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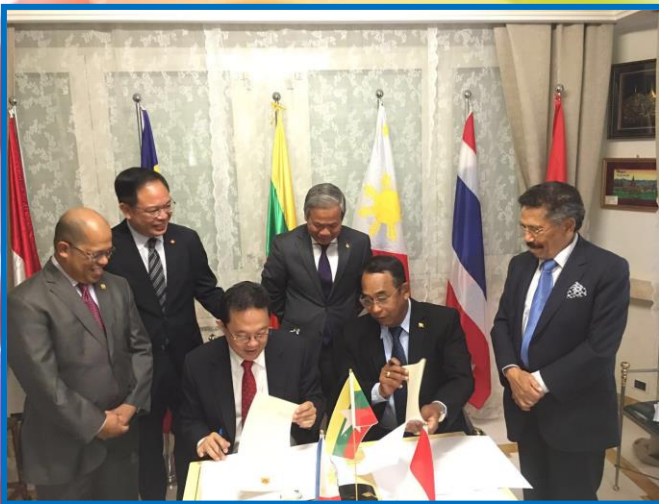


On Wednesday, 6 July 2016, TYT Dato' Abdul Samad Othman hosted the Hari Raya celebration for Malaysian Embassy staff at his Residence in Rome. This occasion was also attended by Tan Sri Bernard Giluk Dompok, Ambassador of Malaysia to Holy See, his wife and staffs of the Embassy of Malaysia to the Holy See. A few ASEAN Ambassadors also attended the celebration and enjoyed the Malaysian cuisines served. Among the traditional delicacies served were lemang, rendang, kuah kacang, laksa johor, lontong, satay and home made cookies.



AMBASSADOR'S DIARY

On 13 July 2016, Mrs. Anna Cappaluni, Honorary Consul of Malaysia to Napoli called on TYT Dato' Abdul Samad Othman at his office. They discussed on the upcoming trade events to be held in Italy. They also exchange views and ideas on many issues of concern to Italy and Malaysia. Cik Zebine Nissa, Second Secretary of the Embassy joined in the discussion as well.



TYT Dato' Abdul Samad Othman attended the 22 ASEAN Committee in Rome (ACR) Ambassador's meeting on 22 July 2016. This meeting witnessed the official handing over of ACR Chairmanship from Myanmar to The Philippines. The Philippines Ambassador will be ACR Chairman from August till January 2017.





On 26 July 2016, TYT Dato' Abdul Samad Othman paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr Ugo Astuto, who recently was appointed as the Deputy Director General of Asia and Asia Pacific Region at Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Italy

On 1 August 2016, the ACR Working Group held a meeting at Il Ciociaro Restaurant at Via Barletta, Rome. They discussed of the upcoming ASEAN Day Celebrations. Puan Norli Muadza Noor, Minister Counsellor and Cik Zebine Nissa, Second Secretary of the Embassy attended the luncheon.



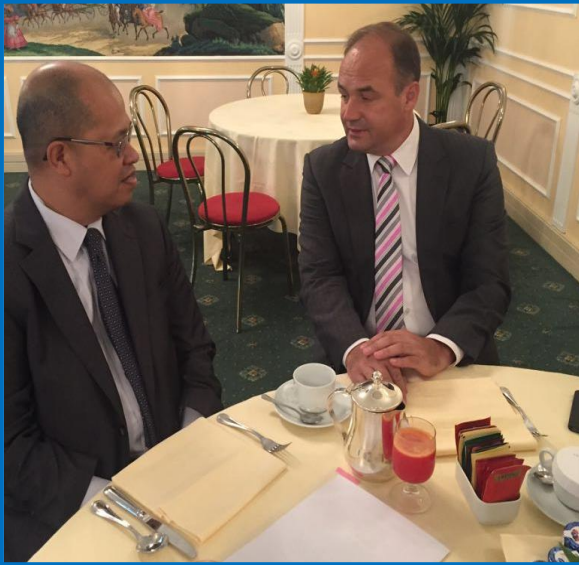
The Thai Ambassador, H.E. Tana Weskosith hosted an ASEAN luncheon at his residence on 4th August 2016. All ASEAN Ambassadors attended the luncheon. The ASEAN Ambassadors would take turns to hold luncheon every month to build closer rapport among the ASEAN diplomats.



The Internal Audit team from Ministry of Agriculture conducted an audit exercise on the Agriculture Attaché Office. On 23 August 2016, Mr. Abdul Ghani Md Lakin, Director of Internal Audit and Mr. Afiffudden Anuar, Assistant Director took the opportunity to meet and exchange views with TYT Dato' Ambassador on current issues. Puan Azulita Salim, Agriculture Attache and Encik Nazrain were also present.



On 29 August 2016, TYT Dato' Abdul Samad Othman paid a courtesy call on H.E. Enver Hoxhaj, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Kosovo at Hotel Ambasciatori, Rome. Mr. Hoxhaj was on a one day official visit to Italy and requested to meet with TYT Dato' Ambassador. The called was held over breakfast and it was a fruitful discourse on several issues of bilateral relations.



49TH ASEAN DAY

As Chairman of the ASEAN Committee in Rome (ACR), H.E. Domingo P. Nolasco, the Philippines Ambassador hosted the celebration of the 49th Anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). The event begin by singing the official anthem of ASEAN, known as 'The ASEAN Way' followed by a special remarks on the occasion by the ACR Chairman. A simple video presentation highlighting the importance of ASEAN was then played and the celebration was topped by the ASEAN cake cutting ceremony. The ASEAN Day celebration is held yearly since its inception in February 2011. As of today, ASEAN countries represented in Italy are Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. All ASEAN Ambassadors and the ACR Working Group then joined in for the group photo session and proceeded to attend the 23rd ACR Ambassadors meeting.



MERDEKA !!



On 31 August 2016, all Home Based Staffs and their families gathered at the Embassy on the Independence Day. TYT Dato' Ambassador distributed the Malaysian flag and all the children and staffs. Then everyone proceeded to the Colosseum for a group picture. The group picture with the Colosseum as the backdrop was indeed a memorable experience.



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On 31st August 2016, the home based staffs of the Embassy of Malaysia in Rome gathered at the airport to send off TYT Dato' Abdul Samad and Datin Zaiton who would be performing their Hajj in Saudi Arabia.

Puan Norli Muadza Noor, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Malaysia attended the Brazil Independence Day reception at the Embassy of Brazil on 7 September 2016. Puan Norli met with H.E. Mr. Ricardo Neiva Tavres, the Ambassador of Brazil to Italy.



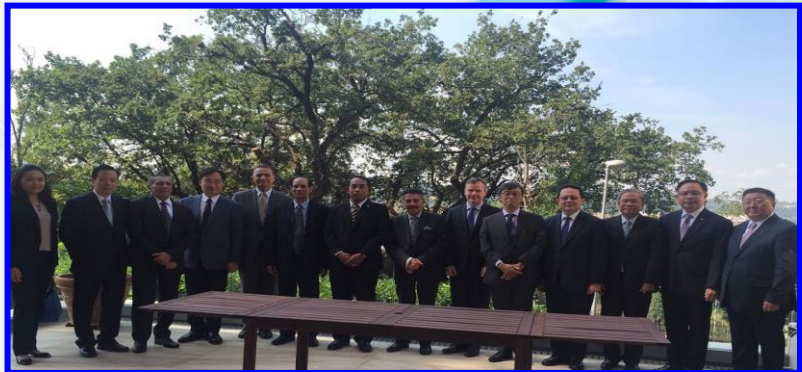
On 12 September 2016, Defence Attaché of the Embassy of Malaysia in Rome, Captain Roslan Idris and spouse, Puan Fauziah hosted the Hari Raya Aidil Adha celebration at their home. All Home Based staffs of the Embassy of Malaysia Rome and Embassy of Malaysia to the Holy See were invited.



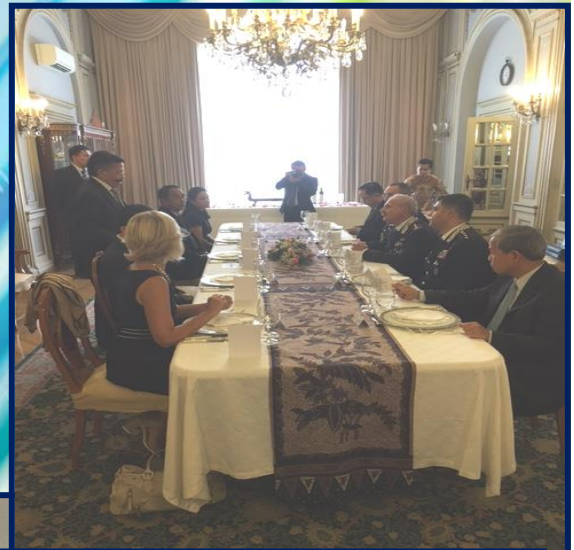


On 13 September 2016, the ACR Working Group meeting was held at the Philippines Embassy. They discussed on organizing the upcoming ASEAN Family Day.

Puan Norli Muadza Noor, Chargè d’Affaires of the Embassy of Malaysia attended ESCAP (Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific) on 14 September 2016. The luncheon was hosted by His Excellency Dr. Greg French, the Ambassador of Australia to Italy at his residence.



On 15 September 2016, Pn. Norli Muadza Noor, Chargè d’Affaires of the Embassy of Malaysia attended the 24th ACR Ambassadors meeting hosted by Indonesian Ambassador to Italy, H.E. Mr. August Perangkuan at his residence. During the luncheon, General C.A. Antonio Ricciardi, Deputy Comandante of Carabinieri and Mrs. Simonetta Margheriti, Expert on Italian Language and Culture brief the Ambassadors on their role and functions in Italy.



A visit to the Embassy

The Embassy received a visit by 38 children from various schools in Kuala Lumpur on 22 September 2016. These children are association members of *Duta Rimba* or better known as Jungle Ambassadors, an association accredited to the Department of Education, Kuala Lumpur (JPNKL). As part of their programme, the children had visited Venice, Pisa and Florence, prior to arriving in Rome. At Florence, they camped at the oldest jungle in Europe called *Badia Prataglia*. The visit was led by Tuan Haji Hamid and Mr. Ganesan Sittarambam. Puan Norli Muadza Noor, as the, Chargè d'Affaires of the Embassy welcomed the group and delivered a short remarks. Later, lunch was served.



HITS CENTRAL ITALY POWERFUL EARTHQUAKE

An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.2 struck the regions of central Italy on 24th August 2016. A second quake, of 5.4 magnitude, followed about an hour later. The devastating incident took the lives of 250 people and injuring 300 more. Amatrice, a small town with the population of about 2,600 people, was worst hit by the quake. As the epic centre was about 130km from Rome City Centre, many of the Embassy Staffs felt the tremors and immediately got in contact with each other.



HELPFUL TIPS DURING EARTHQUAKE

<p>CALM DOWN Try to stay as calm as possible</p>	<p>INSIDE Stay away from furniture, windows and lamps</p>	<p>OUTSIDE Stay away from buildings, walls and power poles</p>
<p>If you are driving stop in a safe place, turn on the hazard lights and stay inside the vehicle</p>	<p>If you use a wheelchair, put the brakes on in a safe place and protect your head with your arms</p>	<p>If you are in a crowded place, protect your head with your arms or take cover under seats and tables</p>

