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PERWAKILAN

TN50: What is it?

Daulat Tuanku!

April 24th 2017 will be a joyous moment as Malaysians Welcome the Country's 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong (Federal King).



Sultan Muhammad V of Kelantan was elected the 15th *Yang di-Pertuan Agong* to succeed Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah during a special meeting of the Conference of Rulers in October 2016. Following the election, His Majesty 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). The Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah, was officially appointed as the Deputy *Yang di-Pertuan Agong* at the same ceremony.

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 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's installation as the 15th *Yang di-Pertuan Agong* of Malaysia corresponds 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 (Sultan Yahya Petra Ibni Al-Mahum Sultan Ibrahim, 1975-1979).

About Sultan Muhammad V



Date of birth: 6 October 1969

Education: Sultan Ismail School (76-81)

Alice Smith School (83)

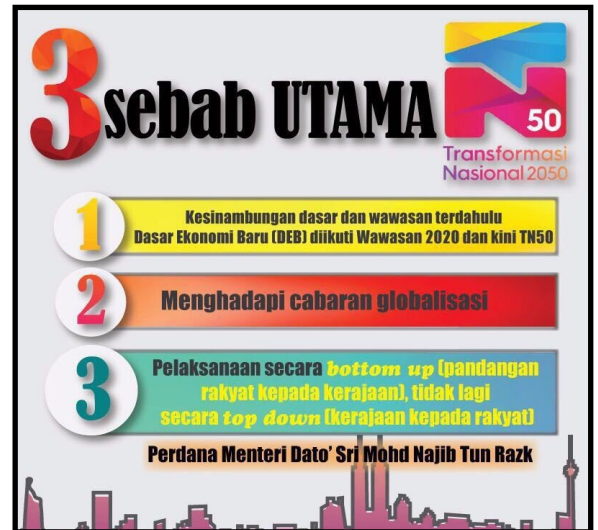
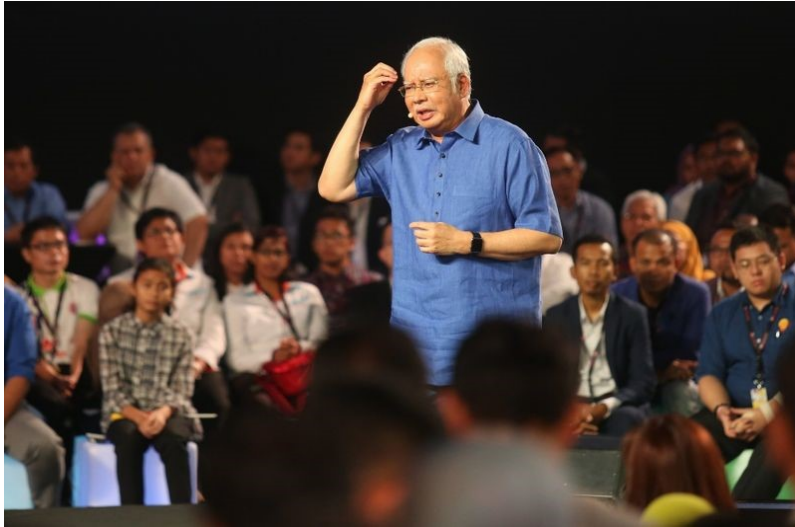
Oakham School UK (89)

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

Prime Minister Introduces TN50 in Preparing Malaysia for the Future



“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.

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 Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Razak during the tabling of 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. It also aims at making Malaysia one of the world's top 20 nations by 2050. After Vision 2020, TN50 will be the roadmap that will transform the country's economy, citizen well-being, environment, technology, social interaction, governance and public administration.

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. On 19 January 2017, Prime Minister launched the first of series of national discourse with some 500 youth leaders at *Dewan Tunku Canselor*, University Malaya.

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

Achieving 33 million Tourist Arrivals by 2020

It has not exactly been smooth sailing for Malaysia's tourism industry in recent years. Despite that, continuous efforts are made to encourage more foreign tourists to visit the country. The Malaysian Tourism Transformation Plan targets 33 million tourist arrivals in the country by the year 2020.

Berlin, 7 March - In 2017, Malaysia made its 45th appearance at the *Internationale Tourismus Börse* (ITB), the world's biggest travel trade fair. Minister of Tourism and Culture of Malaysia Dato' Sri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz led a delegation of more than a 110 officials from more than 40 agencies at the week-long fair.

Kicking-off Malaysia's agenda at ITB 2017 was a delegation briefing session held at the Embassy of Malaysia on 7 March 2017. The session was opened by H.E. Ambassador and Chairman of Tourism Malaysia, Dato' Dr. Siew Ka Wei. Thereafter, Mr. Wan Zawawi Mohammed, Senior Director of Tourism Malaysia, briefed members of the Malaysia delegation the current tourism industry trends in the world, Europe and Malaysia. A follow-up presentation was delivered by Mr. Zeynal Atmacam from Transorient Touristik GmbH, a German tour company operating in Malaysia. Mr. Atmacam shared some observations on German tourists impression on Malaysia and what could be improved to attract more of them to Malay-



sia.

Throughout the week, the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Culture and members of the delegation held meetings with key industry players to discuss mutually-beneficial ways to boost Malaysia's tourism industry. A number of side events were also organized by Tourism Malaysia and the Embassy on the occasion of the fair.

(See page 6 for the Malaysian Cultural Morning organized by PERWAKILAN Berlin)

1. Mr. Wan Zawawi Mohammed briefing the Malaysian delegates.
2. Official opening of the Malaysian pavilion at Messe Berlin by the Hon. Dato' Sri Nazri Aziz.
3. Malaysian pavilion at Hall 26, Messe Berlin.
4. Representatives from Kadazan ethnic group posing with Air Asia representatives.
5. Malaysian delegation at the ITB 2017.



A Morning of Malaysian Culture with PERWAKILAN

Berlin, March 10 - Spouse of Ambassador Datin Siti Hawa Othman hosted diplomatic spouses and ladies during a morning of Malaysian culture at the Embassy. Organized by the Ladies Association of the Embassy of Malaysia (PERWAKILAN) in conjunction with ITB 2017, the event was attended by some 100 guests from the diplomatic spouse association *Wilkommen in Berlin*, Malaysia Club Berlin, and friends of Malaysia.

Guests were entertained by a medley of traditional dances performed by a Kadazan cultural troupe "Era Budaya Papar". A young Malaysian talent Jessie Hong was also featured, entertaining the audience with instrumental rendition of Malaysian classics "Warisan" and "Getaran Jiwa".



Ambassador Leads Delegation to the Ministerial Summit on Patient Safety

Bonn, 30 March - H.E. Ambassador represented the Honourable Minister of Health of Malaysia at the Second Global Ministerial Summit for Patient Safety at the World Conference Centre. Hosted by the Federal Minister of Health Hermann Gröhe, the Summit saw participation from ministers and high-ranking officials from more than 50 countries and international organisations including the World Health Organization (WHO), World Bank, the OECD and the Council of Europe.

The Summit comprised workshops covering a wide spectrum of topics including the economy and efficiency of patient safety, mobile health and preventing infections; as well as ministerial debate on health policy consequences. The Summit supported the shared initiative of Germany and the UK to draft a WHA resolution in order to establish September 17th as the Global Day of Patient Safety.

During the Summit, Dr. Nor'Aishah Abu Bakar, Head of Patient Safety Unit, Medical Care Quality Section from the Ministry of Health Malaysia tabled a paper titled "Mandatory Patient Safety Courses in Malaysia – Doing More with Less". The paper highlighted efforts made by the Malaysian Government to provide patient safety education to house officers in Malaysia at minimal cost.



Ambassador with Director General of WHO Mrs. Margaret Chan (2nd from left) and members of the Malaysian delegation.



Federal Minister for Health Mr. Hermann Gröhe delivering his statement at the Ministerial Summit.



Hheads of delegation posing for a group photo with Federal Minister for Health Mr. Hermann Gröhe (front row, 4th from left).

Promoting Greater Economic Exchanges Between Germany and Asia Through Dialogues

Asia is becoming increasingly important to global economy. With encouraging economic growth, huge market and competitive production cost, it is no surprise that more companies, including those from Germany, are giving more attention to Asia. Despite that, much of the region remains unfamiliar to German businesses.

In 2016, Member of the *Bundestag* Mark Hauptmann (CDU) convened for the first time, the Asian-German Business Dialogue as an initiative to bring together decision-makers and businesses from Asia and Germany in order to promote closer economic ties between the two sides. This year, Malaysia is one of the backers of the initiative.

Berlin, 30 March - Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Dr. Gerd Müller stressed that German businesses must practice fair trade in their dealings with Asia. Stating that while the term “fair trade” has been portrayed negatively due to its association with the new US administration, Dr. Müller explained that what he meant was that businesses should take into account the sustainability of their operations in Asia. Among others, companies should ensure that their local employees are paid fairly and rendered the necessary protection.

Dr. Müller was amongst the prominent speakers at the 2nd Asia-German Business Dialogue, which took place at the Allianz Forum near the iconic Brandenburger Tor. The event drew participation of a crowd comprised mostly of politicians, government officials and businesses from Germany and Asia. The two-day event comprised of keynote speeches, company presentations and panel discussions which covered themes such as sustainability, science and technology, and fair trade. The Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) was one of the key sponsors of the event.

On the second day of the event, participants gathered at the *Paul-Löbe-Haus* for a discussion on ASEAN’s economic potentials. Guided by findings of a study conducted by Ernst & Young, the meeting also discussed ways in which German businesses interested in

penetrating the ASEAN market can take advantage of some of the financial assistances offered in the region.

(Photos courtesy of MIDA Frankfurt)



Calfield Sdn. Bhd. Pens a Deal with PT Herfinta Farms & Plantation, EnviTec Biogas AG

Berlin, 18 January - H.E. Ambassador witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Calfield Sdn. Bhd. (Malaysia), PT Herfinta Farm & Plantation (Indonesia) and EnviTec Biogas AG (Germany) at the Marriott Hotel Berlin. Also present at the signing ceremony was the Ambassador of Indonesia to Germany, H.E. Fauzi Bowo.

The MoU initiates a joint venture between Calfield, PT Herfinta and EnviTec in relation to the operation of PT Power Energi Nusantara Indonesia, a Joint Venture Company specially incorporated to develop and operate the biogas power plant. PT Power Energi Nusantara Indonesia has recently received the approval of Indonesia's Investment Coordination Board ("BKPM") to commence its venture into the biogas sector with an approved initial investment of IDR 199 billion in North Sumatra, Indonesia.



Ambassador and his Indonesian counterpart Amb. Bowo (3rd from left) witnessing the signing of the MoU.

OAV Bremen Celebrates its 116th Anniversary



Bremen, 24 February - H.E. Ambassador joined members of the *Ostasiatischer Verein Bremen (OAV) e.V.*'s 116th *Stiftungsfest* (anniversary celebration), held in the iconic UNESCO Heritage Building *Bremer Rathaus*.

Founded in 1901, OAV Bremen was established as a "home" for merchants and ships' captains who had lived and worked in Asia. After their final return to Bremen, the founding fathers were keen to reminisce about their experiences in Asia and thus OAV was created. Over the years, OAV has remained a convivial meeting place for people who have an active professional or cultural interest in Asia.

The OAV currently has some 100 company members and around 400 individual members. While it began as a haven for businessmen and ships' captains, nowadays its membership extends to professionals from other walks of life such as scientists, engineers and lawyers.



Ambassador Inaugurated as the President of the Diplomatic Council

Frankfurt am Main, 3 February - H.E. Ambassador was inaugurated as the new President of the Diplomatic Council (DC) during the Council's Gala at Grandhotel Hessischer Hof. The Gala was preceded by a meeting of DC's members, during which current issues such as business in the USA under the Trump administration, the impacts of Turkey's political development on the economy, the future role of the United Nations, Social Entrepreneurship, etc. were discussed. Addressing the guests at the Gala after his inauguration, H.E. Ambassador thanked members of the Council for entrusting him with the role and expressed readiness to promote further dialogue within the Council in bringing diplomats and businesses closer. He also spoke on 60 years of Malaysia's diplomatic relations with Germany and highlighted ASEAN's achievements since it was established 50 years ago.

The Diplomatic Council was founded as a global think tank aimed at bridging diplomacy, economy and society. The Council is driven by active members from diplomacy, economy and society who are honoured and committed to help encouraging intercultural relations, enhancing international understanding and promoting a more peaceful relations amongst nations.



Former Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier Inaugurated as the 12th President of the Federal Republic of Germany



Berlin, 22 March - H.E. Ambassador joined other heads of diplomatic mission and prominent personalities at the *Reichstag* to witness the inauguration of former Federal Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier as the 12th President of the Federal Republic of Germany. Steinmeier's presidency was confirmed after 931 out of 1136 members of the Federal Convention (*Bundesversammlung*) voted him during an election on 12 February 2017.

BAC Welcomes the Philippines as the New Chair



Berlin, January 26 - The Embassy of Myanmar hosted a Berlin ASEAN Committee (BAC) meeting, during which the Chairmanship of the Committee was handed over to the Philippines. Addressing other ASEAN Ambassadors prior to handover, Ambassador of Myanmar H.E. Yin Yin Myint thanked the BAC members for the support rendered throughout Myanmar's chairmanship, which ran for the period of 21 July 2016 - 26 January 2017. The Committee also adopted Myanmar's chairmanship report, which was subsequently submitted to the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta.

Immediately after taking over the chairmanship, the new BAC Chair H.E. Melita Sta-Maria Thomeczek presented the Philippines' programme of work for the period of January – June 2017.

ASEAN Ambassadors Meet German Parliamentarians

Berlin, January 26 - H.E. Ambassador and his ASEAN colleagues met Parliamentarians from the Parliamentary ASEAN Friendship Group at Hotel Adlon. The group, led by its Chairman Dr. Thomas Gambke (Green Party) has been actively engaging ASEAN embassies in recent years to promote closer engagement between ASEAN and Germany. During the meeting, Ambassadors and MPs exchanged views on recent developments, most notably the changes that the new US administration under President Donald Trump will bring as well as how it will affect Germany and ASEAN. The meeting also discussed developments in the renewable energy and technical training sectors in ASEAN, and how Germany can help the region further develop in those sectors as a development partner.



“Makan Besar” at the Embassy



Berlin, January 28 - To kick-start MCB's year, the Club organized a Chinese New Year dinner at the Embassy. The event received overwhelming response from Malaysians living in Berlin and the surrounding regions. After the welcoming address from Ambassador and CNY message from MCB executive committee members, *yee sang* were tossed to symbolize good fortune for the upcoming year. Guests also indulged in a spread of CNY-themed dishes, participated in a karaoke session and tried their luck in tombola.

MCB also used the occasion of the New Year to launch its website. The page can be accessed via url <http://malaysiaclubberlin.com/>

Malaysian Food Heritage

Berlin, February 25 - MCB and the Embassy of Malaysia co-hosted a presentation and cooking demonstration “Malaysian Food Heritage” at the Embassy. The event featured Associate Professor Dr. M. Shahrim Ab Karim from the Department of Food Service Management at University Putra Malaysia, who delivered a presentation on the characteristics of Malaysian cuisine and the role of geography in defining such characteristics. Assisted by Chef Luqman Zhulkepli from *Rumah Malaysia*, Prof. Dr. Shahrim also demonstrated to the audience a few simple recipes – *nasi ulam* (herbal rice), prawn *sambal* and lemongrass tea.

Guests were also treated to a spread of tropical fruits, flown all the way from Malaysia courtesy of DRS Trading Sdn. Bhd. Creative uses of said fruits were also showcased through some of the other dishes prepared beforehand by Prof. Dr. Shahrim and Chef Luqman (such as jackfruit cake, dragonfruit smoothie and durian fritters).



Karipap

Karipap (or Currypuff) is another morning / afternoon tea classic. Savoury and wholesome, the snack is essentially perhaps the Malaysian equivalent of Empanada (Latin America), Cornish pasty (England) and Pastel (Indonesia). Curried potato forms the base of the filling, but chicken or beef are often added for additional flavour and variety.

Note: Makes approx. 20 pieces

Ingredients:

200g chicken (diced)
 2 large potatoes (diced)
 1/2 onion (diced)
 2 cloves garlic (minced)
 Grated ginger
 Chopped coriander
 1 tbsp. curry powder
 2 cups wheat flour
 1 tbsp. butter
 Sugar and salt to taste



- Steps:
- 1) To make the filling, heat the oil in pan over medium heat. Sauté the onions until golden.
 - 2) Add curry powder and stir until fragrant. Add the chicken, potatoes and coriander and fry until cooked and the potatoes are tender. Season with sugar and salt.
 - 3) Combine the flour, salt and butter in a mixing bowl until sandy consistency is achieved.
 - 4) Add water, little at a time and knead until a dough is formed. Divide into small and thin discs and refrigerate.
 - 5) Flatten the dough discs using a rolling pin and spoon filling on the dough. Fold and crimp the edges together.
 - 6) Deep-fry the pastries on medium heat until golden brown.

Learn some Malay words

Malaysia is undoubtedly an English speaker-friendly country. English is taught at schools as a compulsory subject, so most Malaysians understand if not speak the language fluently. Despite that, knowing some Malay is always a bonus. Malaysians are usually very appreciative to foreigners who make effort to converse in the language, even if it is just a word or two.

Let's start with some basic greetings:

Selamat sejahtera - A general greeting phrase, a Malay language equivalent of "Good day"

Selamat pagi - Good morning

Selamat tengahari - Good afternoon

Selamat petang - Good afternoon / evening (generally used during the period between 1:00-11:00pm)

Selamat malam - Good night (usually used when parting with another person for the day)

Apa khabar? - How are you?

Sudah makan? - Literally means "Have you eaten?", but is often used as a friendly greeting or conversation starter

Exciting Events in Malaysia Throughout the Year!

Planning to visit Malaysia some time this year? Be sure to check out and take advantage of the events lined up throughout the year. Information on many more activities can be found in Tourism Malaysia and state tourism agencies' websites.

<p>APR</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 APRIL 2017 Jamming in The Park - Pangung Anniversary - KL KL Car Free Morning - KL KL Street Jam - Medan Pasar & Dataran Merdeka • 15 APRIL 2017 Irama Malaysia Concert • 16 APRIL 2017 KL Car Free Morning - KL KL Street Jam - Medan Pasar & Dataran Merdeka
<p>MAY</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 MAY 2017 MAKSWIP RUN 2017 - Kuala Lumpur • 18 MAY 2017 KL Tourism Mayor's Award 2017 - KL Convention Centre • 21 MAY 2017 Standard Chartered KL Marathon 2017 - Dataran Merdeka
<p>JUNE</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 JUNE 2017 KL Car Free Morning - KL KL Street Jam - Medan Pasar & Dataran Merdeka • 18 JUNE 2017 KL Car Free Morning - KL KL Street Jam - Medan Pasar & Dataran Merdeka
<p>JULY</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 JULY 2017 KL Car Free Morning - KL KL Street Jam - Medan Pasar & Dataran Merdeka • 8 JULY 2017 Jamming in The Park - Pangung Anniversary- KL • 21 JULY - 30 AUGUST 2017 KL Kitchen Festival 2017 - Kuala Lumpur
<p>AUG</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 - 13 AUGUST 2017 Samarah@Kuala Lumpur - Star Hill, Kuala Lumpur • 17 - 31 AUGUST 2017 KUALA LUMPUR SEA GAMES 2017 - Bukit Jalil • 19 AUGUST 2017 ROCKESTRA - Pangung Anniversary- KL
<p>SEP</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 SEPTEMBER 2017 Malaysia Day Run 2017 Pangung Anniversary (50th Anniversary) • 17 SEPTEMBER 2017 KL Car Free Morning - KL KL Street Jam - Medan Pasar & Dataran Merdeka • 16 - 26 SEPTEMBER 2017 KL Kitchen Festival 2017 - Kuala Lumpur

OCT



- **13-15 OCTOBER 2017**
Opera Bangsawan Bandaraya - City Hall Auditorium
- **21 OCTOBER 2017**
Irama Dangdut Concert - Panggung Anniversary, KL
- **29 OCTOBER 2017**
KL Iron Man Challenge 2017 - Dataran Merdeka, KL

NOV



- **11 NOVEMBER 2017**
KING OF BAND - Dataran Merdeka, KL
- **25 NOVEMBER 2017**
Rainforest Challenge 2017 Flag Off
- **25-26 NOVEMBER 2017**
Soccer Kidz (Circuit 2) - Setiawangsa Mini Stadium, KL

DEC



- **1-6 DECEMBER 2017**
Global Summit City Tourism 2017 - Majestic Hotel, KL
- **9-10 DECEMBER 2017**
Drum & Dance Festival 2017 - Panggung Anniversary, KL
Soccer Kidz (Final) - Setiawangsa Mini Stadium, KL
- **17 DECEMBER 2017**
KL Free Morning - KL

Upcoming Embassy's Events



Forum "ASEAN in 2017: Taking New Opportunities through Trade Policy"

When?: 26 April 2017, 0930-1230h

Where?: Hall 3, Hannover Messe, Hannover

More information on how to participate at <http://www.hannovermesse.de/veranstaltung/asean-in-2017-taking-new-opportunities-through-trade-policy/FOR/78158>



ASEAN Film Festival

When?: 6, 17, 19 May 2017

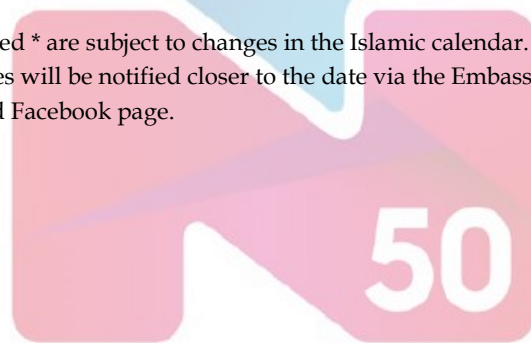
Where?: University of Hamburg, Hamburg (6 May)
Haus Ungarn, Berlin (17 & 19 May)

More information on the event to be posted on the Embassy's official webpage and Facebook in the coming days.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS OBSERVED BY THE EMBASSY IN 2017

- Good Friday, 14 April (Friday)
- Easter Monday, 17 April (Monday)
- Labour Day, 1 May (Monday)
- Ascension Day, 25 May (Thursday)
- Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong's Birthday, 3 June (Saturday)
- Whit Monday, 5 June (Monday)
- Eidul Fitri, 25-26 June (Sunday - Monday)*
- National Day, 31 August (Thursday)
- Eidul Adha, 1 September (Friday)*
- Malaysia Day, 16 September (Saturday)
- Awwal Muharram (Muslim New Year), 21 September (Thursday)
- German Day of Unity, 3 October (Tuesday)
- Deepavali, 18 October (Wednesday)
- Reformation Day, 31 October (Tuesday)
- Maulidurrasul (Prophet Muhammad's Birthday), 1 December (Friday)
- Christmas, 25-26 December (Monday - Tuesday)

Dates marked * are subject to changes in the Islamic calendar.
Any changes will be notified closer to the date via the Embassy's official website and Facebook page.



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