



# HARIMAU WASHINGTON

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## Parting Words from the Ambassador

11 July 2016

After 2 years and 3 months as Malaysian Ambassador in Washington D.C., it is time to bid farewell to colleagues and friends as I wrap up my tour of duty and return to Malaysia on July 11, 2016. It has been a wonderful experience to be Ambassador to the most powerful country on earth and to have the opportunity to participate in shaping up U.S.-Malaysia bilateral relations to its present healthy and vibrant state. Trade and investment continue to flourish, visits by leaders have been most frequent, and cooperation between the Governments and the peoples have been most encouraging and productive. All these can only move forward and progress to greater heights, especially with the impending implementation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).



On a more personal level, I want to thank all the officers and staff of the Malaysian Embassy for their support, contributions and team-work extended to me during the course of my duties. The various activities and events organized by them to bring together Malaysian Diasporas and students closer to the Embassy have been highly appreciated by everyone involved. The most recent Ramadhan and Eid celebrations have been particularly memorable as these coincided with the farewell events organized just before my departure to Kuala Lumpur. Hope to see most of them again some time in the future in Malaysia.



Finally my special thanks to the Malaysian Government and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in particular our YAB Prime Minister and YB Minister of Foreign Affairs for their confidence in me to lead Malawakil Washington as the fourteenth Malaysian Ambassador to the United States. It was a once in a lifetime experience my wife and I will always cherish. As for now, we look forward to returning home to be with our family, friends and loved ones in Malaysia. Till we meet again...



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# MWWashington: What we do

## Malaysian Durian Fest!



26 January 2016

The Embassy of Malaysia collaborated with the Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry hosted a Malaysian Durian Party in Washington D.C. The officers, staff and guests of the Embassy indulged in delight, the golden luscious flesh of high quality 'Little Princess 101' durians that reminded them of home.



## Visit from Junior Girls Scouts

19 January 2016

The Embassy received a visit from seven Junior Girls Scouts from Troop 6085 Stenwood Elementary School

This visit was in their preparation for the Annual World Thinking Day 2016. Each year during the World Thinking Day, Girls Scout members participate in activities and projects with global themes.



## Liberty Mountain trip

18 January 2016

The Embassy's new year recreational trip to Liberty Mountain, Pennsylvania, was among many trips to further strengthen friendship and camaraderie between each other.

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**Malaysian Higher Education Showcase (MHES) 2016**

**26 - 28 January 2016**

The Embassy of Malaysia, led by Education Malaysia, JPA, and MARA, in collaboration with Washington International Education Conference (WIEC), and Malaysian Student Association (MSA) NOVA & D.C., has successfully hosted the Malaysian Higher Education Showcase (MHES) 2016 on 26 - 28 January.

The event, which was held at the Chancery building, marked important achievement in Malaysia-US educational relations with around 100 representatives from universities all over the US.



**Philadelphia Malaysian Night**

**30 January 2016**

H.E. Datuk Dr. Awang Adek Hussin and officers from the Embassy of Malaysia attended the Philadelphia Malaysian Night which was co-organized by Drexel University Malaysian Students Association (MSA), in collaboration with Temple MYSA and Malaysians at Penn.

Besides the cultural performances by the students namely drama "*Balik Kampung*", there was also a forum discussion on Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) titled "Malaysian Dilemma: A Blessing or A Curse". The Embassy's Trade Minister Counsellor, Mr. Hairil Yahri Yaacob was one of the discussants.

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## **PMRM Visit to Houston and Austin, Texas**

**7 - 9 February 2016**

The Embassy of Malaysia, led by H.E. Datuk Dr. Awang Adek Hussin, in collaboration with MIDA Office in Houston, Texas undertook a 'Program Mendampingi Rakyat Malaysia' (PMRM) programme that included a mobile consular service in Houston and Austin, Texas. The programme drew participation of 100 Malaysians in Houston and 30 Malaysians in Austin.

Aside from meeting the Malaysian diaspora, Ambassador Awang Adek also took the opportunity to meet figures of companies that have investments in Malaysia such as Advanced Micro Devices (AMD).



## **Working Visit of YAB PM to Sunnylands, Los Angeles and San Francisco**

**11 - 17 February 2016**

YAB PM and delegation undertook a Working Visit to Los Angeles, Sunnylands and San Francisco, California from 11 - 17 February 2016. Aside from attending the US-ASEAN Leaders Summit in Sunnylands, California, YAB PM took time to meet with Malaysian students and diaspora as well as US and Malaysian business leaders to enhance relations between US and Malaysia.

YAB PM was accompanied by his spouse, YBhg. Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, YB Dato' Seri Anifah Aman, Minister of Foreign Affairs, YB Dato Seri Mustafa Mohamed, Minister of International Trade and Investment as well as other Government officials.

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## Visit from participants of YSEALI

**12 February 2016**



The Embassy welcomed four young Malaysians who were in town as Young South East Asia Leadership Initiative (YSEALI) participants, for a discussion with the Deputy Chief of Mission and Heads of Departments of Ministries and Agencies under the Embassy.

Among issues discussed were bilateral relations between Malaysia and the US, ways of improving the Malaysian education system, role of youths in Malaysia as well as sharing of experience of the four participants throughout the course.

## Working Visit of YBhg. Tan Sri KSU KLN to Washington D.C.



**18 - 20 February 2016**

The Embassy had the pleasure to welcome YBhg. Tan Sri Othman Hashim, KSU KLN, to Washington D.C. from 18 - 20 February 2016. Tan Sri KSU was in D.C. to inspect the progress of the Chancery Annex project as well as to have a meeting with all Wisma Putra HBS officers to discuss progressing matters of concern.

## PERWAKILAN Washington D.C.'s Annual General Meeting

**27 February 2016**



PERWAKILAN Washington D.C. had their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 27 February 2016 at the Embassy of Malaysia. Among the agenda of the AGM was to discuss the financial report of 2015 as well as to elect the new committee members for the year 2016.

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## East Coast Festival and the Ohio Declaration

11 - 13 March 2016

The second East Coast Festival (ECFest) was held on 11 - 13 March at the Ohio State University (OSU), Columbus, Ohio.

The event was officiated by H.E. Datuk Dr. Awang Adek Hussin, Ambassador of Malaysia and attended by a few Malaysian officers and families from Washington D.C., Chicago and Los Angeles. In addition, almost 1,000 students from all over the US participated in the event.

The event was organized by Malaysian Students Associations at Ohio State (MASA), Vanderbilt University (MSAV) and State University of New York at Buffalo (UBMaSA) with support from Education Malaysia Washington D.C., MARA, JPA, East Coast Presidential Council (EPIC) and the National Assembly of Malaysian Students in America (NAMSA).

ECFest promotes not only the healthy lifestyle in sporting games, but also academic excellence in debate and intellectual discussion as well as musical talent through "battle of the bands".

At the same time, during the event, student leaders from various universities decided to unite together behind the banner of **US East Coast Presidential Council (EPIC)** to send an important message to the government through the Ohio Declaration.

There are 5 pillars of the declaration which among them highlights support for the Malaysian government to continue sending sponsored students to the US.

The declaration received wide coverage from Malaysian media and marked a new achievement for **US EPIC**.



## Farewell of Embassy Officers

15 March 2016

The Embassy organised a Nasi Lemak brunch to bid farewell to its two JPA officers, First Secretary Mr. Nurulhakeem Hasim and Second Secretary Ms. Herma Malinie Hashim who ended their tour of duty. The event was also held to welcome Brig. Gen. Dato' Hj. Saadon Hasnan, Defence Attache' and Mr. Roszaini Che Pee, Second Secretary (Admin/ Finance).



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## Farewell of H.E. Datuk Dr. Awang Adek Hussin

17 March 2016

The Embassy organised a farewell luncheon for H.E. Datuk Dr. Awang Adek Hussin who would have ended his tour of duty in early April 2016. The bittersweet event that was held on 17 March, was attended by all HBS and LRS of the Embassy.

The event started off with a speech by the DCM, Mr. Shaiful Anuar Mohammad, followed by remarks by H.E. Datuk Dr. Awang Adek Hussin, a video presentation, lunch and karaoke session. The Embassy also presented H.E. Ambassador a token of appreciation.

Aside from that, on 9 March, a farewell luncheon was held at the Embassy attended by members of the Malaysian American Society (MAS) and Malaysian pensioners residing in the Washington area.

And on 5 April, the US-ASEAN Business Council honoured H.E. Datuk Ambassador during a farewell luncheon attended by all its members.



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## Working Visit of YAB Deputy Prime Minister

**29 March - 4 April 2016**

YAB Dato' Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, undertook a Working Visit to Washington D.C. to attend the Nuclear Security Summit which was held from 31 March - 1 April.

Aside from attending the summit, YAB DPM took the opportunity to meet US officials from the Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Department of Homeland Security.

YAB DPM also delivered a talk to and answered questions from students at the American University. At the same time, YBhg. Datin Seri Hamidah Khamis had a high tea session with Malaysian students at Penang Restaurant, Bethesda.

On the evening of 30 March, H.E. Datuk Ambassador hosted a dinner for YAB DPM and delegation at the Chancery.



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## Malaysia-US Forum : Towards a Comprehensive Partnership

**19 April 2016**

The Embassy of Malaysia took part in the Malaysia-US Forum - Towards a Comprehensive Partnership Forum, which was co-organized by the Asian Strategic & Leadership Institute (ASLI), American university and Malaysian-American Society (MAS) at American University on 19 April 2016.

A lot of interesting issues concerning bilateral relations between both countries were discussed such as political stability, security in South China Sea, TPPA, imbalance number of students in higher education institutions, etc.

Prior to that, on 18 April, the Embassy received the visit of ASLI CEO, Tan Sri Dr Michael Yeoh and delegation. A discussion was held pertaining to bilateral relations with the US, to explore internship and research opportunities in ASLI as well as to support Shift 8 (Lonjakan 8) of the Malaysian Higher Education Blueprint.



**Executive Forum on the Study of Terrorism**



**25 - 29 April 2016**

The Office of Anti-Terrorism Assistance, Department of State organized an Executive Forum on the Study of Terrorism for Malaysian officials from 25 - 29 April 2016 at the University of Maryland. It was participated by 20 officials from PDRM, AGC, Federal Court Judges, MKN, SEARCCT, ESSCOM and Department of Immigration. The welcoming ceremony of the forum was held at the Chancery on 25 April 2016.

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**Working Visit of YB Deputy Foreign Minister**



**12 - 13 May 2016**

The Embassy of Malaysia in Washington D.C. had the pleasure of hosting YB Dato' Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and YBhg. Datin Seri Ismaliza Ismail from 12 - 13 May 2016 as part of his working visit to the US.

Prior to that, YB Dato' Sri was in New York to attend the General Assembly and Security Council meetings of the United Nations from 10 - 11 May 2016.



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## NY-DC Games 2016



14 & 21 - 22 May 2016

The annual NY-DC Games was co-hosted by Malaysia's Permanent Mission to the UN and Malaysia's Consulate General in New York on 14 May and from 21 - 22 May 2016.

Six categories of sporting events were up for grabs; golf, bowling, badminton, soccer, ping pong, scrabble and karaoke. This year was not D.C.'s year unfortunately as we only managed to garner victory in soccer and tie in golf. The team however showed high spirits and had fun all the way. Till next year!



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## Visit from YSEALI Professional Fellows

**31 May 2016**

11 members of delegation from the YSEALI Professional Fellows Programme for Spring 2016 (April-Jun 2016) paid a courtesy call on H.E. Ambassador on 31 May 2016. The participants also had a discussion with Heads of Departments at the Embassy on the current state of Malaysia – US Bilateral Relations.



## Iftar hosted for SME Malaysia Delegation

**18 June 2016**

H.E. Ambassador Datuk Dr. Awang Adek Hussin graciously hosted a networking iftar for Malaysian SME delegation to International Council for Small Business (ISB) Conference and Academy 2016 in New York & New Jersey on 18 June 2016 at 7.00 pm at Banquet Hall, Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations in New York. The 18-member delegation was headed by YBhg Datuk Dr Hafsa Hashim, Chief Executive Officer of SMECorp Malaysia.

The iftar was also attended by YBhg Dato' Ramlan Ibrahim, (Permanent Representative of Malaysia to United Nations), Mr Abd Razak Abd Wahab (Consul General of Malaysia in New York), Heads of the Departments & Agencies in New York, Malaysian diaspora in New York and Philadelphia, Malaysian media and representatives of Malaysia TPP Business Council of America.

Before the iftar, a dialogue session was held with the SME delegation after a panel comprised of Mr. Hairil Yahri Yaacob, Minister Counsellor from MITI Washington D.C., Mr. Lee Yong Ming, Consul (Investment), MIDA New York, Mr. Muhd Shahrumiza Zakaria, Consul (Trade), MATRADE New York and Dr. Mohd Hizam Hanafiah, Visiting Scholar of Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania spoke about "Doing Business with the USA".



## Morning Assembly

**5 July 2016**

The Embassy had its last morning assembly before the departure of H.E. Datuk Dr. Awang Adek Hussin back to Malaysia on 11 July.

During the assembly, H.E. Datuk Ambassador gave his parting words to all HBS and LRS as well as conveyed his hope that everyone will continue to work and cooperate well despite his absence.

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## Ramadhan in Washington D.C.



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## Eid in Washington D.C.

The Embassy of Malaysia in Washington D.C. would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone Eid Mubarak! May it be a joyous celebration with friends, family and loved ones.

