



## High Commission of Malaysia in Wellington

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### *Greetings from the High Commissioner*



Time flies! With 2016 coming to a close, I have been in New Zealand for over two years. While Wellington seems a far cry from my last post in Hanoi, I believe that wherever one goes, one must seek out the best of the post, appreciate it and enjoy. Being concurrently accredited to Samoa and Cook Islands, it is a privilege to enjoy new experiences and learn of the

similarity of cultures and the friendliness of the Pacific islanders towards Malaysia.

As I ponder over the last two years, I am pleased that the longstanding Malaysia-New Zealand cooperation continues to strengthen in many areas including political, economic, trade & investment, defence, education, tourism, etc. Besides a bilateral FTA, Malaysia also joined New Zealand and ten other countries to sign the historic TPPA on 4 February 2016 in Auckland, although its future now remains undetermined.

In March 2016, the launch of Air Asia daily flight from Kuala Lumpur to Auckland (via Gold Coast) in March 2016 certainly enhanced connectivity, tourism and people-to-people links with New Zealand. We are looking forward to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations in 2017.

At the international level, Malaysia and New Zealand for the first time took their seats as Non-Permanent members in the UN Security Council over the same two-year term from 1 January 2015 until 31 December 2016. Such a timely coincidence provided opportunity for both sides to work closely on security-related issues and contribute to global peace and security.

Under Malaysia's chairmanship of ASEAN in 2015, the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Summit of ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue was successfully convened in Kuala Lumpur in November 2015 and New Zealand became a Strategic Partner of ASEAN. At post, the ASEAN Committee in Wellington and New Zealand also

commemorated the occasion with several events.

Last but not least, the High Commission carried out many outreach events to engage with the Malaysian community including our students throughout New Zealand. Whether it was hosting the Hari Raya Open House, or the reception to mark the Official Birthday of Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di Pertuan Agong, or National Day celebration, in Wellington and/or by virtue of our presence in some of the Malaysian community events across the country, it is our sincere hope that the spirit of

Muhibbah in our festivities will grow and thrive among the Malaysians or Friends of Malaysia in New Zealand and keep alive their links and love for Malaysia. As the saying goes, “While you may take a person out of his/her country, you cannot take the country out from his/her heart.”

On a final note, let me remind all Malaysians in New Zealand to register yourself and family members with the High Commission. Life is uncertain as evidenced by the severe earthquake jolt of 7.8 magnitude which hit Wellington just minutes into 14 November 2016.

As 2017 beckons, I am pleased to convey my warmest wishes for the holiday season, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Selamat Tahun Baru dan Salam Sejahtera.*

**LIM KIM ENG**  
**High Commissioner of Malaysia**  
**to New Zealand, Samoa and**  
**Cook Islands.**

**23 December 2016**



## Swearing In of the New Governor-General, H.E. The Rt. Hon Dame Patsy Reddy 28 September 2016, Parliament Wellington

The Rt. Hon. Dame Patsy Reddy became the Governor-General of New Zealand after being sworn in at an official ceremony at the Parliament's forecourt in Wellington on 28 September 2016. The Rt. Hon. Dame Patsy became the third woman to hold the post, after the completion of the five-year term of the previous Governor-General, H.E. Lt. Gen. Rt. Hon. Sir Jerry Mateparae. The Governor-General is the representative of the Sovereign of the Realm of New Zealand i.e. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as the Queen of New Zealand.

As a key New Zealand's constitutional event, the ceremony was witnessed by the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister John Key, Cabinet members, Members of Parliament, Diplomatic Corps and other VIPs. HC Dato' Lim was also in attendance. The event was a colourful spectacle including the Maori ceremonial welcome with the Warrior challenge, Tri-Service Royal Guard of Honour and Colour Parties, the band of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, the New Zealand Opera Chorus, Royal Salute and a 21-gun salute from Point Jerningham.



The Rt.Hon. Dame Patsy Reddy Governor-General of New Zealand addressing the media and the crowd present at the Parliament's forecourt



HC Dato' Lim Kim Eng with The Rt.Hon. Dame Patsy Reddy Governor-General of New Zealand

## The 2016 ASEAN Symposium 8 August 2016, Hunter Chamber Council Victoria University

The ASEAN Committee in Wellington (ACW) in marking the 49<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Day organized the 2016 ASEAN Symposium with the theme “ASEAN-New Zealand Relations: Future Connectivity” at the Victoria University in Wellington. Its focus was about the past, present and future of ASEAN’s relations with New Zealand.

All the ASEAN Heads of Mission namely, HC Dato’ Lim Kim Eng, Malaysian High Commissioner, H.E. Bernard Baker, Singapore High Commissioner, H.E. Maris Sangiampongsa, Thailand Ambassador, H.E. Nguyen Viet Dung, Vietnam Ambassador, H.E. Jesus S. Domingo, the Philippines Ambassador and Mr.



HC Dato’ Lim with ASEAN Heads of Mission and the esteemed speakers



HC Dato’ Lim, Prof. Rabel, En. Farhan (JPA officer), Pn. Suraya Sari (Education Attaché), and Malaysian students in Wellington

Firdauzie Dwiandika, Charge de’ Affaires of Indonesia, were present. Aside from the panel of speakers, it brought together over 100 participants from the NZ Government Agencies, private sector, academia, ASEAN Missions and university students including 30 Malaysian students, and the general public.

## Visit to Samoa from 1-5 August 2016

Under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), HC Dato' Lim undertook a second visit to Apia, Samoa from 1 - 5 August 2016, for the purpose of enhancing bilateral relations, engaging with the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) Alumni so as to receive feedback on the MTCP training/courses, and promoting international cooperation with Samoa in the UN and other international organisations. More than 100 Samoan civil servants had undergone MTCP training programmes in Malaysia since its establishment of diplomatic relations with Malaysia in 1982.



HC Dato' Lim presenting a souvenir to His Highness Tamasese Efi, Head of State of Samoa on 3 August 2016



High Commissioner with the MTCP Alumni at the lunch on 4 August 2016



HC Dato' Lim presented her credentials to His Highness Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi, the Head of State of Samoa on 23 July 2015 during her first visit to Apia on 22-24 July 2015.

Top: HC Dato' Lim presenting a souvenir to Hon. Fiamē Naomi Mataafa, Deputy PM of Samoa on 3 August 2016  
Left: HC Dato' Lim presenting a souvenir to Hon. Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang, Minister for Works, Transport & Infrastructure

She is the first Malaysian High Commissioner to be concurrently accredited to Samoa from Wellington. Before July 2012, Samoa was previously covered from Canberra, Australia

## 59<sup>th</sup> Malaysia National Day Celebrations



On a sunny winter day in Wellington, the High Commission of Malaysia held an outdoor flag raising ceremony at 12.00 noon, 31 August 2016 to mark the 59<sup>th</sup> National Day of Malaysia. HC Dato' Lim, HBS and spouses, LRS, representatives of the Malaysian community, 45 Malaysian students and Malayan Veterans/widow/family members sang the National Anthem "Negaraku" while the Jalur Gemilang was being raised, followed by the singing of "Jalur Gemilang".

It was followed by an indoor event at Dewan Bunga Raya in the High Commission building where HC Dato' Lim delivered a National Day speech, followed by presentation of the Pingat Jasa Negara medal to SAC Chuah Hock Hin (Malayan Veterans Association) by HC Dato' Lim for services rendered to Malaya/Malaysia during the Emergency/Confrontation period (1948-1966). As of now, Over 4,000 PJN medals have been awarded. A cake cutting ceremony was also held, followed by lunch.



HC Dato' Lim with the Malayan Veterans who served in Malaya/Malaysia during the Emergency/Confrontation period (1948-1966)



## 59<sup>th</sup> Malaysia National Day Celebrations

In conjunction with 59<sup>th</sup> National Day, the Auckland Malaysian Society (AMS) organised a dinner event at Imperial Palace Restaurant in Auckland on 10 September 2016. HC Dato' Lim who is also Patron of AMS, attended the event, together with Tourism Malaysia Auckland.



HC Dato' Lim with AMS members on stage during the event in Auckland on 10 September 2016



HC Dato' Lim, Ms Zalina Ahmad (Director of TM Auckland), staff and families at the same event

## Visit to Dunedin from 9 - 10 December 2016



Under the *Program Mendampingi Rakyat Di Luar Negeri* (PMRM), HC Dato' Lim and Encik Mohammad Khairu Farhan, First Secretary (JPA) visited Dunedin with the key purpose of attending the convocation of JPA-sponsored graduates. In December 2016, 23 JPA scholars graduated including 5 medical graduates, 2 dentistry graduates, 11 Pharmacy graduates and others.

The University of Otago is New Zealand's oldest university, founded in 1869 by an Ordinance of the Otago Provincial Council. There are around 200 Malaysian students, sponsored and private, studying there. Among the degree courses studied by JPA-sponsored students are the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Dental Surgery, Bachelor in Pharmacy and Bachelor in Health Science.

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These sponsored students are usually enrolled in the first-year Health Science course, before doing Medicine, Pharmacy, and Dentistry. There are also MARA-sponsored students at the university.

While in Dunedin, HC Dato' Lim also met with several Malaysian students over dinner. The High Commission also organized a Session with Prof. Dr. Swee Tan, Executive Director and Founder of Gilles McIndoe Research Centre in Wellington, for JPA-sponsored students and other Malaysian students on 11 December 2016. Dr. Tan is a renowned scientific researcher into cancer treatment and the session was about sharing of Dr. Tan's experience and research into a new way of looking at cancer. His work hopefully may inspire and interest our Malaysian graduates into scientific research in the future.



Top Right : HC Dato' Lim with University of Otago Medical graduates  
 Top Left : HC Dato' Lim with Dentistry and Pharmacy graduates  
 Bottom Left: HC Dato' Lim and En. Farhan, First Secretary with senior lecturer, Dr. Haizal Mohd. Hussaini, (in red) with a Pharmacy graduate  
 Bottom right: HC Dato' Lim with Pharmacy graduates

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Dinner with Malaysian students/graduate



Dinner with Mr. Loh Chin Nan (Director of Antidote Pharmacy), Mr. Simon Chu (Director of International Unit, Otago University) and Malaysian students in Dunedin



Top photo: HC Dato' Lim and the whole group.  
Right photo: Prof. Dr. Swee Tan with his presentation



## Commemoration of the Post-War Malaya/Malaysia Operations, 16 September 2016

HC Dato' Lim accompanied by Defence Attache, Lt. Col. Mohd. Rizan Mat Hasan attended the National Commemoration of Post War Malaya / Malaysia Operations on 16 September 2016. The event was held to commemorate the service and sacrifice of the New Zealand's military personnel during the Malayan Emergency (1948-60) and followed with the Confrontation Campaign (1963-66) at the Hall of Memories, Pukeahu National War Memorial Park in



Left: High Commissioner Dato' Lim, with National List MP Brett Hudson & Dave Fenton, MVA National President, paying respects at Tomb of the Unknown Warrior, at the National War Memorial Park during the Commemoration event of New Zealand's military personnel who served in Post War Malaya/Malaysia Operations i.e. Malayan Emergency (1948-60) and Confrontation Campaign (1963-1966)



Wellington.

## Defence Attache/Adviser Corps Programme, 28 August – 3 September 2016

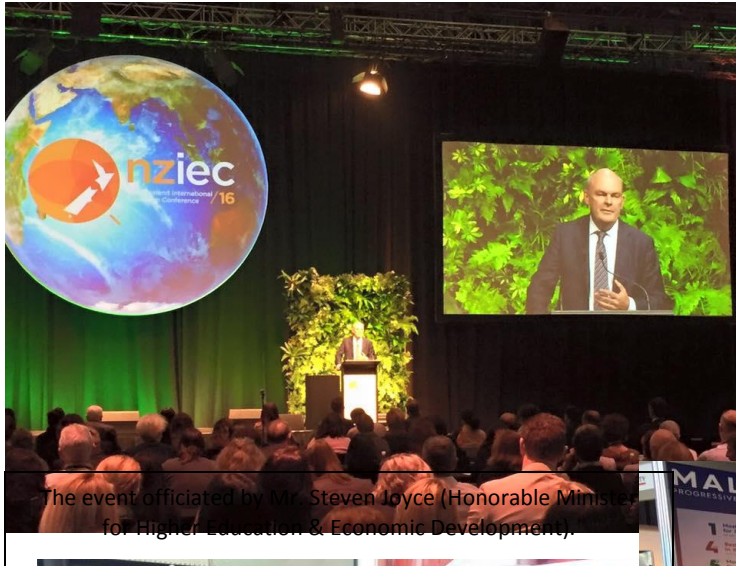


Defence Adviser, Lt. Kol. Mohd Rizan Mat Hassan participated in Defence Attaché Corps Programme (DAC 2016), organized by the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF). One of the objectives was to enhance the relationship between all Defence Advisers (DA) who are based from other countries with the all DAs in Wellington.

## New Zealand International Education Conference (NZIEC 2016) 18 – 19 August 2016, Auckland

HC Dato' Lim and Education Attaché, Pn. Suraya Sari Abd. Aziz attended the 25<sup>th</sup> New Zealand International Education Conference (NZIEC) in Auckland organized by New Zealand Education. It involved 500 delegates including many education providers and government agencies like the NZ Police and Immigration. NZIE 2016 was officiated by Honourable Steven Joyce, Minister for Higher Education and Economic Development.

Education Malaysia's participation at the event also raised awareness and promotion of Malaysia as a regional hub for high quality education for international students



The event officiated by Mr. Steven Joyce (Honorable Minister for Higher Education & Economic Development).



HC Dato' Lim and Education Attache with some participants of the event.

## BERSATU Games 2016 in Dunedin (1 – 4 July 2016)



Opening ceremony officiated by Prof. Harlene Hayne (Vice Chancellor Otago University)

The Bersatu Games 2016 is an annual sports event organized by the Malaysian Students' organizations at New Zealand's universities on rotational basis. While Education Malaysia is the key sponsor of the Games, the host university authorities usually provides some assistance.

Bersatu Games 2016 was hosted by the Otago Malaysian Students' Association (OMSA) in Dunedin, Otago. The programme was officiated by Prof. Harlene Hayne (Vice Chancellor Otago University). Mr. Mohammad Khairu Farhan Md Saad and Education Attaché Pn. Suraya Sari attended the event. OMSA came out on top with nine gold medals. Runner up was Union of Malaysian Students of Auckland (AUMSA) with eight gold medals



## Rotorua Working Visit for ASEAN HOMs in Wellington, 10 November 2016

At the invitation of Hon. Todd McClay, Minister of Trade of New Zealand and MP of Rotorua electorate, the ASEAN Heads of Mission of Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, CDA of Indonesia and the Trade Commissioner of Vietnam made a working trip to Rotorua, New Zealand on 10 November 2016. Rotorua, a favourite destination for foreign tourists, receives over 600,000 tourists a year. The programme included visiting the Red Stag Timber Sawmill, a highly automated factory and the Te Puia NZ Maori Arts & Crafts Institute where the famous Pohutu Geyser is located. Other programmes included attending the Rotary Club Charity Luncheon, and meeting the local multi-ethnic community in Rotorua.



Top photo: Pohutu Geyser  
Top right and bottom right photo: ASEAN HOMs with Minister McClay  
Both middle right photos: NZ Maori Arts and Crafts at Te Puia, Rotorua

## Outreach Programme to New Zealand by Special Affairs Department (JASA), Ministry of Communications and Multimedia

A JASA delegation led by YBhg. Datuk Dr. Mohd Puad Zakarshi, Director-General of JASA was in New Zealand to meet Malaysians, especially the university students. With the cooperation of the High Commission, briefing sessions on various matters related to Malaysia were conducted at the I-Space in Auckland University and the High Commission in Wellington on 9 and 10 November 2016 respectively



JASA Session in Auckland



JASA Session in Wellington

## Hari Raya Gathering, 22 July 2016



The Malaysia High Commission in Wellington hosted a Hari Raya gathering from 4.00 – 7.00 p.m on 22 July 2016 at its Bunga Raya Hall. HC Dato' Lim and spouse were joined by all HBS, their families, LRS and PERWAKILAN Wellington associate members to celebrate the auspicious occasion. About 250 people were present to enjoy the occasion. Aside from the Malaysian community, NZ Malayan Veterans were also invited to the event.



Top left photo Guests enjoying the delicious food

Top right photo: HC Dato' Lim with NZ-Malayan Veterans

Bottom left photo: HC Dato' Lim and Education Attache with Malaysian students

Bottom right photo: HC Dato' Lim, HBS, spouses and LRS of Malaysia High Commission in Wellington

## Hari Sukan Negara, 8 October 2016

On the National Sports Day 2016, a friendly bowling competition was organized by High Commission on 8 October 2016. Four teams namely, PERWAKILAN Wellington, Wellington Malaysian Students Organization (WMSO) in Wellington, New Zealand-Malaysian Society (NZMS) in Wellington and the Commission staff participated in the event with NZMS emerging as the champion.



Photo Op with all participants before the competition



Photos from left: PERWAKILAN Wellington and Malaysian students from WMSO

## Other Engagements



Left Photo: Cook Islands National Day, 15 August 2016  
Bottom photo: NZ Malaysian Parliamentary Friendship Group Dinner, 5 December 2016



Top Photo: Dinner with Minister of Ethnic Communities, Hon. Peseta Lotu-Liga and High Commissioner of Samoa H.E. Leasi Papali'i Tommy Scanlan, 5 September 2016  
Above Top Photo (Left): Handing over of ASEAN Ladies Circle (ALC) Contribution at the Christmas Fair at Homewood, British Residence, 26 November 2016.  
Above Top Photo (Right): NZ-Malayan Veterans Christmas Lunch, 24 November 2016

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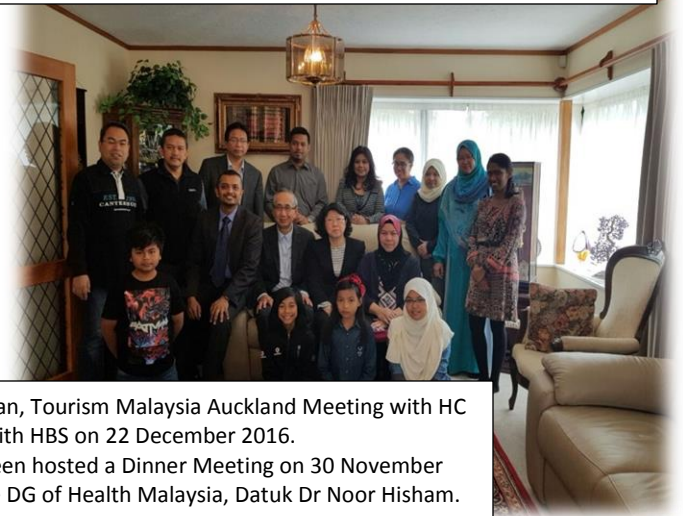
End of Year Dinner hosted by High Commissioner of Malaysia to New Zealand, PYT Dato' Lim Kim Eng, with Auckland Malaysian Society (AMS) on 8 November 2016 in Auckland.



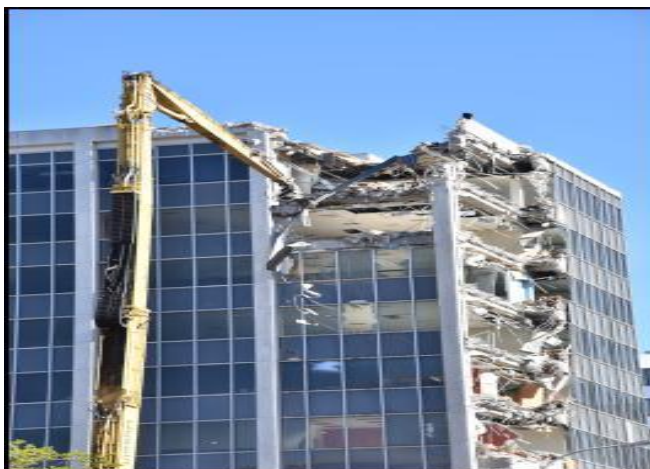
Dinner hosted by HC Dato' Lim for Malaysians in Wellington, as well as two participants from Wisma Putra and MITI respectively who are attending the NZ Public Sector Leadership Programme for ASEAN Officials at Victoria University, Wellington



Top Left and Right: Ms. Zalina Ahmad and Mr Fazli Rasan, Tourism Malaysia Auckland Meeting with HC Dato' Lim at the High Commission followed by lunch with HBS on 22 December 2016.  
Bottom Photo: GM NZ Trade & Enterprise, Mr. Tim Green hosted a Dinner Meeting on 30 November 2016 for a health delegation from Malaysia lead by the DG of Health Malaysia, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham.



## Earthquake in New Zealand: 14 December 2016



Left and right photo: Before and after photos of a Molesworth Street demolished after it was deemed unsafe by the Earthquake Assessment Committee in Wellington.

On 14 November 2016, at 12.02am, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit New Zealand, at the town of Culverden, about 30km from Hanmer Springs, just northeast of Christchurch. The earthquake lasted for more than a minute and was felt as far as 400km away in Wellington, the capital of New Zealand.

NZ Civil Defence issued a tsunami warning and advised all residents of the coastal South Island, North Island and the Chatham Islands to move inland or to higher ground as soon as possible. Kaikoura and Wellington were the towns that were most affected by the earthquake. There was severe damage to the roads and the water supply at Kaikoura and some damage to the buildings at Wellington.

Together with the 1000 tourists that were stranded in Kaikoura, there were 15 Malaysian tourists that needed to be evacuated from Kaikoura. The High Commission activated the Emergency Operations Room (EOR) on 15 November 2016 to facilitate the evacuation of the 15 Malaysian tourists that were stranded in Kaikoura. With the assistance of the New Zealand Royal Defence Force, the Malaysians were evacuated and the EOR was closed at 6.00pm on 17 November 2016.



## Admin and Consular Matters



As summer has begun in New Zealand, many foreign tourists including Malaysians would be heading towards New Zealand. For Malaysians who are planning to drive, they must be aware of local traffic laws and regulations.

Visitors to New Zealand may wish to avail themselves to install the Geonet and the Hazards app on their phone and be alerted to any latest announcements on earthquake events and road conditions respectively in order to ensure a safer trip. Additionally, information for traffic conditions and accessibility of roads can be accessed through the NZTA website.

With the recent earthquake in New Zealand in mind, all Malaysians in New Zealand are advised to register with the High Commission in Wellington and update regularly their contact details so as to assist the High Commission staff to reach out in the event of emergencies, natural disasters etc. For consular assistance, Malaysians can contact the

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