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THE EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN DILI TIMOR-LESTE



“RISING TOGETHER BATON RUN 2017

IN DILI, TIMOR-LESTE”



The Rising Together Baton organised in conjunction with the 29TH SEA Games and the 9TH ASEAN Para Games (also known as Kuala Lumpur 2017 – KL2017) was organised for the first time and initiated by Minister of Youth and Sports, YB Brig. Gen. Khairy Jamaluddin to spread the awareness about the Kuala Lumpur 2017 to be hosted in Kuala Lumpur on 17 to 31 August 2017. The Baton Run was held in every capital of South East Asia countries including Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste which was the 7TH destination country in the South East Asia Region.

The Timorese people were honoured by Malaysia choosing Timor-Leste as one of the destination country to host the Rising Together Baton Run. It truly reflected the spirit of togetherness and unity among the people of South East Asia through sports and achieved the objective of this initiative. The South East Asia community spirit further fuelled when the Rising Together Baton Run of the 29TH SEA Games and the 9TH ASEAN Para Games (Kuala Lumpur 2017) kicked off in Dili on 17 April 2017. The event had also sparked a lot of excitement and celebration among the Timorese as Timor-Leste promotes and supports sporting culture with the majority of their population comprising of youth. 72 athletes from Timor-Leste will be participating in various games during the KL2017 on 17 to 31 August 2017.



THE RISING TOGETHER BATON RUN 2017 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 29TH SEA GAMES AND 9TH ASEAN PARA GAMES OFFICIATED BY Y.B. DATUK M. SARAVANAN IN DILI, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE ON 17 APRIL 2017



The Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports, YB Datuk M. Saravanan led the Malaysian delegation to Timor-Leste accompanied by the Chief Executive Officer of Malaysian Organising Committee (MASOC) Secretariat of KL2017, Y.Bhg. Dato' Seri Zolkples Embong, the Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of Youth and Sports (KBS), Mdm Haslina binti Abdul Hamid and the Chairman of the Rising Together Baton Run Committee Mr Ajitpal Singh Santokh Singh. His Excellency Mr. Francisco Kabualdy, The Minister of Tourism Art and Culture cum President of National Olympic Committee (NOC) Timor-Leste were present as the representative of the country and to also celebrate the regional sporting spirit as symbolized by the baton run.

To start the run, YB Datuk M. Saravanan passed the baton to H.E. Mr. Francisco Kalbuady, Minister of Tourism Art and Culture cum President of National Olympic Committee (NOC) Timor-Leste as the representative of the host country and H.E. Mr. Francisco in turn passed the baton to the Main Runner. The starting point at the GMT Stadium, Timor-Leste staged a 10-kilometer baton run which passed through 12 checkpoints including several iconic buildings in the country namely Palace of the President of Timor-Leste, Farol Lighthouse, Jardim 5 de Maio (Park of the 5th May) and several Embassies including the Malaysian Embassy, Brunei Embassy, Korean, Embassy, Japanese Embassy, the US Embassy before reaching the end point at the Secretariat of State for Youth and Sport (SEJD).

The Rising Together Baton Run in Dili was coordinated by the National Organising Committee which comprised of H.E. Mr. Francisco Kalbuady, Minister of Tourism Art and Culture cum President of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) Timor-Leste, H.E. Mr. Leovigildo Hornay, State Secretary of Youth and Sports of Timor-Leste, Mr. Mateus Da Cruz, Coordinator of National Olympic Committee (NOC). Mr. Metódio Caetano Moniz, Director General for the Secretariat of State for Youth and Sports, and Mr. Afranio Xavier Amaral, Confederation of Sports Timor-Leste.

The baton run in Dili also witnessed the participation from senior government officials such as Ministers, Vice Ministers and State Secretaries as well as diplomats from Malaysia and other countries. The spirit of togetherness and unity among the ASEAN Embassies in Dili was felt with the full support from the embassies of Brunei, the Philippines, Indonesia and Thailand besides other mission and international organisations such as South Korea, Cuba, US, Japan, Australia and UNDP.

To complete the run in Dili, the baton was returned to Malaysia to be brought to Cambodia as the next host country.

ARRIVAL OF YB DATUK M SARAVANAN DEPUTY MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS MALAYSIA AT THE PRESIDENTE NICOLAU LOBATO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, DILI



Arrival of YB Datuk M. Saravanan, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports Malaysia and delegation for "Rising Together" Baton Run 2017 in Dili on 16 April 2017 received by H.E. Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah, Ambassador of Malaysia to Timor-Leste, Mr. Metodio Caetano Moniz, Director General of Youth and Sports Timor-Leste and Mr. Mateus da Cruz, Vice President of National Olympic Committee Timor-Leste (NOC-TL) cum Coordinator for Organizing Committee of "Rising Together" Baton Run 2017 in Dili, Timor-Leste.



COURTESY CALL BY DEPUTY MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS, H.E. DATUK M. SARAVANAN AND H.E. AMBASSADOR OF MALAYSIA H.E. MRS. CHITRA DEVI RAMIAH ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR YOUTH AND SPORTS TIMOR-LESTE (SEJD) H.E. MR. LEOVIGILDO HORNAI

YB Datuk M. Saravanan paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Leovigildo Hornay, State Secretary of Youth and Sports of Timor-Leste on 17 April 2017 at the Secretariat of State Youth and Sports Timor-Leste (SEJD). YB Datuk M. Saravanan offered for Malaysia to provide skills development training for the Timorese youth and to also focus on capacity building for youth in sports.



OFFICIAL DINNER HOSTED BY MINISTER OF TOURISM, AND ART AND CULTURE AND PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF TIMOR-LESTE (NOC-TL) ON 17 APRIL 2017 AT DILI CONVENTION CENTRE (DCC)



Official Dinner hosted by H.E. Mr. Francisco Kalbuady Lay, Minister of Tourism, and Art and Culture also the President of National Olympic Committee Timor-Leste (NOC-TL) for YB Datuk M. Saravanan, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports and delegation on 17 April 2017 at the Dili Convention Centre Timor-Leste (DCC).

DINNER HOSTED BY H.E. AMBASSADOR WELCOMING YB DATUK M. SARAVANAN AND DELEGATION ON 16 APRIL 2017

On 16 April 2017, YB Datuk M. Saravanan, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports Malaysia and delegation was welcomed and hosted by H.E. Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah and her spouse, Mr. Rasli Earnest Sanmugam. The delegation members comprised Chief Executive Officer of Malaysian Organising Committee (MASOC) Secretariat of KL2017, Y.Bhg. Dato' Seri Zolkples Embong; the Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of Youth and Sports (KBS), Mdm Haslina binti Abdul Hamid and the Chairman of the Rising Together Baton Run Committee, Mr Ajitpal Singh Santokh Singh, Home Based Staff and Working Committee of the Rising Together Baton Run 2017.



**COURTESY CALL ON VICE-PRESIDENT
OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF
TIMOR-LESTE,
MR. MATEUS DA CRUZ**

H.E. Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah, Ambassador of Malaysia to Timor-Leste had courtesy call on Mr. Mateus Da Cruz, Vice President of National Olympic Committee Timor-Leste on 4 April 2017 at the office of the National Olympic Committee Timor-Leste.



**RISING TOGETHER BATON RUN COORDINATION
MEETING WITH THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE**



Organising Committee coordination meeting chaired by Mr. Mateus da Cruz, Vice President of National Olympic Committee Timor-Leste (NOC-TL) attended by H.E. Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah, Ambassador of Malaysia to Timor-Leste on 7 April 2017 at the office of National Olympic Committee Timor-Leste in Dili. This meeting was held in preparation of "Rising Together Baton Run" in Dili as the 7th destination country scheduled on 17 April 2017 in conjunction with 29th SEA Games and 9th ASEAN Para Games.

SEA GAMES BATON RUN WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARIAT OF YOUTH AND SPORTS OF TIMOR-LESTE ON THE RISING TOGETHER BATON RUN IN DILI ON 15 FEBRUARY 2017

On 15th February 2017, representative from the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Malaysia (KBS), Mr. Ajitpal Singh Santokh Singh with the representative from the Embassy of Malaysia to the DRTL in Dili held a preparatory meeting on the Rising Together Baton Run to be held in Dili with the officials at the Secretariat of State for Youth and Sport (SEJD) of the DRTL at Sional of Dili, Timor-Leste. The meeting was held to discuss on the preparation in organising the Baton Run in Dili and to identify the routes involved in the Baton Run. The meeting was chaired by the Director General of the SEJD, Mr. Metodio Caetano Moniz accompanied by President of National Sports Confederation Mr. Afrânio Xavier Amaral, Secretary General for National Olympic and Mr. Mateus da Cruz, Vice President of Olympic Committee Mr. Julio Sarmiento Lopes.



This meeting has initiated a few more coordination meeting between the Embassy of Malaysia and the organising committee led by Mr. Mateus da Cruz, Vice President of National Olympic Committee of Timor-Leste to realize the event of Baton Run in Dili on 17 April 2017.

PRESS CONFERENCE ON 12 APRIL 2017 FOR THE RISING TOGETHER BATON RUN IN DILI WITH H.E. AMB. MRS. CHITRA DEVI RAMIAH AND THE NOC-TL

On 12 April 2017, a Press Conference was held at the office of the National Olympic Committee of Timor-Leste (NOC-TL) to inform the media and public about the Rising Together Baton Run 2017 to be held on 17 April 2017 in Dili, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste in conjunction with 29th SEA Games and 9th ASEAN Para Games.



From the Editorial Team:

We present to you the “Dili Post” for the mid-year of 2017. In this issue we provide the update on the activities undertaken by the Embassy of Malaysia in Dili, Timor-Leste, ranging from official engagements, social activities, and matters of interest to Malaysia.

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