



# PERMANENT MISSION OF MALAYSIA TO ASEAN NEWSLETTER VOLUME 2/2016 (AUGUST – DECEMBER)

Arrival of PTM ASEAN  
New PR

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Letter of Credence

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to PTM ASEAN

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Bidding Farewell

## Welcome

The Permanent Mission of Malaysia to ASEAN welcomed H.E. Dato' Shariffah Norhana Syed Mustaffa, the new Permanent Representative of Malaysia to ASEAN on 16 August 2016.

H.E. Dato' Shariffah Norhana Syed Mustaffa joined the Foreign Ministry on 16 December 1996 and had served at several missions abroad, namely, Austria and Italy.

Prior to her appointment as the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to ASEAN, H.E. Dato' Shariffah Norhana Syed Mustaffa was the Deputy Director General of the ASEAN Malaysia National Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This is Dato' Shariffah's first posting as a Head of Mission.



Welcoming Lunch hosted by the Deputy Permanent Representative of Malaysia to ASEAN

## 60 Seconds with the new Malaysian PR to ASEAN.....

H.E. Dato' Shariffah Norhana Syed Mustaffa  
Permanent Representative of Malaysia to ASEAN

### Background

H.E. Dato' Shariffah Norhana was born on 16 June 1967 in Kuala Lumpur. She holds a Master in Social Science (Strategy & Diplomacy) from the National University of Malaysia. She is married with 2 children.

### Career

H.E. Dato' Shariffah Norhana joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 16 December 1996 as an Assistant Secretary for South East Asia and Pacific Division. In 2001, she was posted to the Embassy of Malaysia, Austria as its Second Secretary.

Upon her return in 2005, she was appointed as the Principle Assistant Secretary to the Europe and Central Asia Division. It was in 2007 that she decided to do her postgraduate studies and obtained a Masters in Social Science from the National University of Malaysia.



### After obtaining her Master's Degree....

H.E. Dato' Shariffah was appointed as the Principle Assistant Secretary at the Multilateral Political Affairs Division.

In 2009, she was assigned as the Minister Counsellor at the Embassy of Malaysia in Rome, Italy.

She returned in 2013 and assumed the post as the Deputy Director General of the ASEAN Malaysia National Secretariat.

She is the third Permanent Representative of Malaysia to ASEAN in Jakarta, Indonesia, after YBhg. Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah and YBhg. Dato' Hsu King Bee.

Did You Know?



Before ASEAN was established, there was an organization called ASA or Association of Southeast Asia. It was formed in 1961. The members were Philippines, Thailand and Malaysia.

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## INSIGHT

Presentation of the Letter of Credence by H.E. Dato' Shariffah Norhana Syed Mustaffa to H.E. Le Luong Minh, Secretary General of ASEAN

H.E. Dato' Shariffah Norhana Syed Mustaffa presented her Letter of Credence to H.E. Le Luong Minh, Secretary General of ASEAN on 22 August 2016 in a ceremony at the ASEAN Secretariat. Also in attendance were all the officers from PTM ASEAN and senior officials from the ASEAN Secretariat.

During the ceremony, SG Minh congratulated Malaysia for the successful Chairmanship in 2015, which culminated in the establishment of the ASEAN Community. He welcomed Dato' Shariffah to the Committee of the Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR) in Jakarta and underlined the important work of the CPR in monitoring and ensuring the implementation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and its Community Blueprints.



Dato' Shariffah underlined that Malaysia's focus would be to ensure a successful Chairmanship for Lao PDR. She also shared her experience during her tenure at the ASEAN-Malaysia National Secretariat and informed SG Minh that the success of Malaysia's Chairmanship was also due to the strong support and cooperation of the ASEAN Secretariat. Dato' Shariffah also assured SG Minh of the continued support and cooperation of the Permanent Mission of Malaysia and looked forward to continue working closely with the ASEAN Secretariat.



Presentation of Letter of Credence Ceremony at the ASEAN Secretariat



Audience with H.E. Le Luong Minh, Secretary General of ASEAN

## PROGRAM MENDAMPINGI RAKYAT MALAYSIA

BRIEFING SESSION WITH STUDENTS  
FROM INSTITUT PERTANIAN BOGOR



On 26 November 2016, the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to ASEAN, together with Education Malaysia organized a public outreach session with the Malaysian students in Bogor. The event was attended by 46 students who are currently pursuing their degree in veterinary medicine in Institut Pertanian Bogor (IPB).

The objective of the session was also provide the students with a general overview on what ASEAN is, as well as the roles and functions of the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to ASEAN. The briefing also enlightened the students about the conduct of foreign relations and how Malaysia promotes and safeguard its interests in the international arena to enhance the country's image globally for the greater good of the country and its people.

During the session, H.E. Dato' Shariffah Norhana Syed Mustaffa,



Pn. Fazlinda Fudzil answering a question during the Interactive Session with students from IPB

provided an informative account on the historical development of ASEAN, the establishment of the Secretariat. ASEAN's and the expansion of ASEAN's external relations.

She also highlighted the growing interest of countries wanting to be dialogue partners with ASEAN, which started with the European Union, Japan and the United States who are all at the time, ASEAN's major trading partners. She elaborated on the continued interest and expansion of relations to present time, whereby currently ASEAN has established dialogue partnership with ten countries, which include Australia, Canada, China, India, New Zealand, Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation.

The students also learnt that during Malaysia's Chairmanship, ASEAN was proclaimed a Community through a Declaration signed by ASEAN Leaders at the 27th Summit in Kuala Lumpur on 22 November 2015.

She explained that the ASEAN Community is the vision of the ASEAN Leaders of a regional inclusive community that is embedded with a strong sense of togetherness and common identity, particularly within its three pillars, namely;

The Political-Security Community, Economic Community and Socio-cultural Community pillars.

H.E. Dato' Shariffah shared that the vision of an ASEAN Community was first spelt out in the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community (2009-2015) and was succeeded by the ASEAN *Vision 2025: Forging Ahead Together* document, a forward looking roadmap which charts ASEAN's course in the next ten years and articulates ASEAN goals and aspirations to realise further consolidation, integration and stronger cohesiveness as a Community.

After the briefing by the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to ASEAN, all officers and students engaged in a fruitful discussion on issues pertaining to ASEAN. The interactive session was as a success as it went on for over an hour with questions posed by students on a myriad of issues relating to ASEAN. The Permanent Mission of Malaysia to ASEAN also hosted lunch following the interactive session.



Students from Institut Pertanian Bogor

### **The Fifth ASEAN-UN Workshop: Regional Dialogue on Political-Security Cooperation Jakarta, 8 November 2016**

The Fifth ASEAN-UN Workshop: Regional Dialogue on Political-Security Cooperation was jointly organized by the UN Department of Political Affairs; including the UN Counter Terrorism Implementation Task Force and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia; the Centre for Strategic and International Studies; ASEAN Secretariat; and the ASEAN Foundation at Hotel Borobudur, Jakarta in the 8 November 2016.

It was attended by representatives from ASEAN Member States, the ASEAN Secretariat, the United Nations, research institutes and civil society. Participants discussed ways and measures on how to prevent conflict and address violent extremism in the ASEAN region.

The workshop with the theme “ASEAN-UN Collaboration in Conflict Prevention, Preventive Diplomacy and Prevention of Violent Extremism,” highlighted the importance of cooperation between ASEAN and UN as well as the various roles of religious organizations, women, youth and civil society in preventing violent extremism. The event was opened by H.E. Abdurrahman Mohammad Fachir, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia. H.E. Miroslav Jenča, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the United Nations and H.E. Hirubalan V.P., Deputy Secretary-General for ASEAN Political Security Community also delivered welcoming remarks during the opening ceremony.

The two-day workshop was the latest in an annual series of ASEAN-UN regional workshops on political-security cooperation since the ASEAN-UN Comprehensive Partnership was adopted by the Leaders of ASEAN and the United Nations Secretary-General in November 2011.



Participants and Speakers of the 5<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-UN Workshop



*“Regional cooperation is particularly important to address the drivers of violent extremism. The UN Secretary-General has called for UN Member States to come together to complement their national strategies by adopting new regional or sub-regional plans of action to prevent violent extremism facilitated on the basis of national ownership and according to regional priorities.”, Miroslav Jenča, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs*



### **The First ASEAN-Switzerland Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee (AS-JSCC) Meeting Jakarta, 28 November 2016**

The inaugural ASEAN-Switzerland Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee (AS-JSCC) Meeting took place on 28 November 2016. The Meeting formalised ASEAN-Switzerland partnership following the conferment of the status of an ASEAN Sectoral Dialogue Partner on Switzerland during the 49th ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting on 24 July 2016 in Vientiane. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Johannes Matyassy, Assistant State Secretary for Asia/Pacific, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and H.E. Hirubalan V P, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for Political-Security. Both parties expressed their strong commitment to enhance ASEAN-Swiss relations and looked forward to the implementation of tangible activities and projects within the framework of the AS-JSCC for the mutual benefit of both sides.



### **CPR Handing Over Ceremony, 2 December 2016**

After a successful year under Lao PDR's Chairmanship, Ambassador Latsamy Keomany, Permanent Representative of Lao PDR to ASEAN, handed over the gavel of the chairmanship of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR) to Ambassador Elizabeth P. Buensuceso, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to ASEAN, in a ceremony witnessed by the Secretary-General of ASEAN Le Luong Minh and all members of the CPR in Jakarta.

Notably, under Lao PDR's chairmanship, the CPR focused its work on translating relevant action lines in the three ASEAN Community Blueprints 2025 into concrete actions and on continued implementation of the Recommendations of the High Level Task Force on Strengthening the ASEAN Secretariat and Reviewing the ASEAN Organs. The CPR also finalized the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 and the Initiative for ASEAN Integration Work Plan III.

The incoming Chair, Ambassador Buensuceso from the Philippines highlighted the identified priorities under the Philippine chairmanship in 2017 under the theme of "Partnering for Change, Engaging the World".

### **Informal Meeting of the East Asia Summit (EAS) Ambassadors, 3-4 December**

The EAS Ambassador in Jakarta met in an informal Meeting in Padang from the 3-4 December 2016, to reaffirm their strong commitment to further strengthen the EAS. The meeting discussed the need to strengthen the EAS mechanism in line with the decisions stipulated in the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on the Tenth Anniversary of the East Asia Summit and other EAS documents.

The EAS Ambassadors also discussed the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) on the engagement of EAS Ambassadors in Jakarta, activities/projects by EAS participating countries to implement the decisions of the East Asia Summit and a framework on the process and procedures of East Asia Summit.



### **ASEAN-China Rally, 11 December 2016**

The CPR and official from the ASEAN Secretariat welcomed 25 vehicles and 100 racers and journalists from all ASEAN Member States and China as the ASEAN-China International Touring Assembly and the ASEAN-China Journalists Rally 2016 (CAITA) concluded at the finishing line at the ASEAN Secretariat on 11 December 2016. The rally started at Nanning on 23 November 2016 and travelled the route of Nanning – Hanoi – Vientiane - Phitsanulok-Hpa an-Sukothai – Pattaya - Siem Reap – Bangkok - Hat Yai – Ipoh - Kuala Lumpur – Singapore - Yogyakarta before finally arriving in Jakarta. The CAITA had been successfully held for nine times covering a distance of 10,000 kilometres in each journey in the last ten years, except for 2008 due to the Beijing Olympic Games.



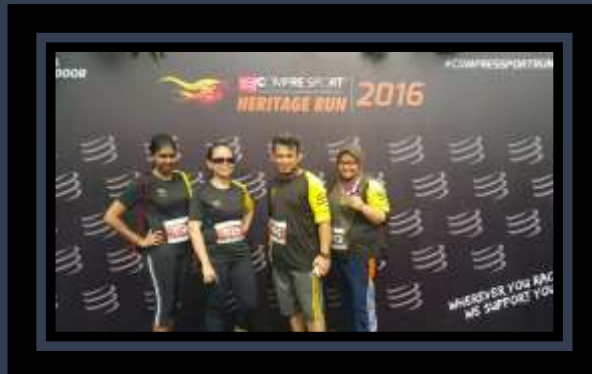
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## Outreach Programme & Social Activities (August – December)

# 2016



Hari Sukan Negara with KBM Jakarta (from left: Zura, Thila and Puan Fazlinda)



Compress Sport Heritage Run 2016, Ancol, 18 Sept 2016 (from left: Thila, Zetty, Hazwan and Wan)



*Flag Raising Ceremony on 31 August 2016 and National Day Reception with KBM Jakarta On 7 September 2016*



### COFFEE MORNING HOSTED BY OFFICERS AND SPOUSE FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF MALAYSIA TO ASEAN

Coffee Morning hosted by Puan Nurzetty and Cik Wan Faizatul on 17 November 2016



Coffee Morning hosted by Puan Prisheela and Puan Kamelia on 29 November 2016



# Outreach Programme & Social Activities August - December



H.E. Dato' Shariffah Norhana Syed Mustaffa delivering her speech during the dinner hosted at the Residence for all Permanent Representatives to ASEAN.



Permanent Representatives and Rio Olympics medalists pose together during an event organised by the ASEAN Secretariat to honor our sporting heroes.



Bollywood Night hosted by PERWAKILAN Jakarta on 9 December 2016



ASEAN Woman Circle Annual Charity Bazaar

## SESSION BETWEEN THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA TO ASEAN WITH MALAYSIANS ATTACHED TO THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT IN JAKARTA



13 December 2016: H.E. Dato' Shariffah Norhana hosted a lunch for Malaysians attached to the ASEAN Secretariat

## BIDDING FAREWELL



1. Bidding farewell to our two beloved colleagues, Puan Prisheela Prakas (First Secretary) and Cik Wan Faizatul (Second Secretary) who have completed their tour of duties at PTM ASEAN. Also leaving Xihao Chai (First Secretary) from Singapore and Dusadee (First Secretary) from Thailand.
2. Group photo following the farewell lunch hosted by the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to ASEAN.

## WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome 3 members to PTM ASEAN Family

### CIK THILAGAAWATHY IYYAVU

Personal Assistant to the Permanent Representative



Cik Thilaga arrived in Jakarta on 10 July 2016. Cik Thilaga was previously attached to Sekretariat Induk Logistik ASEAN.



### PUAN FAZLINDA FUDZIL Counsellor

Puan Fazlinda was formerly the Principal Assistant Secretary of the South East Asia Division. She arrived in Jakarta on 2 August 2016.

### PUAN CARMALLIA BUDIATY CHE EMBI Second Secretary



Puan Carmallia reported for duty on 14 November 2016. She was formerly the Assistant Secretary of the Americas Division

## Happenings for 2017

The Permanent Mission of Malaysia to ASEAN, would like to wish all of you a fabulous New Year and a prosperous year ahead!!

|                | February    | March    |
|----------------|-------------|----------|
| <b>January</b> |             |          |
| 9 January      | 7 February  | 3 March  |
| 15 January     | 15 February | 10 March |
| 18 January     | 19 February | 14 March |
|                | 20 February | 15 March |
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**January**

9 January      1/2017 CPRWG Meeting  
 15 January      Launching of Philippines' Chairmanship of ASEAN  
 18 January      1/2017 CPR Meeting

**February**

7 February      2/2017 CPR Meeting  
 15 February      ASEAN-Canada JCC Meeting  
 19 February      3/2017 CPR Meeting (Boracay)  
 20 February      ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM) Retreat (Boracay)

**March**

3 March      4/2017 CPR Meeting  
 10 March      1/2017 EAS Ambassadors' Meeting  
 14 March      5/2017 CPR Meeting (Bacolod)  
 15 March      ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) (Bacolod)