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The Ministerial Meeting of the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL in Washington D.C.

21 July 2016

US Secretary of State John Kerry and US Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter hosted the first joint Ministerial Meeting of the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL in Washington DC. Officials from the Embassy had represented Malaysia to the Meeting. The main purpose of the meeting was to review the campaign against ISIL to date and strategize how to further accelerate the ISIL's demise.



Farewell for Lt. Col. Mohd Hafizar Md Idris, Assistant Defense Attaché

3 August 2016

A luncheon was held on 3 August 2016 at the Embassy to bid farewell to Assistant Defense Attaché, Lt. Col. Mohd Hafizar Md Idris, who ended his tour of duty on 5 August 2016. At the same time, the Embassy also welcomed his successor, Lt. Col. Balkhishah Baharuddin.



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ASEAN Day Reception 2016

8 August 2016

The reception for ASEAN Day 2016 was held at the Residence of the Indonesian Ambassador in Washington DC.

The guests of honour at the reception were the Honourable Daniel Russel, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and Representative Betty McCollum, Member of the United States Congress.



Things To Do DC

22 August 2016

The Embassy of Malaysia opened its doors to “Things to Do DC”, and hosted a vibrant, lively and colorful Malaysian cultural night. The event was attended by almost 100 young professionals around the Metropolitan Washington DC area whom were eager to witness the beauty of Malaysia; be it culturally, gastronomically or interactively.

“Things to Do DC” is an organization with an active membership of over 175,000 local young professionals, that produces original events that enrich social and cultural experiences while enabling members to meet other young professionals in a friendly environment.



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Kayuhan Merdeka 2016

31 August 2016

Officers and family members of the Embassy of Malaysia organized and participated in the Kayuhan Merdeka 2016, a 47.6 km cycling program to celebrate Malaysia's National Day. The route covered Virginia (Vienna, Falls Church, Arlington) - Washington DC (Memorial Abraham Lincoln, Arlington National Cemetery, Washington Monuments, Capitol Hill and US Marine Corps War Memorial).

The objective of the cycle was to promote the feeling of friendship, strength and unity in parallel with the theme of this year's National Day which is "Sehati, Sejiwa" or "One Heart, One Soul".



"NASI LEMAK PICNIC" with Malaysians

4 September 2016

The Malaysian community based in Washington DC, Virginia and Maryland with the cooperation of the Embassy of Malaysia hosted a get together event titled "Nasi Lemak Picnic" at Nottoway Park, Vienna, Virginia. The main agenda of this event was to get all Malaysians together especially those who newly arrived in the US as well as HBS and LRS of the Embassy of Malaysia. The Embassy also took this opportunity to share and offer information related to consular matters to the participants.



The event was a success and had provided an opportunity for all Malaysians not only to get together to taste Malaysian cuisine, but more importantly, an opportunity for the Embassy to engage with Malaysian diaspora.

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TPP Ambassadors' Breakfast Meeting

9 September 2016

HE Ambassador Ashok Mirpuri of Singapore hosted a TPP Ambassadors' breakfast Meeting at the Embassy of Singapore on 9 September 2016. Ambassador Michael Froman, the United States Trade Representative (USTR), was the guest of honor.

The breakfast meeting centered around the updates from Ambassador Froman on the outreach and engagements by the Obama Administration to ensure the TPPA is passed by the US Congress.



National Day Reception 2016

8 September 2016

The Embassy of Malaysia hosted the National Day of Malaysia Reception at the Chancery. The event was attended by more than 250 guests.

The event started with welcoming remarks by Mr. Shaiful Anuar Mohammad, Chargé d' Affaires a.i., followed by remarks from the guest of honor, Mr. Patrick Murphy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

In addition to traditional Malaysian cuisine, the guests were also entertained with Malaysian cultural performances. The event was successfully held with the full cooperation of all Malaysian Agencies and PERWAKILAN Washington DC.



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The White House Student Film Festival 2016 - “The World I Want to Live in”

2 October 2016

The 2016 White House Student Film Festival in Washington, DC took place on 2 October 2016 and marked American Film Institute (AFI)'s third annual event at the White House. The annual film festival inspires and celebrates young filmmakers from around the nation.

The White House has selected a short film by two Malaysians as one of 15 finalists for the White House Film Festival. Ms. Nurnashrah Hana Mohd Reza, aged 15, and Ms. Anissa Safiyya Mohd Reza, aged 12 directed a short film entitled “Through My Eyes”. It is a story of a young girl who, quite literally, dreams up the perfect world for herself—one in which she is accepted, without prejudice, by everybody around her.



3rd Autism Speaks Advocacy Leadership Network (ALN) Conference

13-14 October 2016

The Advocacy Leadership Network (ALN) organized the 3rd Autism Speaks Advocacy Leadership Network (ALN) Conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Washington DC on 13-14 October 2016.

The overall goal of the ALN is to establish and mobilize a global network of stakeholders through both face to face meetings and the use of social media. As part of Malaysia’s support towards Autism programs and initiatives in Malaysia, Dr. Sazlina Kamaralzaman, Head of Program I and Dr. Hanani Harun Rasit, Head of Program II of Permata Kurnia, Prime Minister’s Department were present during the two-day event.



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2016 National Sports Day Organized by the Embassy of Malaysia in Washington DC

8 October 2016

In line with the Malaysian Government's effort to transform Malaysia into a sporting and healthier nation, the Embassy of Malaysia held its National Sports Day at the Chancery on 8 October 2016.

While highlighting the main objective of the sports event, which is to be healthy, Mission also witnessed that this auspicious event was a venue to bring together all participants to foster closer friendship and goodwill amongst the Embassy's staff and the Malaysian community.

The program began at 9.45 am with national anthem, Negaraku, followed by welcoming remarks by Mr. Shaiful Anuar Mohammad, Chargé d' Affaires a.i. The highlight of the event was the presentation of a memento by a cycling team, consisted of 15 cyclists, that started their 35 km journey from Vienna, Virginia early in the morning. The arrival of the cycling team was greeted by all the participants at the Embassy and marked the opening of the National Sports Day event.

The event, which was participated by more than 120 people, continued with an aerobic session, followed by a 2 km fun walk around the International Court, Washington DC. The activities of the National Sports Day continued with futsal and volleyball games held at the NZone Indoor Sports Complex, Chantilly, which saw great sportsmanship and good team spirit among the participants throughout the event.



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Visit of Malaysian Chief of Defense Forces, Gen Tan Sri Zulkifeli Mohd Zin to Washington DC

15-19 October 2016

At the invitation of the US National Security Council, General Tan Sri Zulkifeli Bin Mohd Zin, Panglima Angkatan Tentera (PAT) and Chargé d' Affaires a.i. met Ms. Avril Haines, Deputy National Security Advisor and Mr. Daniel Kritenbrink, Senior Director for Asian Affairs of the National Security Council (NSC) and Mr. Casey Mace, Director for Maritime Southeast Asia and ASEAN of the NSC on 19 October 2016 at the White House.

Tan Sri PAT was in Washington D.C. for the Chief of Defense Conference on Countering Daesh, which was held at Joint Base Andrews from 16 –17 October 2016. Tan Sri PAT took the opportunity of the visit to make a few bilateral engagements including meetings with General Joseph Dunford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; General Raymond A. Thomas, Commander of United States Special Operations Command; Lt. Gen. James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence, and Mr. David S. Cohen, Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.



Visit of Director of Narcotics Crime Investigation Department, RMP to Washington DC

25 October 2016

At the invitation of US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Department of Justice, YBhg. CP Datuk Sri Mohd Mokhtar Hj. Bin Mohd Shariff, Director of Narcotics Crime Investigation Department, Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM) and his delegation made a visit to Washington DC, USA from 24-27 October 2016.

During this visit, YBhg. Datuk Sri Mohd Mokhtar met and had discussions with his counterparts from DEA Academy, DEA Headquarters (Washington DC) and Special Operations Divisions. On 25 October 2016, Mr. Shaiful Anuar Mohammad, CDA a.i. welcomed Y.Bhg. Datuk Sri Mohd Mokhtar and his delegation at the Embassy of Malaysia. During the briefing with Heads of Department, Y.Bhg. Datuk Sri and Heads of Department exchanged views on the current development in Malaysia especially PDRM's effort in combatting drug related matters.



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Farewell for Mr. Muhammad Hijaz bin Mohd Ramli, Education Attaché and Mr. Ragu J. Smith, Gardener (LRS)

26 October 2016

The Embassy hosted a luncheon on 26 October 2016 at the Chancery to bid farewell to Education Attaché, Mr. Muhammad Hijaz bin Mohd Ramli, who was scheduled to end his tour of duty by end of October 2016, and Mr. Ragu J. Smith, Gardener at Residence Malaysia, who had served with Mission since 1 June 1987.



Malaysian Tropical Fruit Tasting in Washington DC

5 and 9 November 2016

Agriculture Office (MOA) together with Malawakil Washington DC hosted "Malaysian Tropical Fruits" promotion event at the Chancery in Washington DC. This event attracted more than 30 participants of the academicians diaspora in USA, and food importers/traders in Washington DC.

A follow up Malaysian tropical fruit tasting event took place on 9 November 2016. Officials from US Agriculture Department, US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) and ASEAN Embassies participated the event which was hosted by Mr. Nik Mohamed Husni Bin Nik Ali, Counselor (Agriculture).



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Perdana Scholar Award USA 2016

5 November 2016

Seven Malaysian students currently studying at universities in the United States (US) have been selected for the 2016 Perdana Scholar Award for outstanding performance. The Perdana Scholar Award is aimed at recognizing excellent students in line with the core of human capital building and promoting these excellent students to important industries in Malaysia.

YBhg. Datuk Kamel Mohammad, Deputy Secretary General of Higher Education Ministry presented the awards to the winners at a presentation ceremony held at the Embassy of Malaysian Embassy in Washington D.C. on 5 November 2016.



TPP Ambassadors' Breakfast Meeting

14 November 2016

HE Ambassador Pham Quang Vinh of Vietnam hosted a TPP Ambassadors' breakfast Meeting at his Residence in Washington DC on 14 November 2016. Ambassador Michael Froman, the United States Trade Representative (USTR), was the guest of honor.

The breakfast meeting was organized with the aim to receive updates from Ambassador Froman on the status of Obama Administration's effort in ensuring the US Congress' approval as well as the future of TPP under President-elect Donald Trump.



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YSEALI—Professional Fellows Program

14 November 2016

The US Department of State hosted a Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) reception on 14 November 2016. The YSEALI Professional Fellows Program is a professional development exchange program for the best and brightest community leaders from ASEAN.

Out of 4699 Malaysian members of the YSEALI network, 45 Malaysians were selected for 2016 edition's YSEALI.



A TALK ON "WHAT MAKES US FEEL GOOD ABOUT OUR WORK"

23 November 2016

The Embassy of Malaysia in Washington D.C. had the pleasure of hosting a talk on "What Makes Us Feel Good About Our Work" on 23 November 2016 at the Chancery's Tun Hussein Hall from 10.30 am—13.00 pm.

The guest speaker was Professor Madya Mohd Makzan Musa, a senior lecturer at the Psychology and Social Work Department, University Utara Malaysia.



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Graduation Ceremony—International Maritime Officers Course at the US Coast Guard Training Center, Yorktown Virginia

1 December 2016

At the invitation of the US Coast Guard, Mr. Shaiful Anuar Mohammad, Chargé d' Affaires a.i., represented the Embassy of Malaysia at the "International Maritime Officers Course" graduation ceremony at the US Coast Guard Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia on 1 December 2016.

Lieutenant Commander Mohd Hafiz bin Daman Huri and Lieutenant Commander Mohd Fadhlie bin Ab Khalil, members of the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency participated in the 15 weeks course organized by the US Coast Guard.



MDEC Malaysia's visit to Washington DC

9 December 2016

Malaysian Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) made a visit to Washington DC from 8-9 December 2016. During this visit, MDEC took the opportunity to visit the Embassy of Malaysia on 9 December 2016 and conducted an e-Xpats system training to all the Embassy officials.



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Meeting between CDA a.i. and US Ambassador-designate to Malaysia

22 December 2016

Mr. Shaiful Anuar Mohammad, Chargé d' Affaires a.i. had the opportunity to meet with the US Ambassador-designate to Malaysia, Kamala Shirin Lakhdir at the US Department of State on 22 December 2016.

The discussion was held in a warm and candid manner, with both sides exchanging frank views on various bilateral and global issues of mutual interest such as Trafficking in Persons, Visa Waiver Program, Guantanamo detainees and US new administration.



LRS Get Together Session with CDA a.i.

22 December 2016

On 22 December 2016, Locally Recruited Staff (LRS) had the opportunity to attend a get together session with Chargé d' Affaires a.i. at the Embassy of Malaysia.

Mr. Shaiful Anuar Mohammad thanked all the support staff for their contribution and cooperation throughout the year of 2016. He also expressed his hope for the same cooperation to be given to the new Ambassador who is expected to arrive in early January 2017.

The meeting concluded with awards presentation to LRS who have demonstrated excellence in teamwork, commitment, initiative, appearance and long service categories.



MW Washington Joint Activities with PERWAKILAN Washington DC

Visit to the US Bureau of Engraving and Printing

27 October 2016

Members from PERWAKILAN Washington DC and the Embassy of Malaysia had the opportunity to visit the US Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) on 27 October 2016, with the aim to learn all about US paper currency and the printing process.

During the tour, members of PERWAKILAN WDC and the Embassy had the opportunity to walk through a gallery overlooking the US paper currency production floor, where the participants deepened their understanding on the history of the United States currency.



Tour at the National Public Radio, Washington, D.C.

5 December 2016

PERWAKILAN WDC organized a tour on 5 December 2016 to a leading radio station in the US - the 'National Public Radio' (NPR) in Washington, D.C. The NPR delivers breaking national and world news, in addition to top stories from business, politics, health, science, technology, music, arts and culture. Members from PERWAKILAN WDC and the Embassy had the opportunity to tour the station, including learning about the operations of the station.

Participants enjoyed the chance of exploring the 'Network Operations Center' and captured the special moments when NPR's popular broadcast journalists such as Lakshmi Singh and Susan Stamberg were at their work.



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