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MALAYSIA HOSTED THE 18th ASEAN COMMITTEE IN ROME MEETING



The 18th Meeting of ACR was held at the Embassy of Malaysia on 20 January 2016. During the meeting, TYT Ambassador Dato' Abdul Samad Othman handed over the chairmanship of ACR to the Ambassador of Myanmar, H.E Myint Naung will be the ACR Chairman until June 2016. During the meeting, ACR Ambassadors discussed among others, activities that will be organized until June 2016.

January 2016

- 18th ACR meeting hosted by Malaysia
- Farewell lunch to say goodbye
- Honorary Consul in Napoli met the Ambassador
- Farewell Lunch hosted by PERWAKILAN

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FAREWELL TO SAY GOODBYE

The Home Based Staff and the Locally Recruited Staff of the Embassy of Malaysia organized a farewell lunch in honor of Mr. Ahmad Fahmi Ahmad Sarkawi, Head of Chancery and Puan Ellyzah Ibrahim, Secretary to the Agriculture Attachè on 19 January 2016 at the Embassy. A farewell gift from the staff of the Embassy was presented by TYT Ambassador Dato' Abdul Samad Othman to both officers who ended their tour of duty in Rome. They returned to their respective headquarters at the end of January 2016.



HONORARY CONSUL OF MALAYSIA IN NAPOLI MET WITH THE AMBASSADOR

On Friday, 22 January 2016, Honorary Consul of Malaysia in Napoli, Mrs. Anna Ceppaluni paid a courtesy call on TYT Ambassador Dato' Abdul Samad Othman. They discussed on matters related to improving bilateral issues between Malaysia and Italy and future activities to be held in Napoli.



FAREWELL LUNCH BY PERWAKILAN

On Saturday, 23 January 2016, PERWAKILAN Rome hosted a farewell lunch in honor of Puan Izharinee Rosmawati Ibrahim, Deputy Chairman and Puan Ellyzah Ibrahim, Committee Members of PERWAKILAN Rome at the Ambassador's Residence.



February 2016

- *Malaysia hosted ESCAP Luncheon*
- *19th ACR meeting hosted by Myanmar*
- *Meeting with Ambassador of Sri Lanka*
- *39th session of the FAO Governing Council*
- *Meeting with Ambassador of Pakistan*

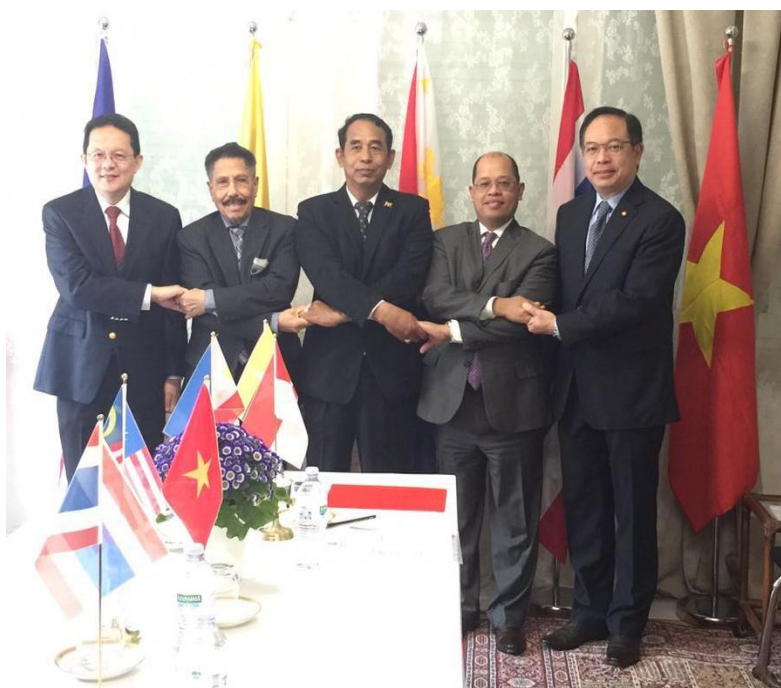
MALAYSIA HOSTED ESCAP LUNCHEON



On 4 February 2016, TYT Ambassador Dato' Abdul Samad Othman hosted the ESCAP Ambassadors Working luncheon at the Diplomatic Club Restaurant Rome. Head of the Diplomatic Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Republic of Italy, H.E. Riccardo Guariglia was invited as Guest of Honor. At the end of the meeting, Dean of ESCAP Ambassadors group, H.E Shahdat Hossain presented a farewell gift to the Ambassador of India, H.E Basant Kumar Gupta who ended his tour of duty in Italy in early March.

19th ACR MEETING HOSTED BY MYANMAR

Ambassador of Myanmar hosted the 19th ACR meeting on 25 February 2016 at the Embassy of Myanmar. The meeting discussed on the ACR's upcoming activities to be undertaken in March.



AT THE 39TH SESSION OF FAO GOVERNING COUNCIL



On 17 and 18 February 2016, TYT Ambassador Dato' Abdul Samad Othman attended the 39th Session of the Governing Council in Rome that was held at FAO. Main issue deliberated during the meeting were the need to focus and prioritize on investment and financial aid to African countries. President of Italy, Sergio Mattarella delivered a keynote address at the opening ceremony.



MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN

On Wednesday, 24 February 2016 H.E Nadeem Riyaz, Ambassador of Pakistan to Italy paid a courtesy call on Ambassador of Malaysia. They exchanged information on bilateral relations and current issues.



UNSC IN ROME

On 5th March 2016, TYT Ambassador Dato' Abdul Samad Othman was invited to deliver a speech at one of the session at the 7th Rome Model United Nations at The Libera Università Internazionale Degli Studi Sociali "Guido Carli" (LUISS University). This event is held annually and was attended by more than 1000 students from all over the globe. TYT Ambassador Dato' was invited as Malaysia is a Non-Permanent Member of the United Nation Security Council.

TYT Ambassador spoke on 'The Syrian Crisis and the roles of International Community' in the UN Security Council Committee session. The discussions replicated the UN Security Council set-up and consisted of 30 students representing 15 Security Council members. The session was an interactive as students posed questions on the roles and functions of an Ambassador and the effectiveness of UN Security Council in promoting peace around the world.



March 2016

- *UNSC in Rome*
- *Meeting Counselor of Italian-Malaysian Friendship Association*
- *Meeting with CEO & Founder of Easy Diplomacy*
- *Working breakfast hosted by Ambassador of Angola and DG of FAO*
- *Malaysia the Champion*
- *Met with DG Department for Freedom and Immigration Italy*
- *Japan hosted ESCAP Luncheon*
- *Meeting with Chief of Protocol of Holy See*
- *New officers of the Embassy of Malaysia to the Holy See*
- *Arrival of new officers of the Embassy*

MEETING WITH MRS. ROSANA CICERO, COUNSELOR OF ITALIAN-MALAYSIAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION (IMFA)

Mrs. Rosana Cicero met with TYT Ambassador Dato' Abdul Samad to discuss on future activities to be co-hosted between the Embassy and Malaysian-Italian Friendship Association at a recent event



MEETING WITH MR. MARIO MARCONE, DIRECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT FOR FREEDOM AND IMMIGRATION ITALY

On 9th March 2016, TYT Ambassador Dato' Abdul Samad Othman had a meeting with Mr. Mario Marcone, Director General, Department for Freedom and Immigration at the Ministry of Interior Affairs. The meeting discuss on the recent breakthrough deal between EU and Turkey in addressing the Syrian migration issue.



MEETING WITH MRS. ELOISA PIERMARIA, CEO & FOUNDER OF EASY DIPLOMACY

On 11th March 2016, Mrs. Eloisa Piermaria, CEO and Founder of Easy Diplomacy paid a courtesy call on TYT Ambassador Dato' Abdul Samad Othman. The main objective of the meeting was to introduce the company and provide some information on the activities conducted.



WORKING BREAKFAST HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR OF ANGOLA AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FAO

On 18th March 2016, TYT Ambassador Dato' Abdul Samad attended the UNSC Arria-Formula Breakfast meeting jointly hosted by the Ambassador of Angola and DG of FAO. The discussion revolves around efforts to ensure the security of world food supply. The UNSC Arria Formula on Food Security and Peace was held on 29 March 2016 in UN Headquarter, New York.



MALAYSIA THE CHAMPION

On 20 March 2016, the ASEAN Community Rome (ACR) organized an ASEAN Bowling Tournament at Brunswick Bowling Centre, Rome. The tournament received participation of more than 60 people. The Malaysian Embassy came as the overall Team Champion while TYT Dato' Abdul Samad Othman and Puan Noraniza Adnan were the champions for the Men and Women category respectively. The Indonesian Embassy was the first runner up while the Philippines Embassy was at the third place.



JAPAN HOSTED ESCAP LUNCHEON

On 24 March 2016, TYT Ambassador Dato' attended ESCAP luncheon hosted by the Japanese Ambassador to Italy at the Japanese Ambassador's Residence. The Guest of Honor during the luncheon was the Foreign Minister of Italy.



MEETING WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AT VATICAN CITY

On 11 March 2016, TYT Ambassador Dato' called on H.E. Jose Avelino Bettencourt, Chief of Protocol at the Vatican City. Among the issues discussed was on the procedure for opening a new mission to the Vatican and how the Vatican officials could assist the Malaysian team. They also exchange information on current issues. TYT Ambassador Dato' was accompanied by Ms. Zebine Nissa Sarfraz, Second Secretary of the Embassy of Malaysia, Rome.



EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA TO THE HOLY SEE OPENS



On 18 March 2016, Wisma Putra officers whom will be based at the new Embassy of Malaysia to the Holy See had a courtesy call with TYT Dato' Ambassador. Among the issues they discussed were on opening the new embassy and general information on Italy. TYT Ambassador Dato' welcomed Ms. Clara Soon May Lynn, First Secretary, Mr. Karunanithi Ranoo, Second Secretary and Mr. Mohd Shaifuddin Daud, Personal Assistant to Ambassador.

NEW DIPLOMATS OF THE EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA, ROME

Two new Malaysian diplomats have reported their duties at the Embassy:



Ms. Zebine Nissa Sarfraz
Second Secretary (Political & Economic Affairs), arrived in Rome on 26 February 2016



Mrs. Norli Muadza Noor
Minister Counsellor/ Head of Chancery, arrived in Rome on 1 April 2016

The Embassy of Malaysia, Rome welcomes both new officers and wish them all the best.

Leisure Activities

TRIP TO TERMOLI AND TREMITI ISLANDS

On 26 February 2016, Home Based Staff of the Embassy of Malaysia and their families organized a trip to Termoli and Tremiti Islands. The journey to Termoli took about 3 hours' drive from Rome. Termoli is a historical town said to have existed since pre-historic times. The main activities of the people there are fishing and, recently it has become a favourite spot for family holidays. Tremiti Islands (Isole Tremiti) is an archipelago known as the

To get to Tremiti Islands, we had to take an hour ferry ride from Termoli. Tremiti is made up of 5 islands but only 2 islands are habited by people and used as a tourist destination. Part of Tremiti forms a portion of the famous Gargano National Park.

The interesting part is that no cars or vehicles are allowed on Tremiti as it can easily be explore by foot. Previously the islands were used as a confinement place for political prisoners and homosexuals.

