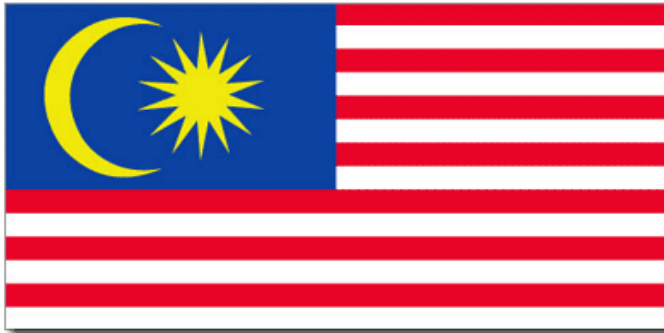


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## **MALAYSIA AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC), NEW YORK**



**Foreign Minister of Malaysia seen delivering statement during Malaysia's Presidency at UNSC**

For the second time, Malaysia has assumed the presidency of the United Nations Security Council effective Aug 1, 2016. Malaysia held the Security Council Open Debate on the issue of Children and Armed Conflict (CAAC) on Aug 2. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

participated in the Open Debate to present his annual report on detailing grave violations against children in situations of armed conflict.

At the Open Debate, UN member states reflected on the progress achieved in enhancing the protection of children in armed conflict and ways to address persist challenges, including violations against children perpetrated by non-State armed groups.

Malaysia is currently the chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict. The Open Debate, addressed new threats and challenges in preventing the proliferation of WMDs, related materials and technologies to non-state actors. Other matters that were deliberated by the Security Council are the issues of Palestine, Yemen, Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Kosovo, Sudan/South Sudan, and Guinea-Bissau.

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As the Security Council President, Malaysia has also facilitated the selection process by the Security Council for the next UN Secretary-General. During the Presidency, Malaysia had continued to highlight the peaceful resolution of conflict, moderation, the protection of civilians, and the rule of law.

### **7<sup>th</sup> SARAJEVO BUSINESS FORUM, SARAJEVO**

The 7<sup>th</sup> International Investment Conference, the Sarajevo Business Forum (SBF) was held in Sarajevo from 4 to 5 May 2016. The Forum was organized by Bosna Bank International in cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank Group with the support of the host Government.

About 1,500 registered participants and 300 accredited foreign and local journalists participated at the Forum. The Forum provided excellent opportunity to bridge the region's economy with China as well as joint collaboration between the public and private sectors.

Former Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Dato' Muhyiddin Yassin, and Religious Advisor to YAB PM and former Minister of Religious Affairs and Chairman of Institut Wasatiyyah Malaysia, Tan Sri Abdullah Md. Zin were also present at the Forum. The Embassy was represented by Ambassador Datuk Anuar Kasman and Minister Counsellor Mr. Loh Seck Tiong.

Tan Sri Dato' Muhyiddin Yassin was one of the panelists at the panel discussion "Education Sector in the Region: Developing World Class Human Capital". Tan Sri spoke on the

transformation of education sector in Malaysia since its independence. He said the Malaysian government has allocated significant budget for the sector in order to provide quality education to the people as well as to allow Malaysia to become a center of academic excellence in the region in line with the country's aspiration of achieving a fully developed nation by 2020. Tan Sri later expressed Malaysia's readiness to share its education development experience with BiH which aspires to attract more foreign students to study in Bosnia.

### **GALA DINNER - 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF MASTIKA**

The Gala Dinner in celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mastika magazine was held in Sarajevo on 10 May by Utusan Karya Sdn. Bhd. The dinner was in conjunction with the Balkan tour organized by Utusan Karya Sdn Bhd. for the loyal subscribers of Mastika magazine.

There were more than 45 members of the tour delegation. The organizer had prepared a lively gala dinner and surprise their guests with lucky draws, give away vouchers and sponsored airline tickets.

Ambassador Datuk Anuar Kasman was invited to grace the Gala dinner. The Embassy's Home-based Staff were also present.

### **14TH TOURISM LUKAVIC**

### **INTERNATIONAL FAIR "LIST",**



**Embassy's booth being visited by the public**

The 14th International Tourism Fair "List" was held on 14<sup>th</sup> May in Lukavac, Tuzla about four hours drive from Sarajevo.

The Fair was organized by the Mayor of Lukavac. About 130 exhibitors including Malaysia, Croatia, Indonesia, Montenegro Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey took part at the Fair.

The Embassy took the opportunity to promote Malaysia tourism and education at the Fair.

## ANNUAL GATHERING OF MTCP ALUMNI, 2016



*Teh Tarik competition*

The Annual Gathering of Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) Alumni Association of BiH was held on 18 May at the official residence of the Ambassador of Malaysia. The event was jointly organized by the Embassy of Malaysia and the MTCP Alumni Association of BiH.

About 80 people comprising alumni members of MTCP and Malaysian Development Cooperation Programme (MDCP), friends of Malaysia and Malaysian community living in BiH attended the gathering.

The guests were entertained by performance from the local orchestra, cultural dance and *teh tarik* competition. The guests were also served with popular Malaysian food such as satay, *mee-hoon goreng*, *acar*, *ayam goreng* and dessert.

## FRIENDS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA 2016 AWARD



*Mr Loh Seck Tiong, Minister Counsellor with Mr Ken Choo, CEO of Cardiff Football Club*

The award 'Friends of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2016' was awarded to Tan Sri Vincent Tan, founder of Berjaya Group on 6 June 2016 during the **Europe Day-Capljina 2016**. Tan Sri was nominated to receive the award for his contribution to the cultural and economic relations between Malaysia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mr Ken Choo, Chief Executive Officer of Cardiff Football Club received the award on behalf of Tan Sri Vincent Tan. The Embassy was represented by Mr Loh Seck Tiong, Minister Counsellor to witness the award ceremony.

## HARI RAYA GATHERING

A small Hari Raya gathering was held on 23 July at the official residence of Ambassador of Malaysia. Malaysian dishes such as chicken curry, chicken rendang, *sambal sotong*, *nasi lemak*, *nasi impit* and desserts

were served to the guests. Asean community in BiH, friends from diplomatic missions as well as Malaysians living in BiH were invited to celebrate the occasion and foster closer relation among the attendees. All HBS and their spouses and the locally recruited staff also attended the gathering that started from 4.00 p.m. and lasted for two hours.

## VISIT BY DELEGATION FROM KEDAH



*Members of State Assembly and former government officials from Kedah met Ambassador of Malaysia*

Ambassador Datuk Anuar Kasman received a courtesy call from members of the State Assembly of Kedah and ex government officials from Kedah on 26 August. The entourage was on their leisure trip to BiH from 25 until 28 July.

The Ambassador briefed the meeting on current situation in BiH.

## FAREWELL LUNCH FOR IRANIAN AMBASSADOR

Ambassador Datuk Anuar Kasman together with other OIC Ambassadors in BiH jointly hosted a farewell lunch in honour of Ambassador Seyed Hossein

Rajabi of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Currently, there are 12 OIC diplomatic missions in BiH. Ambassador Datuk Anuar Kasman is currently the Dean of OIC Ambassadors in BiH.

### **GOTONG ROYONG –MERDEKA DAY**

A *gotong royong* in conjunction with Merdeka Day was held on 28 August in a village in Prijedor. Ambassador Datuk Anuar Kasman and family members together with HBS and their spouses took a four and half hour journey to meet Malaysians and their family members at the village.

The event aimed to instill patriotic values among Malaysians in conjunction with Merdeka Day.

Upon arrival, the Embassy entourage was given a warm reception that included lunch. The *gotong royong* activities were lawn mowing on the backyard, plucking fruits, clearing dry leaves from the garden and chopping fire woods.

The host was also presented with a small token by the Embassy entourage before returning to Sarajevo.

### **FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**



*Flag being raised in conjunction with Merdeka Day*

The Flag Raising Ceremony was held on 31<sup>st</sup> August at the official residence of Ambassador of Malaysia.

The flag raising began at 10.30 a.m. HBS and their family members together with LRS were in attendance. A light brunch was served at the end of the ceremony.

### **MTCP CORNER**



*Ms Šmitran, 3rd from right with other MTCP course participants in Putrajaya, Malaysia*

"The two weeks course organized by the Malaysian Tax Academy under the framework of Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) offers a carefully combined modules that I find it very useful to further my knowledge in taxation.

Prior to this course, I have attended many training courses related to tax in several Western European countries and the United States during my working career. But this course is unique and certainly my favorite as the topics taught are very pragmatic and easy to follow as they are well presented by the lecturers.

The course has given me an excellent opportunity to exchange knowledge and promote collaboration as well as networking amongst course participants from 25 other countries.

Course aside, Malaysia is a beautiful country which leaves me with a great impression. I

said to myself I would certainly return one day, not for work, but holiday with my family as Malaysia has a lot to offer for tourists.

Since returning to Bosnia and Herzegovina, I have started to share the acquired knowledge with my colleagues at the Indirect Taxation Authority which is one of the key objectives of MTCP."

**ANITA ŠMITRAN (MRS)**  
**Participant to MTCP Course:**  
**General Tax**

## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

### 1. Deepavali

29 October

### 2. National Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina

25 November

### 3. Birth Day of Prophet Mohammed

12 December

### 4. Christmas

25 December

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