

EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN TOKYO JAPAN

NEWS BULLETIN

ACTIVE BILATERAL VISITS

The first quarter of this year saw an active incoming high level visits into Japan. YAB Dato' Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin, the Menteri Besar of Johor kick off the year with an official visit to Japan from 20-23 January 2016. The Menteri Besar and his delegation had a hectic schedule in Tokyo with various meetings and dinners with investors. YB Dato' Seri Nazri Aziz, Minister of Tourism also made a working visit to Japan from 4-9 February 2016 to launch the Malaysia Fair at the 2016 Sapporo Snow Festival. A few programmes in Tokyo were also included in his itinerary, including the call on the Governor of Tokyo. Meanwhile, the HRH Crown Prince of Perlis, Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Ibni Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Jamalullail also made a working visit to Japan from 31 March-4 April 2016. The Crown Prince's programme include meeting with university students and officiating the Perlis Food Promotion at the Malay Asia Cuisine restaurant.



The Johor delegation with their Japanese counterpart at a meeting in Imperial Hotel on January 21 (top left), HRH Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Ibni Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Jamalullail at the welcome dinner by Tuanku Fauziah Foundation at Malay Asia Cuisine on 31 March (top right) and the Minister of Tourism with the Governor of Tokyo during his call at the latter's office on February 6 (bottom left)

ASEAN COMMITTEE IN TOKYO (ACT) ACTIVITIES

Myanmar took over the ACT Chairmanship from Malaysia and will steer the group from 1 January-31 June 2016. A host of programmes and activities have been planned for 2016 and Myanmar is poised to keep up the momentum and ensure the ASEAN group remain active throughout its Chairmanship. Meanwhile the ASEAN Ambassadors welcomed their new counterpart, HE Bansarn Bunnag from Thailand into the ACT family in January.



Courtesy call by the new Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand to Japan, HE Bansarn Bunnag and spouse, Madame Yupadee Bunnag on HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan and Datin Rose Abdullah at the Malaysian Residence.



The first meeting under Myanmar's Chairmanship: The 273rd ASEAN Committee in Tokyo (ACT) meeting at the Embassy of the Union of Myanmar on 24 February.

AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES

It has been a hectic first quarter of the year for H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan. The Ambassador accompanied Malaysian VIPs and delegations and attended various programmes and functions throughout Japan. Dato' Ahmad Izlan also received various courtesy calls from his newly arrived counterparts. The Ambassador also welcomed various Malaysian entrepreneurs as well as Malaysian and Japanese organizations and associations that are keen to forge closer ties between Malaysia and Japan.



H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan at the Malaysia-Japan Higher Education Programme (MJHEP) celebration party for graduating and new students at Shibaura Institute of Technology, Toyosu Campus on 22 March.



New Year Reception hosted by Japan Malaysia Association. The Ambassador was the guest of honor with Mr. Keiji Furuya, Vice Chairman, Japan-Malaysia Association and Chairman, Japan-Malaysia Parliamentarian's Friendship League playing the host.



Sports and Cultural Exchange Reception hosted by Hon. Minister Hironori Hase, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).



New Year Reception by Japan and Tokyo Chambers of Commerce and Industry at the Imperial Hotel on 5 January.

AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES



Courtesy call by Mr Nobuhiro Ishii from the Japan-ASEAN Economic Cooperation Association .



HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan meeting the Malaysian entrepreneurs Mr Steven Tan of Malay Asian Cuisine and Mr. Lee Seng Siew from the Lo Hong Ka Birdnests Co. Ltd.



Courtesy call on HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan by the delegation from Invest KL led by its CEO, Datuk Zainal Amanshah.



Courtesy call by Mr Hirobumi Ohsato from the Halal Japan Corporation (HJC).

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Courtesy call by Mr Takaaki Hattori, Deputy Commissioner for International Affairs, Financial Service Agency, Ministry of Finance of Japan.



Courtesy call by HE Simona Leskovar, the new Ambassador of Slovenia to Japan.



Courtesy call by Her Excellency Chavez Bietti, the new Ambassador of Guatemala to Japan.



Courtesy call by HE Cham Ugala Uriat, the new Ambassador of Ethiopia to Japan.



Courtesy call by HE Rabab Fatima, the new Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan.



Courtesy call by Ambassador HE Kazuo Sunaga, Ambassador of Japan to ASEAN.

AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES



Courtesy call by Mr Hitoshi Saito, President of Matsuda Eucaly Lions Club and his delegations.



Courtesy call by Mr Yoshikazu Adachi, Director, Client Coverage of AFFIN HWANG accompanied by Mr Hiroaki KATO, Managing Director of Int. Business Planning Dept. of Daiwa Securities Tokyo.



Courtesy call by Dato' Ammar Abd. Ghapar, Senior Director Admin & Finance, Tourism Malaysia.



H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan with Mr Shusaku Yamashita from the Japan Football Association (JFA).



Courtesy call by Mr Isao Hayashi, Mayor of Miyoshi Town, Saitama.

AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES



Courtesy call by Tan Sri Ambrin Buang, the Auditor General of Malaysia.



HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan and the Embassy's delegation meeting the Special Advisor to the Governor of Tokyo.



HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan and the Malaysian participants at the opening ceremony of Foodex Japan 2016.



Chinese New Year reception hosted by Datuk Seri Tam Yun Tong and Datin Seri Ang Hui Chin at Rasa Malaysia.

EMBASSY'S ACTIVITIES

The Embassy officials were busy with various programmes in the first quarter of 2016. Some of the important events that the Embassy participated include the ASEAN Forum by Aichi-Nagoya Network and International Exchange (ANNIE 2016) in Nagoya and the ASEAN Environmental Forum in Mie Prefecture. The Embassy also received visits from the Nagoya Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI) , Johor Islamic Religious Council (MAINJ) and the office of the Auditor General of Malaysia.



Mr Hendy Assan, DCM, receiving the delegation from the Nagoya Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI).



Mr Hendy Assan representing the Embassy at the signing ceremony of Memoranda of Agreement on Halal Certification at the ASEAN-Japan Center.



Mr Hendy Assan, DCM, at the ASEAN Forum by Aichi-Nagoya Network and International Exchange (ANNIE 2016) in Nagoya. On 4 February.



Mr Hendy Assan, DCM delivering Malaysia's intervention at the ASEAN Environmental Forum in Mie Prefecture. The theme for the inaugural forum is "Inauguration of AEC and Environmentally Friendly Sustainable Development".

EMBASSY'S ACTIVITIES

The Embassy officials participated in various programmes in the fourth quarter of 2015. Some of the important events included the



Visit by the delegation from the Johor Islamic Religious Council (MAINJ) headed by Dato' Haji Noh Gadot on 23 January.



The exit conference at the end of the Auditor General of Malaysia's visit to the Embassy on 25 March.

OUTREACH PROGRAMMES



Datin Norfaliza Ismail, First Secretary, giving her briefing on Malaysia-Japan Relations to students from Kyorin University on 16 February



Datin Norfaliza Ismail giving lecture to students of Aoyama Gakuin University on Malaysia-Japan relations on 28 January.

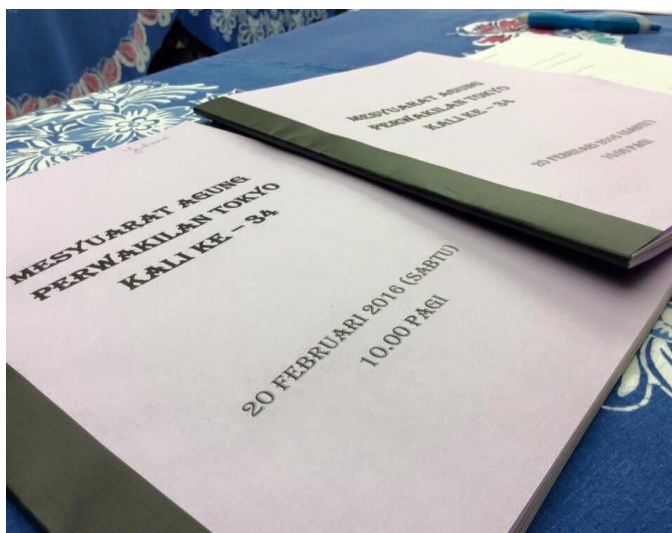


Visit to the Embassy by the Malaysian winners of the Japanese speech contest by Kyoritsu International Foundation on 25 January.

The outreach programme by the Embassy continues in the first quarter of the year. Datin Norfaliza Ismail, the First Secretary, became the new officer in charge for the programme. Datin Norfaliza received guests from Kyorin University, Gakuin University and interact with winners of the Japanese speech contest by Kyoritsu International Foundation. The outreach programme is an important element for the Embassy as it keeps us engaged with the Japanese public particularly the school and university students.

PERWAKILAN'S 34TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 34th Perwakilan Meeting was chaired by its President, Datin Rose Abdullah at Kami-meguro staff apartment on 22 February. During the meeting, the outgoing 2015/2016 Committee presented the report of activities undertaken in 2015. The new Committee for the 2016/2017 session were also elected and formed. Perwakilan members also discussed activities for 2016 and the preparation for one of the biggest event of the year, the 40th Asia Pacific Festival and Charity Bazaar 2016.



The 34th Perwakilan Meeting at Kami-meguro staff apartment.



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