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**After PM Najib's Official Visit to China in November 2016, the Malaysian Leader undertook yet another landmark visit to Beijing for the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation on 14-15 May 2017**

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# Working Visit YAB Deputy Prime Minister to the People's Republic of China, 10-15 January 2017

Within a span of one year, YAB Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia undertook yet another significant Working Visit to Beijing and Kunming from 10—15 January 2017. His last visit to China was in February 2016.

In Beijing YAB DPM met with H.E. Meng Jianzhu, Secretary of Central Political and Legal Affairs, Communist Party of China and H.E. Guo Sheng Kun, Minister of Public Security of the People's Republic of China (PRC), to exchange views on security cooperation between Malaysia and China.

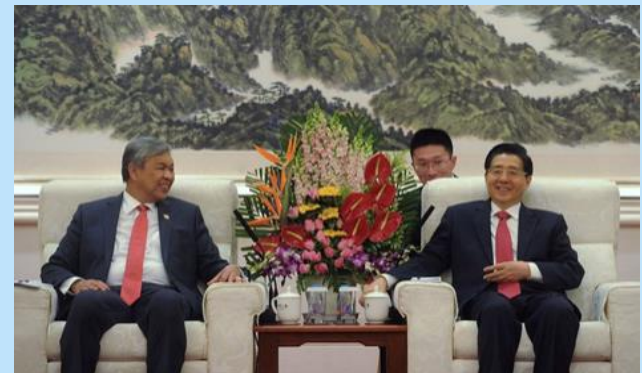
YAB DPM also met with the President of Interpol, Meng Hongwei.

In Kunming, YAB DPM visited the Yunnan Police College.

YAB DPM's latest visit to China further cemented the existing good relations between both sides.



**YAB DPM with H.E. Dato' Zainuddin Yahya, Ambassador of Malaysia to the PRC**



**YAB DPM meeting with H.E. Guo Shengkun**



**YAB DPM with H.E. Meng Jianzhu**



**YAB DPM meeting with Interpol President, Meng Hongwei**

***“As we promote regional and global infrastructure development, it is important that we do so sustainably “ - YAB Dato’ Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia***



**Belt and Road Forum  
for International Cooperation**

YAB PM participated at the inaugural Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing from 14—15 May 2017. There were 28 Heads of State/ Governments who also attended the forum.

YAB Prime Minister regarded the Belt and Road initiative as a milestone initiative, which marks a fundamental shift in the way that countries come together to cooperate for mutual benefit.

YAB PM also took the opportunity to discuss bilateral issues during his meeting with President Xi Jinping and Premier LI Keqiang respectively on 13 May 2017. YAB PM’s delegation comprised of the Special Envoy to China, 6 Cabinet Ministers and 3 Chief Ministers.

YAB PM’s latest visit to Beijing further strengthened the Malaysia-China relations and enabled the Leaders of both countries to take stock of the existing cooperation between Malaysia and China.



**YAB PM delivering an intervention at the BRF titled “Promote pragmatic cooperation especially in connectivity to achieve interactive development”**

# Snapshots of YAB PM's Working Visit to China, 12-16 May 2017



**YAB PM and Alibaba Founder Jack Ma during the former's brief stopover in Hangzhou**



**YAB PM was given the privilege to sit beside President Xi during the BRF working luncheon**



**YAB PM together with 28 Leaders at the BRF**



**BRF Leaders' Round Table Meeting**

## Working Visit by YB Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Minister of Defence to the People's Republic of China, 19-23 April 2017



The Hon. Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein inspecting the Guard of Honour



YB Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Minister of Defence, Malaysia undertook a Working Visit to Beijing from 19-23 April 2017.

Apart from meeting with his Chinese counterpart, General Chang Wanquan, Datuk Seri Hishammuddin also met with China's Central Military Commission Vice-Chairman General Xu Qiliang, State Councillor of the State Council Yang Jiechi and Minister of Public Security Guo Shengkun.

The visit enabled both sides to enhance defense and security cooperation.

***"Both countries also agreed on the need to give serious attention to the global security landscape which is fast changing and becoming more challenging..." Hon. Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.***



The Hon. Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein and H.E. Dato' Zainuddin Yahya having a light moment at a dinner reception hosted by General Xu Qiliang

# In and around...Ambassador's diary



**Visit to Department of Education, Shaanxi Province, 27 March 2017**



**Visit to Fashion Engineering University, Shaanxi Province, 29 March 2017**



**Visit to Xi'an University, Shaanxi Province, 28 March 2017**



**Visit to Xi'an International University, Shaanxi Province, 29 March 2017**



**Visit to Xi'an University of Technology, Shaanxi Province, 28 March 2017**



**Visit to Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology, Shaanxi Province, 29 March 2017**



**Meeting with 12 Senior High School Principals in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, 9 June 2017**



**Visit to Peihua Xi'an University, Shaanxi Province, 27 March 2017**

## 8 Embassy Activities



Malawakil Beijing's annual *Bazar Ramadhan* was a hit yet again this year!

Some 200 visitors from all walks of life in Beijing visited the annual event, held on 10 June 2017. It was an opportunity not to be missed.

This year, the theme of the Bazar was "Taste of Malaysia." An array of Malaysian all time favorites such as nasi lemak, *roti jala*, *kuih ketayap*, *kari laksa*, *teh tarik*, ABC and many more were sold during a bright sunny afternoon in Beijing

Suffice to say, all items were sold out within 2 hours! Says a lot about our chefs doesn't it?



# Malawakil Beijing wishes our readers....

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# ASEAN ACTIVITIES



Clockwise from top left: Handing over of the ASEAN Committee in Beijing (ACB) Chairmanship from Cambodia to Indonesia, 30 June 2017; ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) Joint Executive Board (JEB) Meeting, 24 May 2017; ASEAN Farewell Luncheon for H.E. Liu Zhen Min, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, 5 July 2017; ACC JEB Meeting, 14 February 2017; Second ACB Meeting, 30 June 2017; and Presenting the ACB Plaque to H.E. Liu Zhen Min, 5 July 2017.



# Malaysia's New King



SULTAN MUHAMMAD V

Date of birth: 6 October 1969

Education: Sultan Ismail School (76-81)  
 Alice Smith School (83)  
 Oakham School UK (89)  
 Oxford University (89-91)  
 Courses at Huron University  
 College, Deutsche Stiftung  
 Internationale Entwicklung,  
 European Business School  
 London.

Hobbies: Horse-riding, reading,  
 golfing, shooting,  
 badminton, bowling,  
 football, 4WD expeditions

The new *Yang di-Pertuan Agong* (King) of Malaysia, Sultan Muhammad V, took his oath of office on 13 December 2016 in a simple yet highly symbolic ceremony at the *Istana Negara* (National Palace).

Also in attendance were the Conference of Rulers or their representatives, i.e. the Sultans and the Yang di-Pertua Negeri (rulers) of the other states in Malaysia. The ceremony itself was chaired by the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

Malaysia practices a constitutional monarchy system, with the post of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong rotated among the nine Sultans in Malaysia. The decision of which of the nine will be the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is made by the Conference of Rulers, taking into account a number of factors including the principle of geographical rotation.

Once appointed, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong presides over all federal ceremonies involving the monarchy, and is resides at the National Palace in Kuala Lumpur. In his own home state, a regent will be appointed to oversee state ceremonial matters.

Sultan Muhammad V becomes the 15<sup>th</sup> Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, corresponding with 60 years of Malaysia's independence. The last time a Sultan of Kelantan was the Yang di-Pertuan Agong was in 1975, in the form of Sultan Muhammad V's grandfather.

The Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah (picture below), was officially appointed as the Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong at the same ceremony.





The 2050 National Transformation or *Transformasi Nasional* (TN50) is a new 30-year transformation plan for Malaysia. It is a new vision for Malaysia, announced by the Prime Minister of Malaysia during the 2017 Budget. TN50 aims to transform Malaysia into a nation of caliber with a new mindset. TN50 will span three decades, and the youths of all races will form the core of this new transformation plan.

On 19 January 2017, the Malaysian Prime Minister, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Razak, launched the first series of national discourse to chart the nation's direction on a new canvas as the 2050 National Transformation with some 500 youth leaders at Dewan Tunku Canselor, University Malaya. The general goal for TN50 is for Malaysia to become a top 20 country in the world by the year 2050.

In the run up to the unveiling of TN50 in 2019, there will be a series of discussions on what the Malaysian identity should be by 2050 – in terms of how Malaysians view themselves as diverse Malaysians.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports is tasked to collect views from youths in the first few months of this year, before moving on to other groups. The year 2017 will be spent collecting views from public with 2018 the year for the Government to have more focused discussions with experts to see whether the views and suggestions are realistic. Near the end of the next year or early 2019, the Government will form a policy document on TN50 to be announced by the Prime Minister.



***“Let TN50 bear witness; (let it) be recorded in history that we are responsible citizens and forefathers, to leave behind the best and the greatest legacy to be inherited by future generations. “From now on, TN50 is our lucky charm. Let the old legacy pass. The future of Malaysia, we will recreate,” - Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, 21 October 2016.***

# Malaysia at a glance...



# 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



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## CHINA

Adding another tough market to our portfolio, we were appointed by the Public Works Department to be turnkey contractor for a new chancery building of the Embassy of Malaysia in Beijing, being part of the development programme under the Seventh Malaysia Plan. The project spread over a built up area of 1,901.74 sq ft for offices and residences at the third diplomatic enclave of Liangmaqiao, Chao Yang District.

The design was based on the traditional Malay house concept and blended harmoniously with its surrounding while standing out as an architectural icon in Beijing. With the construction of this building, the Malaysian government would save rental and minimize the flow of our currency to China.

The project work began on 15 February 2000 and completed on 21 July 2002. Though we ran into numerous challenges in the form of cultural differences and working environment, awareness of the local requirements, climatic condition and conditions of contract ensured satisfactory completion. There was always a close coordination between the client, architect, engineer and interior designer even prior to



tendering stage to capture design intents and iron out problems that could have been confronted during the course of construction. The project gave our team the opportunity for them to learn and understand the local requirements, especially when dealing with more than 12 authorities, differences in climates and culture, various requirements of the local policies, local people, local suppliers and subcontractors. On top of that, the team were exposed in new construction technologies which benefited the industry locally.

This project also exposed our technical team and local consultants to work in four-season environment, where in a precise planning is needed to ensure the highest productivity at every seasonal condition. For instance, work will be adjourned during extreme winter and to mitigate the delay in the work programme, the team would therefore work 24 hours a day.

Overall, the successful completion of this project not only enhanced Malaysia's reputation in China, but significantly marked the Malaysian contractors' ability to carry out the most challenging overseas projects. The Beijing Construction Safety Committee recognized the project as one of 2000's most well-managed project sites, with special mention for its functionality and aesthetics. On 14 March 2004, the building was complemented by the Ambassador's Official Residence.



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