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Working Visit of YB Dato' Seri Mohammed Nazri Abdul Aziz, Minister of Tourism and Cultural of Malaysia to the Netherlands, 11-18 January 2016

On 11 January 2016, the Malaysian Embassy received the visit of YB Dato' Seri Mohammed Nazri Abdul Aziz, Minister of Tourism and Culture of Malaysia to the Netherlands. The visit was in conjunction with the Utrecht International Travel Fair – Vakantiebreurs – held in the city of Utrecht from 12-17 January 2016. During the visit, YB Minister met several Dutch media representatives and business organizations, in anticipation of the discontinuation of MAS KL-Amsterdam flight route and efforts to promote and reposition Malaysia as one of the preferred tourist destination in South East Asia to the Dutch market in light of the declining tourist arrival after the MH17 incident.

YB Minister of Tourism also held a dialogue session with Malaysian diaspora in the Netherlands at the Embassy of Malaysia in The Hague on 15 January 2016. The session provides Malaysian community, expatriates and students the opportunity to exchange views, ideas and updates on the latest development in Malaysia with YB Minister.



Visit to Dutch Agriculture Company- Enza Zaden, 17 February 2016

On 17 February 2016, H.E. Dato' Ahmad Nazri Yusof, Ambassador of Malaysia and officials of

Malaysian Embassy visited Dutch vegetable seed breeding company Enza Zaden in Enkhuizen.

The objective of the visit is for the Embassy's officials to study and learn about vegetable seed breeding activities in the Netherlands, in particular at Enza Zaden.



Enza Zaden was established in 1938 and is an Independent family-owned company. It have 17 research stations and 18 commercial subsidiaries around the world. The company is investing in Malaysia and had started its operation in 2015. It has set up regional headquarters and R&D facilities in Penang, Perak and Cameron Highlands.

International Event

International Mother Language Day, 21 February 2016

The Embassy of Malaysia participated in the International Mother Language Day event held at Zuiderpark Paviljoen, The Hague on Sunday, 21 February 2016. The event was organized by the Embassy of Bangladesh to promote worldwide awareness on linguistic and cultural diversity. International Mother Language Day was formally



recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution recognizing 2008 as the International Year of Languages.

The program started with the lay of floral wreath ceremony at the language monument in Zuiderpark, followed by remarks by Deputy Mayor of The Hague and several Ambassadors. The program then proceeded with international cultural performance. Among the participating embassies are Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal, Viet Nam and Thailand. Malaysian singer, Ms. Shafaatusaara Silahudin, a Malaysian student from Leiden University, represented Malaysian Embassy, rendering one traditional song titled 'Gunung Bentan'.

ASEAN Ladies Circle (ALC) Annual General Meeting (AGM), 14 March 2016

Datin Syarizan Azlinda Mohd Zin, wife of Ambassador of Malaysia hosted the ASEAN Ladies Circle (ALC) Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Rumah Malaysia on Monday, 14 March 2016.



It was an annual meeting and gathering for ALC to review the activities for 2015 and also to elect new committee members for the year 2016.

Datin Syarizan Azlinda has been elected as the new President of ALC for 2016.



At the Embassy

Courtesy Calls on H.E. Ambassador of Malaysia by the new Committee Members of Malaysian Students Association Netherlands (MAS-NL), 13 January 2016

The new Committee Members of Malaysian Students Association Netherlands (MAS-NL) paid courtesy

call on H.E. Ambassador of Malaysia on Wednesday, 13 January 2016 at the Embassy of Malaysia.



The new President of MAS-NL, Mr. Zulkhairi Azizi Zainal Abidin and committee members were introduced to H.E. Ambassador and took the opportunity to discuss on future programs for MAS-NL, its direction and current issues of common interest.

Visit of ISH Students to the Embassy of Malaysia, 20 January 2016

The Embassy of Malaysia in The Hague received a visit of 21 students from International School of The Hague (ISH) on Wednesday, 20 January 2016. The visit was at the request of ISH in preparation for The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) which was held from 24 January until 29 January 2016. THIMUN is an annual event organized by THIMUN Foundation, a non-profit educational foundation that promotes interaction and dialogue among young people, and support the work of United Nations (UN).



The students took the opportunity to have dialogue with H.E. Dato' Ahmad Nazri Yusof, Ambassador of Malaysia on Malaysia's views and policies mainly on sustainable development and foreign policy. H.E. Ambassador also took the opportunity to speak about Malaysia's natural beauty and its attraction,

cultural and ethnic diversity that makes Malaysia as one of the preferred tourist destination in South East Asia among the Dutch.

Malaysian Association Netherlands (MA-NL) Annual General Meeting, 23 January 2016

Malaysian Association Netherlands (MA-NL) had organized the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday, 23 January 2016 at the Embassy of Malaysia.

The meeting reviewed and audited activities of MA-NL for the year 2015, the financial reports and the proposal to amend the Constitution of MA-NL. The meeting also discussed future activities of MA-NL for 2016.

The highlight of the meeting was the election of the new executive committee of MA-NL for 2016. Members of the meeting had elected 15 of its members to the executive committee for 2016. Ms. Chris de Raaf-Tan was elected as the new President of MA-NL to succeed Mr. Dave Gurnani.

PERWAKILAN Annual General Meeting, 12 March 2016

The Ladies Association of the Embassy of Malaysia in The Hague (PERWAKILAN) held its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 12 March 2016 at Rumah Malaysia.



H.E. Ambassador of Malaysia officiated the meeting and presented the certificate of appreciation to the 2015/16 committee members.

The meeting elected new committee members for the term of March 2016 until March 2017. The meeting also discussed and reviewed the activities organized in 2015 and planned the activities to be organized in 2016.

Visit of officers of the Ministry of Interior Affairs and Kingdom Relations of the Netherlands to the Embassy of Malaysia, 30 March 2016

Four officers of the Ministry of Interior Affairs and Kingdom Relations of the Netherlands visited the Embassy of Malaysia on Wednesday, 30 March 2016. The purpose of the visit is to discuss on preparation for their upcoming study tour to Malaysia on 26 April until 8 May 2016.

H.E. Ambassador briefed the visiting officers on the overview of Malaysian government administration and policy, and took the opportunity to share information on various tourist attractions in Malaysia.



Sports News

Malaysia participated in the World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Championship 2016, Dordrecht, 12-14 February 2016



H.E. Dato' Ahmad Nazri Yusof, Ambassador of Malaysia met the Malaysian national team participated in the World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Championship in

Dordrecht on Friday, 12 February 2016.

H.E. Ambassador met the Team Manager, Mdm. Azlina Muhammad and the Malaysian athletes competing in the championship and later took the

opportunity to watch the competition at Dordrecht Sportboulevard.

Yonex Dutch Junior 2016, 3 March 2016



H.E Ambassador and officers from the Embassy of Malaysia attended the Yonex Dutch Junior badminton tournament 2016 on Thursday, 3 March 2016, at the invitation of the organizer, Yonex Netherlands. The event was held in Haarlem badminton arena, from 2 to 6 March 2016.



15 Malaysian players competed in the tournament.

Malaysian promising shuttler, Lee Zii Jia had won the Boy's Singles category.

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