

MW Suva Newsletter

HIGH COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA

Donation from the Government of Malaysia to the Prime Minister's National Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation: Cyclone Winston Fund



The most devastating storm Tropical Cyclone Winston raked across Fiji on Friday, 20 February 2016. The category 5 cyclone – the strongest landfalling tropical cyclone on record in the South Pacific archipelago – had destroyed homes and livelihoods, and cutting many Fijians off from utilities, telecommunications and essential medical services.

In response to this crisis, the Fijian Government is working hard to coordinate rescue and recovery efforts. The Fijian Government has established a disaster relief fund and welcome everyone to contribute, as the country is in a great need for additional resources to provide humanitarian support for the affected families.

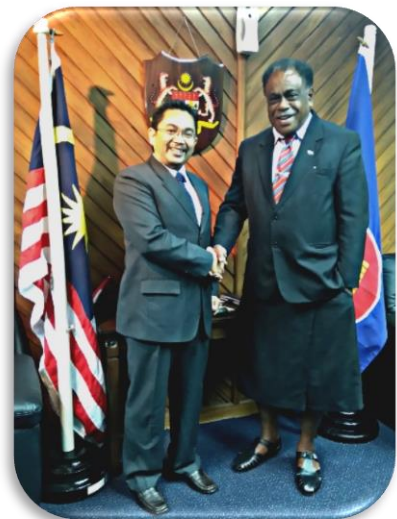
Malaysia was among the donor countries and development partners that came forward to contribute to the relief fund. Malaysia donated a sum of FJD\$52,907.45 (approx. USD25, 000.00) to the Prime Minister's National Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation: Cyclone Winston Fund.

On 13 June 2016, Mr. Hamizan Hashim, Charge d'Affaires ad Interim, High Commission of Malaysia handed over the Malaysia's contribution to the Hon. Ratu Inoke Kuabuabola, Minister for Foreign Affairs, who received it on behalf of the Government of Fiji.

Courtesy Call by H.E. Kolinio Takali, Fijian High Commissioner - Designate To Malaysia

The Government of Fiji has finally decided to appoint its new High Commissioner to Malaysia. Mr. Kolinio Gata Takali, the Fijian High Commissioner-Designate to Malaysia has spent his entire carrier in the education sector with the Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts.

Mr. Kolinio Takali visited the High Commission of Malaysia in Suva on 13 July 2016 to meet with Mr. Hamizan Hashim, Charge d'Affaires ad Interim to learn more about Malaysia.



Jejak Rasul As-Salam 2016: Gema Azan di Oceania

Jejak Rasul is a popular Islamic documentary show broadcast on TV3 in Malaysia, especially during the Ramadan fasting month.

For 2016, the TV3 Jejak Rasul team had decided to focus on Oceania region, particularly on the Muslim minorities in Papua New Guinea and Fiji.

The team was in Fiji from 7 to 29 March 2016. They travelled around the Viti Levu, Fiji's largest island to look for materials for the documentary film production. The team received a very good cooperation from the Fiji Muslim League, which provide them with the information about Islam in Fiji.

The film production also included a recording of "Lovo Cooking Demonstration" which was held at the Rumah Malaysia.



Sambutan Hari Raya Aidilfitri 2016 in Suva



The High Commission of Malaysia, in collaboration with Perwakilan Suva, had successfully organised the "Sambutan Hari Raya Aidilfitri" on Wednesday, 6 July 2016 at Rumah Malaysia.

The program was attended by Malaysian residing in Suva. All the guests turn up wearing colourful attires to depict a festive mood.

Guests were served with a variety of delicacies for Hari Raya.



Bula vinaka Fiji

Located in the heart of the South Pacific, Fiji is blessed with 333 tropical islands that are home to some of the happiest people on Earth.

Known for its luxurious private-islands, all-inclusive resorts, top spas, culinary destinations and outdoor adventures, Fiji is most widely celebrated for its culture, which uniquely welcomes visitors home.

Fiji's white sand beaches and pristine, crystal-clear ocean waters offer an ideal vacation destination for divers, honeymooners and families - or

simply, those looking to relax and get away from it all. Fiji is easily accessible through convenient, non-stop flights from Los Angeles, San Francisco or Honolulu aboard Fiji Airways.

Suva is Fiji's capital, its largest city and one of the most cosmopolitan cities in Oceania. Capital city of Fiji since 1882, Suva rose to prominence when the British moved their headquarters there and cleared the land.



Flavoursome : Lovo

Lovo is a Fijian delicacy that is normally prepared for communal celebrations such as weddings or festivals.

The word lovo essentially means a 'feast cooked in the earth'. A makeshift underground oven is fashioned by digging a hole into the ground and lining it with coconut husks, which are then lit on fire and covered by stones. Meats, fish and vegetables are wrapped in banana and taro leaves, and placed on top of the



heated stones that are covered in dirt.

This slow cooking method is best left for around two to three hours in order to achieve some tender meats and flavoursome vegetables. The food takes on a delicious smoky flavor due to the leaves and the underground method of cooking. Most large resorts in Fiji put on a lovo night once a week for their guests.

Historical Thurston Garden



Originally located near Waimanu Road, a Botanical Garden was first established in Suva back in 1881 by the Colonial Secretary Sir John Bates Thurston, a knowledgeable amateur botanist.

In 1913, the Botanic Gardens were moved to their current location and eventually renamed Thurston Gardens in 1976.

The drinking fountain was presented by Henry Marks for the use of the public visiting the gardens in 1914 and shortly after that the Marks family presented the octagonal bandstand with its classical, columned clock tower.

The clock tower and bandstand were officially opened in 1918, and were

often used for musical concerts.

In 1949, the Garden's collection of plants consisted of twenty types of ornamental and timber trees, seventeen types of palms, various trees and shrubs, grasses, orchids and ferns.



Consular Information

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia wishes to inform that the application for a Certificate of Good Conduct (CGC) **MUST** be done via online and the process will takes about 1 to 2 months to complete.

Steps for CGC application

1. **Log on to the E-Consular service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia website available at the following link: <http://www.kln.gov.my/web/quest/online>**
2. **Complete the online forms and click SUBMIT**
3. **Print Application Acknowledgment Slip**
4. **Check Application status from time to time using the same ID and password used in STEP 1.**

SUCCESSFUL application:

- CGC collection at the Counter at any of the Malaysia Embassy/High Commission/Consulate General, please bring along the following:
 - i.) Application Acknowledgment Slip
 - ii.) Cash payment equivalent to Ringgit Malaysia twenty only (RM20.00); and
 - iii.) Letter of Authorization for collection on behalf of the applications

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- Please contact Consular Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia or the Malaysian Embassy/High Commission/Consulate General abroad for further information.



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