



New Consul General of Malaysia in Songkhla

The new Consul General of Malaysia in Songkhla, Thailand, Mr. Mohd Afandi bin Abu Bakar, reported for duty on 21 December 2015. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Afandi served as the Principal Assistant Secretary at the OIC and Regional Cooperation Division (ORCD). He also served as the Second Secretary at the Embassy of Malaysia in Doha, Qatar from 2009 until 2012.

Since January 2016, the Consul General has attended various courtesy calls on Governors and Mayors from half of the 14 Southern Thailand provinces under the purview of the Consulate General of Malaysia in Songkhla.

Apart from the courtesy calls, the Consul General has actively attended meetings, discussions, events and programmes organized by his office, the local authorities, and Islamic Councils.

The Consul General is looking forward for more engagement with various government agencies, organizations, business communities and Malaysian diaspora in the Southern Thailand.

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Lawatan JAKIM ke Songkhla

En. Mohd Afandi Abu Bakar, Konsul Jeneral Malaysia ke Songkhla, Thailand telah menerima kunjungan hormat delegasi JAKIM dan Majlis/Jabatan Agama Islam Negeri-Negeri di Malaysia di pejabat beliau pada 11 Mei 2016.

Delegasi tersebut berada di Songkhla, Thailand bersempena Program Diskusi Isu Penguatkuasaan dan Pendakwaan Undang-Undang Syariah Berkaitan Pengurusan Perkahwinan Rentas Sempadan, di Songkhla pada 11 dan 12 Mei 2016.

Semasa kunjungan hormat tersebut, pelbagai isu berkaitan pembangunan hal ehwal Islam telah dibincangkan antara delegasi dengan Konsul Jeneral dan pegawai-pegawai di Konsulat Jeneral Malaysia di Songkhla.

Selain itu, pada 12 Mei 2016, Konsul Jeneral juga telah mempengerusikan satu sesi perbincangan antara delegasi dengan wakil-wakil Majlis Agama Islam di Selatan Thailand iaitu dari Songkhla, Satun, Pattani, Narathiwat dan Yala.

“Knowledge is the eye of desire and can become the pilot of the soul.”

- William James Durant

ARE YOU DRIVING YOUR CAR TO THAILAND THROUGH THE LAND ROUTE?

For Malaysian who plans to drive their car into Thailand through the land entry/exit checkpoint such as, Bukit Kayu Hitam, Rantau Panjang and Padang Besar, kindly declare your vehicle with the Thailand's Custom Office at the border.

According to Royal Thai Custom Act BE 2469 Amendment BE 2548, you could be detained for two years or be fined (5 times of the price of your vehicle) if you fail to declare your car.

Bring with you the original grant of the vehicle, a copy of your passport and a copy of the Thailand vehicle insurance for the declaration process. It is free.

- Drive carefully -

Repatriation of the seized Siamese Rosewood by Malaysia to Thailand

Malaysia repatriated 158 pieces of smuggled Siamese Rosewood valued at BTH 20 million to Thailand, in an occasion held at Region 8 Agricultural Research and Development Centre in Songkhla's Hat Yai district on 25 April 2015.

The ceremony marked its own history, in which, it was the first time the contraband wood has been sent back to its country of origin under Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) regulations. The Siamese Rosewood is a species that are protected by both Thailand's Forest Act 1941 and CITES.



During the event, Mrs. Hajjah Norchahaya Hashim, Deputy Director-General of the Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) presented the five-tonne load to Mr. Somchai Channarongkul, Director-General of the Department of Agriculture.

It was suspected that Malaysia was meant to be a transit point of the load en-route to the wood's final destination. The seizure and the ceremony reflected Malaysia's strong commitment to act against the illegal trade of CITES-protected products and to return them to the country of origin.



Hari Melayu @ Yala 2016

Hari Melayu @ Yala 2016 telah diadakan di di Sanam Chang Phuak daerah Yala pada 12-14 Februari 2016; dan dirasmikan oleh Lt.Gen. Ruangsak Suwannakha, Timbalan Komander ISOC4.

Program ini diadakan bagi mengangkat dan memperkenalkan kebudayaan dan cara hidup masyarakat Melayu di benua nusantara, termasuk Thailand, Malaysia dan Indonesia. Selain itu, ia juga menjadi platform untuk mengeratkan hubungan semua kaum di Selatan Thailand, yang terdiri dari pelbagai latarbelakang agama, budaya dan bangsa.

Konsulat Jeneral Malaysia di Songkhla, telah menyertai program ini menerusi pembukaan gerai pameran dan promosi; serta persembahan kebudayaan oleh delegasi Jabatan Kesenian dan Kebudayaan Negeri Johor dan Kelantan.

Menerusi pembukaan gerai pameran dan promosi yang dibuka, pelbagai risalah dan informasi berkaitan Malaysia telah diedarkan kepada pengunjung yang datang. Aktiviti ini turut diserikan dengan jualan pelbagai masakan Malaysia yang disediakan oleh pihak PERWAKILAN Songkhla.

Konsulat Jeneral Malaysia juga telah menayangkan beberapa filem dan animasi keluaran syarikat tempatan kepada pengunjung-pengunjung yang hadir.



Consular Notice

Effective from 1 March 2015, the working hour and the arrangement for all **visa application**; and **verification of marriage documents** for Muslim couple, will be as follows:

Submission only
08.30 am to 12.00 noon
(Monday to Friday)

Collection only
01.00 pm to 03.30 pm
(Monday to Thursday)

02.00 pm to 03.30 pm
(Friday)

(Collection can only be made a day after the submission of the complete document to the Consular Section of the Consulate General's office)*

***"We must use time
wisely and forever
realize that the time is
always ripe to do right."
- Nelson Mandela***

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Aktiviti Riadah PERWAKILAN

PERWAKILAN Songkhla telah menganjurkan aktiviti kayak bertempat di Abang Rafting, Wilayah Satun, Thailand pada 22-23 April 2016. Seramai 23 orang peserta yang terdiri daripada ahli keluarga 'Home-Based Staff' (HBS) dan Kakitangan Ambilan Tempatan (KAT) telah menyertai aktiviti ini.

Aktiviti berkayak tersebut melalui laluan sejauh 9 km, bermula dari tempat penginapan, dan turut melalui sebuah gua di kawasan berkenaan.



Aktiviti riadah ini dibuat bagi menggalakkan lagi aktiviti riadah di kalangan HBS dan KAT. Ia juga merupakan peluang untuk merapatkan silaturrahim di antara semua warga Konsulat Jeneral Malaysia di Songkhla.

ONE FOR THE ALBUMS !!



CG's Interview with SBPAC



AGM PERWAKILAN Songkhla



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PERWAKILAN Morning Coffee



Business Matching



Team 'Mengejar Warisan'