

# AZERBAIJAN BULLETIN

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## FROM THE AMBASSADOR



Welcome to new and returning readers of AZERBAIJAN BULLETIN.

I am delighted to introduce the second edition of Malawakil Baku's newsletter 2017.

Malawakil Baku had a few rather eventful months since the dissemination of our 1st edition newsletter in April 2017.

Our mission is to open doors of opportunities for Malaysians to explore the potentials in Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan has much to offer to Malaysia, thus, we need to keep flying the *Jalur Gemilang* high with pride in this land of fire.

For this edition, AZERBAIJAN BULLETIN comes with a new look to reflect the excitement and vibrancy in Baku.

Inside this issue, you will find that Malawakil Baku is focusing to establish links between Malaysian and Azerbaijani universities.

The current and future cooperation in education will provide platforms for students especially youths to discover the best of both worlds.

I hope you will enjoy this new edition of AZERBAIJAN BULLETIN.

Best wishes for an exciting Fall 2017!

**H.E Dato' Roslan Tan Sri Abdul Rahman**  
Ambassador



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## LECTURE BY H.E AMBASSADOR AT BAKU STATE UNIVERSITY

On 01 April 2017, H.E. Dato' Roslan Tan Sri Abdul Rahman, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Republic of Azerbaijan, delivered a lecture entitled "Analysis of the Foreign Policy of Malaysia" at Baku State University. The lecture was attended by Dr Elchin Askerov, Director of the Eurasian Regional Centre ICYF-DC and saw the participation of 70 students.

H.E Ambassador provided a brief background on Malaysia's foreign policy with particular emphasis on its role in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and also among the OIC countries.



The lecture was followed by a Questions & Answers (Q&A) session, covering bilateral

relations, regional collaboration, as well as, UN and OIC matters.

The lecture lasted for two (2) hours and was held in a lively and interactive manner.

It is evident that the students benefited from the briefing, judging from the interactive Q&A session and lively atmosphere during the event.



## #BAKU101

Azerbaijan's capital, Baku is often likened to Dubai for its outlandish architecture and appetite for gold. Architectural highlights include the curvaceous Heydar Aliyev Center designed by Zaha Hadid; the mirror-like SOCAR Tower; and the Flame Tower skyscrapers, which represent Azerbaijan's oil and gas reserves.



## REPRESENTATIVES OF EDUCATION MALAYSIA, LIMKOKWING UNIVERSITY OF CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MALAYSIA-WALES PAID A COURTESY CALL ON H.E AMBASSADOR



On 10 April 2017, H.E. Dato' Roslan Tan Sri Abdul Rahman, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Republic of Azerbaijan received a courtesy call by Mr Veejayaasegaran, Senior Manager of International Marketing and Development Department of Education Malaysia Global Services.

He was accompanied by Mr Anthony Michael, Manager of International Marketing Department of the International University of Malaya-Wales, and the representatives of the Limkokwing University of

Creative Technology led by Ms Wendy Wong, the Enrolment Director. Present with the Ambassador were Mr Harris Alwi, Counsellor and Ms Movlana Mammadzada, Translator and Social Secretary of the Embassy.

The representatives of the universities participated at the A2 International Education Fair held from 08-09 April 2017 in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan. According to the representatives, the Azerbaijani students showed a very high interest in the Malaysian education system and universities.

The representatives of the universities also discussed on the scholarship programs for the Azerbaijani students.

H.E Ambassador further explained on the current development of the education sector in Azerbaijan and suggested for Malaysian universities to establish cooperation with potential universities here.

Both sides discussed further on the way forward for mutual cooperation and agreed to expand the bilateral relations in the field of education.

**EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN AZERBAIJAN**  
**STUDY IN MALAYSIA**

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THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO BE SENT TO: [mwbaku@kln.gov.my](mailto:mwbaku@kln.gov.my) WITH THE SUBJECT "SCHOLARSHIP AWARD".

THE APPLICANT SHOULD SUBMIT:

- CV IN ENGLISH WITH THE RECENT PASSPORT SIZE PHOTO;
- ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS; AND
- MOTIVATION LETTER IN ENGLISH.

Pursuant to the discussion, Limkokwing University (LU) had offered five (5) fully paid tuition fees scholarship programs to the Azerbaijani students.

The Embassy on behalf of LU had disseminated information on the scholarship program publicly.

The program was well received by the students who have shown great interest to study in the university. LU also appointed the Embassy to represent its institution in Baku for the preliminary selection process.

The Embassy then held interview sessions with the applicants and presented a list of the shortlisted

students to LU University for their final consideration.

Four students were successfully identified and offered to study in LU. The students will begin their studies in various fields beginning this September 2017. Good Luck and Congratulations!

## COURTESY CALL BY RED CIRCLE PROJECTS SDN BHD



On 10 April 2017, a delegation from the "Red Circle Projects Sdn Bhd" led by Ms Dilys Tan, Director of the company, paid a courtesy call on H.E. Dato' Roslan Tan Sri Abdul Rahman, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Red Circle Projects Sdn Bhd is a stage management expert in building and designing sets, stages and scenic items for events, ceremonies, opera, theatre and musicals based in

Pinewood Iskandar Malaysia Studios in Johor, Malaysia. The company was appointed as one of the contractors for the Opening Ceremony of the 4<sup>th</sup> Islamic Solidarity Games that was held on 12 May 2017 in Baku.

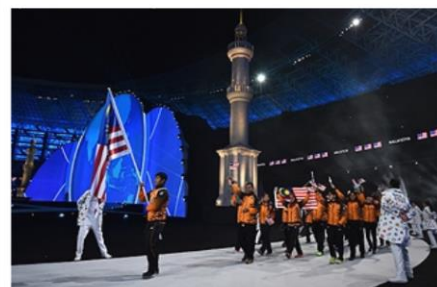
H.E Ambassador welcomed the delegation and shared his experience on living in Baku. He also briefed the delegation on the establishment of the Embassy.

Ceremony of the Azerbaijan's 1<sup>st</sup> European Games.

H.E. Ambassador Roslan congratulated the company for their accomplishments booth at the 1<sup>st</sup> European Games and at the 4<sup>th</sup> Islamic Solidarity Games. He said that Malaysia is very much encouraged to see such a company with great imagination and creativity present at such games.



The company pioneering project in Azerbaijan was in 2015, when they were chosen to build a "Garden of Miniatures" – an exposition of Azerbaijani artistic heritage for the Opening



## UNIVERSITY OF KUALA LUMPUR SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH BAKU HIGHER OIL SCHOOL



An agreement signing ceremony between Baku Higher Oil School (BHOS) and University of Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) was held on 11 of April 2017 at BHOS.

The ceremony was well attended by Mr Elmar Gasimov, BHOS Rector; H.E Dato' Roslan Tan Sri Abdul Rahman, Ambassador of Malaysia to Azerbaijan; Professor Dato' Dr. Azanam Shah Hashim, UniKL Deputy President on Academic and Technology; Assoc. Professor Dr. Sairul Izwan Safie, Dean of Malaysian Institute of Industrial Technology (UniKL MITEC); and representatives of the Malaysian Embassy and BHOS.

In his statement, Mr. Elmar Gasimov emphasized on the importance of the cooperation between Azerbaijan and Malaysia in the field of education. He said

that the signing of the agreement would help to strengthen ties between BHOS and UniKL and would further enhance partnership relations between the two higher educational institutions'. The Rector also informed that both

sides had agreed to launch a student exchange program and develop new joint academic programs on Electronics and



Electrical Engineering.

H.E. Dato' Roslan Tan Sri Abdul Rahman highlighted that it was a historical day for the two (2) universities to establish the cooperation in the field of education. H.E Ambassador also called for other universities in Malaysia to establish cooperation

in the field of education with BHOS.

Speaking at the ceremony, Dato' Dr. Azanam Shah Hashim said that the signing of the agreement with one of the most prestigious higher educational institutions in Azerbaijan would serve the joint interests of both universities and open new prospects in future cooperation.

The agreement provides the platform for both universities to establish cooperation for joint

activities, initiatives and projects. It also includes developing academic programs and training courses;

implementing student and teacher exchange programs; carrying out scientific research; arranging conferences and workshops; and providing postgraduate education and training.

## COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER OF EDUCATION BY UNIVERSITY OF KUALA LUMPUR DELEGATION

On 13 April 2017, H.E. Dato Roslan Tan Sri Abdul Rahman, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Republic of Azerbaijan paid a courtesy call to Mr Jeyhun Bayramov, Deputy Minister of Education of Azerbaijan.

He was accompanied by Professor Dato' Dr Azanam Shah Hashim, Deputy President of the University Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sairul Izwan Safie, Dean of Malaysian Institute of Industrial Technology. The Deputy Minister was accompanied by Mr Tural Ahmadov, Head of International Relations Division and Mr Yagub Piriyevev, Deputy Chief of Staff. Present with H.E Ambassador were also Mr Harris Alwi, Counsellor and Ms Movlana Mammadzada, Translator and Social Secretary of the Embassy. The Deputy Minister welcomed the delegation to Azerbaijan and to the Ministry. H.E Ambassador



thanked Mr Bayramov for receiving the delegation and briefly explained on the establishment of the Embassy of Malaysia in Azerbaijan. He stated that the cooperation between the two countries is expanding with several high level visits particularly the visit by the Prime Minister of Malaysia in 2014 and the opening of the Embassy in Baku. H.E Ambassador also stated that both Malaysia and Azerbaijan have established the Inter-parliamentary Friendship Group.

The Ambassador further explained on UniKL's purpose of visit to Azerbaijan, which is to establish educational links between Malaysian Universities with Azerbaijan Universities.

The Deputy President of UniKL gave a briefing on UniKL and its education majors ranging from engineering to business and medical schools. He had also informed the Deputy Minister on the newly established cooperation between UniKL and Azerbaijani universities. To date, UniKL had signed MoU with the Baku Higher Oil School and Khazar University.

The Deputy Minister welcomed the newly established cooperation and underscored the importance of the cooperation between the universities of the two countries.





The student exchange program is a first step that would benefit both countries in understanding each other's education system. The Deputy Minister also stated that it can be further extended to double

degree and joint degree programs.

He also took the opportunity to explain on the education in Azerbaijan especially on the State

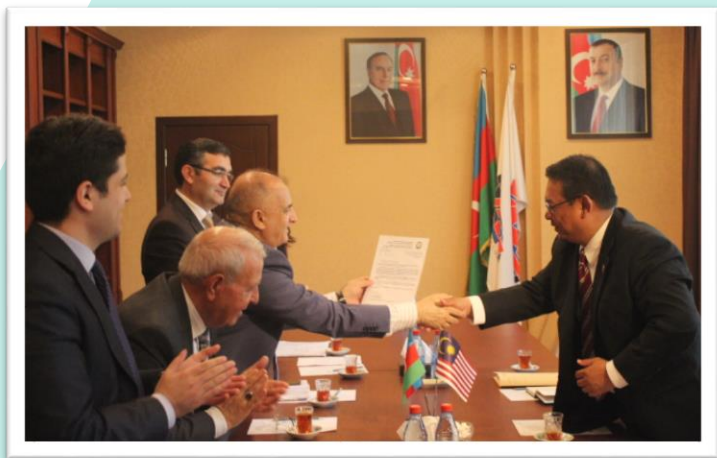
Scholarship program of Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan had sent more than 6500 students abroad through the State Scholarship Program and 1500 of them have returned and ventured into the academic career in Azerbaijan.

The State Scholarship program was held from 2007-2015. He also gave information about the newly established SABAH groups, which is participated by the talented students of the universities. It aims at creating new and different environment in higher education system and also to increase the quality of the education system. Currently, the Ministry is considering to send students abroad for Master's degree and Doctoral Programs.

The Meeting lasted for forty minutes in a very friendly and cordial manner.



## AMBASSADOR OF MALAYSIA MEETING WITH THE RECTOR OF AZERBAIJAN UNIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES AND SHARING SESSION WITH THE STUDENTS



On 21 April 2017, H.E. Roslan Abdul Rahman, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Malaysia to the Republic of Azerbaijan visited the Azerbaijan University of Languages (AUL). H.E. Ambassador was welcomed by the members of the Student Youth Organization and Student Diplomat Club. and met the acting Rector of the AUL, Professor Afgan Abdullayev.

H.E Ambassador was welcomed by Professor Afgan Abdullayev, the Acting Rector of AUL and was given a briefing on AUL's history, schools, learning process and activities. Professor Abdullayev also gave briefings on the international relations section of the university and their cooperation with other foreign universities. During the meeting, Professor Abdullayev had expressed his interest to have Malaysian students at the AUL taking into account their current study programs involving foreign students at the university.

H.E Ambassador thanked the Rector for the warm reception and expressed his pleasure to be at the

university. Noting that it was his first visit to the AUL, H.E Ambassador stated that it was a very good opportunity for the students and himself to have this knowledge sharing session. H.E Ambassador also emphasized on the importance of cooperation between the Malaysian universities and AUL, and provided the information on the universities in Malaysia.

Professor Abdullayev welcomed H.E Ambassador to be a guest lecturer at the AUL. The Ambassador accepted the offer with a great pleasure. Professor Abdullayev also presented an appreciation letter to H.E. Ambassador for his active participation with AUL.

Following the meeting with the Acting Rector, H.E Ambassador met with the students and gave a lecture on "Malaysia's Foreign Policy and its role in the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC)". The session lasted for two hours and ended with a question and answer session.



# HERE'S THE FASTEST WAY TO REGISTER AS A VOTER BEFORE THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION



How do you know if you're eligible? Just in case you're still unsure, you need to be at least 21 years old

### Qualified:

- ✓ A Malaysian citizen above the age of 21;
- ✓ A resident of an election constituency; and
- ✓ Never been barred/disqualified by any laws

### Not Qualified

- ✗ On the qualifying date, you are serving jail term or detained as a person of unsound mind;
- ✗ Before the qualifying date, you have been convicted or sentenced to death or serving jail term of more than 12 months;
- ✗ Found Guilty under the Election Offences Act, 1954; and
- ✗ Have dual citizenship

**What if you're a Malaysian citizen living overseas? Where can you register as voter?**

### Normal Electors & Absent Voters

If you are a Malaysian citizen living, studying or working overseas with all the qualifications to register as voter, here's what you need to do:

- I. Go to the Embassy of Malaysia in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan;
- II. Let us know that you want to register as a voter and bring along your IC and passport;
- III. Fill in the registration forms, ensure that all of the details are accurate; and
- IV. Make a copy of the registration form as a reference.

Absent voters are those specified under Regulation 2 (c) of Election Regulations (Registration of Electors) 2002 as:-

- a. Malaysian civil servants in any state government/ local authority/ statutory authority serving abroad (including spouse); and
- b. Full-time Malaysian students (including spouse) studying abroad at any university/ training institutions. Institute of higher learning.

When the time comes for an election, **Normal Electors** need to return to Malaysia to cast their votes in the constituent/area they have registered.

**Absent voters** can cast their vote through postal ballots. Voting paper will be distributed once Embassy of Malaysia receives it from the Election Commission of Malaysia (SPR).

For more information, kindly visit SPR website at <http://www.spr.gov.my/>.

**PENGUNDI POS LUAR NEGARA**



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PENJAWAT AWAM  
DI LUAR NEGARA  
& PASANGAN**

Teloh mendaftarkan sebagai pengundi dan bertugas di luar negara.



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Malaysia 21  
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DI LUAR NEGARA  
& PASANGAN**

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## VISIT PAHANG YEAR 2017

This year the Pahang state government has launched Visit Pahang Year 2017 and has lined up events and festivals galore. As the largest state in the Peninsular of Malaysia with a whopping 36, 137 km<sup>2</sup> of total area, the state offers some of the more 'touristy' spots in Malaysia.



Some of Malaysia's famous highlands, recreational places, beaches and islands are located in Pahang. The Cameron Highlands, Genting Highlands, Bukit Tinggi and Fraser's Hill for people who just love to be one with nature; Gunung Tahan which rises 2, 187 meters above sea level;

Taman Negara with activities such as rapid shooting, canopy walk and cave exploration; Kuala Gandah Elephant Sanctuary where you can interact with elephants; as well as Cherating and Teluk Cempedak are among the popular beach resort area; while Tioman island, dubbed as 'one of the 10 most famous islands in the world'.

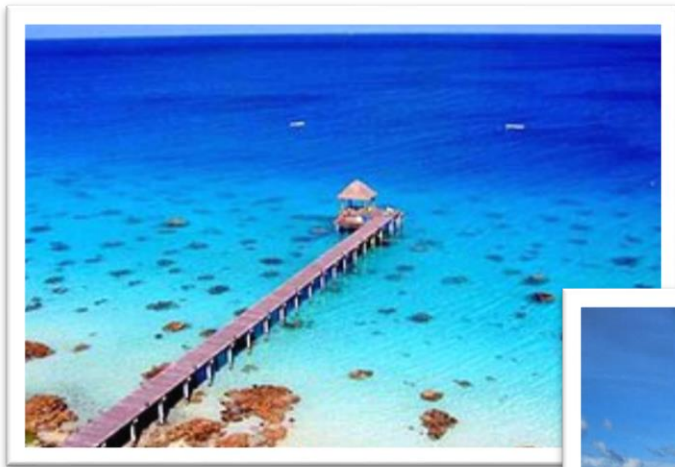
Pahang's uniquely eclectic mix of Malay, Chinese, Indian and Indigenous Peoples makes it an even

bigger draw for foreign tourists. Domestic and foreign tourists are welcomed to visit Pahang and for more information regarding travel info, destination, things to do and calendar of events, go to [www.visitpahang.com](http://www.visitpahang.com) or [www.pahangtourism.org.my](http://www.pahangtourism.org.my).



# VISIT TERENGGANU 2017

Visit Beautiful  
**Terengganu**  
 Malaysia 2017



Terengganu obtained its name from the word "terang ganu" meaning bright rainbow. Terengganu is one of the beautiful states located in Peninsula Malaysia, rich in culture, arts and heritage.

There are many interesting places to be visited in Terengganu such as Kapas Island, Redang Island and Perhentian Island. These three islands are rich in mature coral gardens and popular for diving, snorkelling, beach activities and jungle trekking. Like most Malaysian states, Terengganu too has a wide variety of its own particular cuisine and activities.

Some of the festivals that will be hosted by Terengganu in 2017 include the Terengganu Peranakan Festival from 25 - 30 August, portraying the lifestyle of the Peranakan community; Krobek Festival from 25 - 27 August, showcasing Terengganu arts and handicraft; and the International Gamelan Festival from 25 - 27 August.

In conjunction with "Visit Beautiful Terengganu 2017", Air Asia has introduced the Fly-Thru product where Air Asia will provide low fares and free

seats for flights to Terengganu. In addition, Air Asia has also increased the number of trips from Johor Bahru and Kuala Lumpur to Terengganu. There is a Terengganu specific app worth checking out: *Tourism Malaysia E-Brochure App*, making it easier for the tourist to find interesting places to visit and plan their vacation.

Terengganu has also introduced a "*Pakej Pelancongan Beautiful Terengganu Dekat Je Holiday Packages 2017*", designed to attract tourists.

For more information, visit the "Visit Beautiful Terengganu 2017" webpage <http://beautifulterengganu.com/> has more detail information on Terengganu's tropical gateway.



## PLACES TO VISIT IN AZERBAIJAN

### MAIDEN TOWER

Unique in world architecture, this ancient, almost windowless, eight-storey fortress was reconstructed in the 12th century.

Measuring nearly 30 metre tall and around 16 metre in diameter, Maiden Tower was once the largest and most impressive building in Azerbaijan. Its century of construction is the subject of much debate, though its present form is 12th century. The Azeri name, Qyz Qalasy, is usually rendered 'maiden's tower' in English, leading to plenty of patently fictitious fairy-tales.

#### Why is it called Maiden Tower?

Many legends surround the name. Most of them centre around the word-"Maiden." The most prominent legend of a maiden (said to be the daughter of the Khan of Baku) who threw herself off its top to her death in the waves below. Some sources claimed that she was the sister rather than the daughter of the king who was actually incarcerated by her brother. She jumped to death from the top of the tower to escape from the ignominy of incarceration. Another explanation for the name is testament to the fact that the tower has never been taken by force (hence a metaphorical reference to 'virginity') True or not, the name gave defenders of such towers a certain feeling of invincibility.

Maiden Tower's architectural plan, seemingly so simple, consists of walls which at the base are extraordinarily thick, beginning at five meters in depth and gradually narrowing to four meters at the top. Today, dwarfed by the emergence of skyscrapers, it still manages to retain its status of Azerbaijan's unofficial symbol. It lies at the heart of Baku's Old city and is listed on UNESCO's world heritage list.



Historians agree that it has served as a defensive tower; beyond the claim it was also a lookout post, a fire beacon, a Zoroastrian tower of silence or even an astronomical observatory.

The highlight of the visit to Maiden Tower is the superb rooftop viewpoint surveying Baku Bay and the Old City. The views from the top are worth the climb, with a sweeping panorama of the Old City, the new skyscrapers on the hills and the Caspian Sea.





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