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# Embassy of Malaysia in Morocco

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the second issue of the quarterly newsletter from the Embassy of Malaysia in Rabat, Morocco in 2016. We hope you will continue to enjoy this new way to keep you informed of the events and happenings at the Embassy.

As the Ramadhan is here and soon we will be celebrating the Eid, we would like to wish you 'Selamat Berpuasa' and 'Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri'.

As always, please feel free to give us your feedback and suggestions.



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# Events and Happenings

## Asian Cultural Days, Rabat, 6 – 9 April 2016

The Embassy of Malaysia participated in the 'Asian Cultural Days' programme which was held at the Mediatheque, an institution under the patronage of the King Mohammed VI Foundation, in Rabat on 6 – 9 April 2016. The programme was organized by the Alkhayzourane Association, which organizes cultural and sports activities for the Moroccan youth. Other Embassies which participated in the programme are China, Indonesia and Thailand.

The Malaysian booth attracted many visitors with the beautiful 'pelamin' display, along with other traditional handicrafts and brochures. A group of students from the Association of Malaysian Students in Morocco (PMMM) presented a medley of '*pantun*' and '*nasyid*', and participated in the calligraphy exhibition and demonstration. A group of young Moroccans from the local '*Silat*' Association also presented a '*silat*' demonstration during the closing ceremony.



## Friendly Football Tournament in Casablanca, 14 – 15 April 2016

The Association of Malaysian Students in Morocco (PMMM) participated in a football tournament organized by the President of the Sidi Othmane District in Casablanca from 14 - 15 April 2016. The Malaysian team came in third in the tournament which also participated by teams of students from Indonesia, Thailand and Morocco.



**ASEAN Committee in Rabat (ACR) Meeting with Mdm. Mbarka Bouaida,  
Minister Delegate of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco,  
29 April 2016**

The ASEAN Committee in Rabat (ACR) met with Mdm. Mbarka Bouaida, Minister Delegate of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco, at the latter's office on 29 April 2016. The ACR was represented by Ambassadors of Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam, and the Charge d'Affaires of Brunei, with officials from the respective Embassies. The Moroccan side also included Mr. Mohamed Maliki, Director of Asian and Oceanic Affairs and several other officials from the Ministry. The main purpose of the meeting is to discuss Morocco's application to accede to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC).



L-R: Charge d'Affaires of Brunei, Ambassador of Thailand, Ambassador of Vietnam,  
Mdm. Mbarka Bouaida, Mr. Mohamed Maliki, Ambassador of Malaysia

## **Courtesy Call by Dr. Abd. Rahman Zainal, Chief Executive Officer of Sapura Thales Electronics Sdn. Bhd. (STE), 17 May 2016**

Dr. Abd. Rahman Zainal, Chief Executive Officer of Sapura Thales Electronics Sdn. Bhd. (STE), paid a courtesy call to H.E. Dato' Jamal Hassan, Ambassador of Malaysia on 17 May 2016. The purpose of the call is to touch base with the Embassy and to have an exchange of information of business opportunities in Morocco. Dr. Abd Rahman briefed the Ambassador on STE's presence in Morocco, having supplied products to Moroccan government ministries for several years. He also informed the Ambassador that STE is currently looking into the possibility to venture into marketing their products to other countries in this region.



**Courtesy Call on H.E. Jamila El Moussali,  
Minister Delegate of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Training  
of Morocco, 19 May 2016**

H.E. Dato' Jamal Hassan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Morocco, paid a courtesy call on H.E. Dr. Jamila El Moussali, Minister Delegate of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Training of Morocco on 19 May 2016. Both sides discussed the cooperation between Malaysia and Morocco, including the opportunity to study in Moroccan universities granted by the Moroccan government for Malaysian students and Moroccan officials attending short courses under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP).



## ASEAN Friendly Games, Rabat, 3 – 4 June 2016

The ASEAN Committee in Rabat (ACR) held the annual ASEAN Friendly Games on 3 – 4 June 2016. The members of the five Embassies of the ASEAN Members States accredited to Morocco – namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and Brunei – took part in bowling, volley ball and table tennis competitions. All Ambassadors and Charge d’Affaires took turns presenting the medals to the winners in each game. Each Embassy also prepared their countries’ delicacies for a potluck lunch to be enjoyed together at the end of the event.



## Export Acceleration Mission to Morocco by MATRADE, 31 May – 3 June 2016

The MATRADE Office in Jeddah, led by Mr. Khairul Annuar Abdul Halim, Trade Commissioner, undertook an Export Acceleration Mission to Morocco on 31 May – 2 June 2016. A total of ten Malaysian companies specializing in furniture and bedding furnishing; natural rubber and medical devices; food and beverages; processed seafood and related food industries; automotive parts and components and ICT took part in the Mission. The delegation met with the Chambers of Commerce of Rabat and Casablanca, as well as the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT). The Malaysian companies held B2B meetings with their Moroccan counterparts to expand their networking and explore possible collaboration in the future. It is hoped that the success of the Mission will continue to strengthen the bilateral trade relationship between Malaysia and Morocco.



**ASEAN Committee in Rabat (ACR) Courtesy Call on  
Mdm. Miriem Bensalah Chaqroun,  
President of General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM),  
Casablanca, 10 June 2016**

The ASEAN Committee in Rabat (ACR), led by the Ambassador of Indonesia, Chairman of ACR, paid a courtesy call on Mdm. Miriem Bensalah Chaqroun, President of the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM) at her office in Casablanca, on 10 June 2016. Both sides discussed on possible future collaboration, including a proposed ASEAN-Morocco Business Forum, which could serve as a platform to increase awareness on ASEAN and its potentials among Moroccan businessmen.



## **Courtesy Call by Mr. Lahoucine Ichibi, Chairman of Logistique Carburant et Lubrifiant d'Agadir (LOCALUB), Rabat, 16 June 2016**

Mr. Lahoucine Ichibi, Chairman of *Logistique Carburant et Lubrifiant d'Agadir* (LOCALUB), paid a courtesy call on H.E. Ambassador Dato' Jamal Hassan, on 16 June 2016. LOCALUB signed a partnership collaboration with PETRONAS Lubricants International, based in Italy, to promote and market PETRONAS Lubricants brand in Morocco, on 29 April 2015. The company also promoted PETRONAS Lubricants products at the 11<sup>th</sup> International Exhibition of Agriculture (SIAM), which was held in Meknes in April 2016. The call was also attended by Mr. Larbi Oiskhine, Director General of South Petroleum Company.



## **Meeting between the Administrative Board of the Association of Malaysian Students in Morocco (PMMM) with Ambassador of Malaysia, 27 June 2016**

The Administrative Board of the Association of Malaysian Students in Morocco (PMMM) for the session 2016/17 met with H.E. Dato' Jamal Hassan on 27 June 2016. The students discussed and briefed the Ambassador on their programmes and also other issues concerning their studies in Morocco.

