left: Cheshire's Cecilia Asa, MAPNG secretary Kee Lim, vice-president Chew Pang Heng, Malaysian High Commissioner Jilid Kuminding, Cheshire general manager Bernard Ayieko, MAPNG organising chairperson for charity and fundraising Ivan Lu and Cannosian Sisters. – Nationalpic by GEVOKILA ALFRED

By EMILY HOKO

THE Malaysian Association of Papua New Guinea (MAPNG) yesterday donated K100,000 to three organisations in Port Moresby as part of its continuous support to charity in the country.

The association gave Cheshire Disability Services K20,000, the Talleres De Nazareth Training Centre K40,000 and Cannosian Sisters K40,000.

Ivan Lu, MAPNG's chairman for charity and fundraising, when presenting the cheques, said that the as-

sociation would continue to support charity organisations as a way of giving something back to the community and country.

"The MAPNG annual charity event raised over K1 million last September and the money has been donated to 19 charity organisations and hospitals," Lu said.

"The three charities who received donations yesterday now bring to 22 the total number of organisations helped by MAPNG for this year."

Malaysia's High Commissioner to PNG Jilid Kuminding witnessed

the cheque presentation and thanked MAPNG for their charity work.

Kuminding said that the last two years was a challenging time for the country and such assistance to charity organisations to help those in need was a good thing.

General manager for Cheshire Disability Services Bernard Ayieko thanked MAPNG and said that the assistance given would go a long way in helping people living with disabilities in the country.

Ayieko said that the association has been continuously assisting and

funding Cheshire Disability Services and he looked forward to more of that support in the future.

Representatives of the Talleres De Nazareth Training Centre and Cannosian Sisters likewise thanked MAPNG for their support and said they would use the funds to assist locals in providing vital medical and training materials to improve the lives of the communities in Bereina and Rigo in Central.

They said the donation would do much in helping them delivering charity work.

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MAPNG raises funds annually and contribute it to selected charity organization and assisting under privilege orphanage and NGOs in PNG.

The High Commissioner witnessed the cheque presentation ceremony and thanked MAPNG for their charity work.

MAPNG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The MAPNG Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 21 April 2016. A new team of Executive Committee members were elected for the term 2016/2017.

Newly elected President of MAPNG Mr Chew Pang Heng thank the previous President, Mr Cody Lau for his contribution. He also acknowledged and thanked His Excellency Datuk Jilid Kuminding, High Commissioner of Malaysia to PNG for his continued support towards MAPNG. The encouragement given by Datuk Jilid has made MAPNG more determine to move forward and to achieve higher goals.

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