



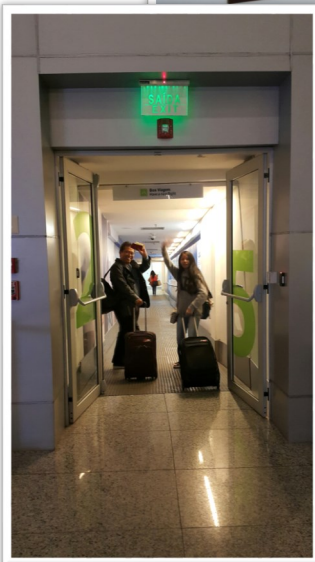
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Farewell to a boss, like no other!



Ambassador Datuk Rahimi ended his tour of duty in Brazil and returned to Malaysia on 19 June 2017.

Serving Malaysia's flavours at ASEAN Cultural and Food Festival



On 20 May 2017, Malaysia participated in the annual ASEAN Cultural and Food Festival (ACFC) held at the Indonesian Embassy in Brasilia.

The ACFC 2017 was part of activities organized by the ASEAN Committee In Brasilia (ACB) aimed to promote ASEAN cultures and cuisines in Brazil.

Among the activities held were the sale of food and handicraft from ASEAN countries, cultural performances and traditional costumes fashion show.

Malaysia has been actively involved in ACBC since its establishment. This year, Malay-

sia showcased the country's dishes such as *Nasi Tomato*, *Curry Puffs*, *Goreng Pisang*, *Air Bandung* and *Teh Tarik*.

Apart from that, the Malaysian booth also sold handicraft, T-shirts and household products available in Malaysian markets.

It was estimated between 1,000 to 1,200 people visited the event. The event started at 11.00 a.m. and ended at 3.00 p.m.



ASEAN Family and Sports Day..staying fit and health!

Malaysia participated in the annual ASEAN Sports and Family Day on 23 April 2017 at the Embassy of Myanmar in Lago Sul, Brasilia. This year's event was organized by the Myanmar Embassy as Chairman of ASEAN Committee in Brasilia (ACB) for the January-June 2017 term.

The event was officiated by the Ambassador of Myanmar as Chairman of ACB. Among the activities held were badminton and table tennis competitions.

In the spirit of ASEAN, the competitors were not grouped by countries. Each group of competitors consisted of players from various countries competing against other groups, which consisted of

various member countries as well.

Prizes were presented to the winners of the competition by the Ambassador of Myanmar at the end of the event.



ASEAN Committee in Brasilia (ACB)



Bound by a strong esprit de corps.. ASEAN Heads of Mission and representatives welcomed Mr. Surasak Suparat, Ambassador-designate of Thailand to Brazil (middle) at Brasilia Airport on 9 June 2017.

It is a common practice among ASEAN countries to welcome and send-off ASEAN Heads of Mission at the airport .



The ACB Heads of Mission made a courtesy call on His Excellency Ambassador Santiago Irazabal Mourão Undersecretary General for Cooperation, Culture and Trade Promotion of Ministry of External Relations of Brazil.

Among issues discussed were trade and investment policies, potential areas for investments, incentives for foreign investors and trade and investment barriers.

Ambassador Datuk Rahimi Harun attended new Brazilian Foreign Minister's swear-in ceremony



On 7 March 2017, Ambassador Datuk Rahimi attended the swear-in ceremony of H.E. Aloysio Nunes, the new Foreign Minister of Brazil at the Presidential Palace (*Planalto Palácio*). FM Nunes succeeded Jose Serra who stepped down from his position in February, citing health concerns.

Before his appointment as FM of Brazil, H.E. Nunes was the Chairman of the Foreign Rela-

tions and National Defense Committee (CREDN) of the Senate. The ASEAN Committee in Brasilia (ACB), headed by then Chairman Malaysia, made a courtesy call on Nunes when he was then Chairman of CREDN.

About Aloysio Nunes

- Born on 5 April 1945 in São José do Rio Preto.
- He is a lawyer, politician, former senator.
- 1960s-Attended University of São Paulo Law School.
- 1979– returned from exile due to the Amnesty Law, that pardoned the oppositionist political militants.

- Defiliated from the Brazilian Communist Party and joined the Brazilian Democratic Movement Party.
- 1982-elected deputy in São Paulo.
- 1990-elected vice governor of São Paulo.
- 1992-candidate for mayor of the city of São Paulo in but lost.
- 1994-elected federal deputy.
- 1997-joined the Brazilian Social Democracy Party.
- 2010-elected as senator.
- 2014-candidate for vice presidency

AgroBrasilia International Agricultural Trade Fair 2017

On 18 May 2017, Ambassador Datuk Rahimi Harun, joined other Heads of Mission to attend the annual Agrobrasilia International Trade Fair just outskirts of Brasilia. The trip was organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply of Brazil (MAPA).

The AgroBrasília is an agricultural trade fair dedicated to rural entrepreneurs of all sizes, which presents technological innovations for the different segments of the Brazilian agribusiness.

The Fair was organized by the Agricultural Cooperative of the Federal District Region (Coopa-DF) and took place in a region recognized nationally for his role in the agricultural occupation of the *Cerrado* (Savannah), especially for pioneering and the generation and use of successful techniques.

The strategic location, right in the



Ambassador with Senator Ana Amélia.

center of a region where it is grown over 500,000 hectares (including the Federal District, Goiás, Minas Gerais and Bahia) and soil conditions and climate representative of the Brazilian Midwest, allows the Fair spread innovations and conduct business the best companies in the industry with competent farmers and interested in technology.

Technological Park Ivaldo Cenci, where AgroBrasília is held, is located along the BR 251, km 05, in property Coopa-DF. It has an area of 500,000 sqm are installed in demonstration fields of the leading companies

(public and private) of Brazilian agribusiness, as well as a dynamic area for agricultural machinery and implements, and a space for the presentation of solutions to family farming.

The AgroBrasília is a promising fair, that attracts international visitors and differs from the others by the innovative process of global management and inclusion of agribusiness technologies. The event provides an opportunity to know, on the spot, various technologies of production and environmental advantages.



Ambassador Rahimi with H.E. Blairo Maggi, Minister of Agriculture of Brazil at the Fair.

Asia and Oceania Group of Brasilia organized luncheon talk with Brazilian Minister of Finance



Ambassador Datuk Rahimi Harun attended a luncheon talk organized by the Asia and Oceania Group (AOG) on 2 June 2017 at the residence of the New Zealand Ambassador to Brazil, Her Excellency Caroline Bilkey.

The guest speaker at the lunch was H.E. Henrique Meirelles, Minister of Finance of Brazil. The areas of the presentation included Brazilian current economy and future directions for Brazil.

The AOG frequently organizes events including luncheon talks since its formation. Event like this provides the opportunity for AOG members to garner information on current issues in Brazil as well as to exchange ideas.

Farewell reception hosted by Ministry of External Relations of Brazil in honour of Ambassador Datuk Rahimi Harun



Ambassador Datuk Rahimi with Ambassador Lamazeire, Undersecretary-General for Asia and the Pacific and guests from ASEAN Missions and Suriname

His Excellency Ambassador Geoges Lamaziere, Undersecretary General for Asia and the Pacific, Ministry of External Relations of Brazil (Itamaraty) hosted a farewell reception for Ambassador Datuk Rahimi on 7 June 2017 at a banquet hall in the Ministry of External Relations.

Among the guests were other Heads of Mission from ASEAN countries, Ambassador of Suriname and officials from the Ministry. At the end of reception, Ambassador Datuk Rahimi was presented with a book on Itamaraty. Ambassador Datuk Rahimi reciprocated the gesture by presenting His Excellency Georges Lamaziere with a wooden plaque as memento.

KEBAWAH DULI YANG MAHA MULIA SERI PADUKA BAGINDA YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG XV SULTAN MUHAMMAD V

D.K., D.M.N., D.K (Selangor), D.K (Negeri Sembilan), D.K (Johor), D.K (Perak), D.K (Perlis), D.K (Kedah), D.K (Terengganu),
S.P.M.K., S.J.M.K., S.P.K.K., S.P.S.K.



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 15th 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.

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.



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

2050 NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION **TRANSFORMASI NASIONAL 2050**



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,”

Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak,
Prime Minister of Malaysia
21 October 2016

TN50 will be the roadmap, after Vision 2020 that will transform the country's economy, citizen well-being, environment, technology, social interaction, governance and public administration.

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REGISTRATION OF MALAYSIAN CITIZENS ABROAD

*Have you registered with the Malaysian Embassy in Brasilia?
If you have not, here is how you do it.*

LONG-TERM STAY

If you are a Malaysian citizen, living/residing in Brazil/Guyana/Suriname for a long period (i.e. study, employment, married to a local citizen, permanent resident, etc.), you are encouraged to register at the nearest Malaysian Embassy/High Commission/Consulate General of Malaysia as stipulated in item 6 of the Malaysian Passport that reads: “A Malaysian citizen residing abroad must register his/her name and latest address at the Malaysian Embassy/High Commission or Consulate Office”.

You can now register online using the **E-Consular Application** (www.kln.gov.my/web/guest/home), under “Online Services”. Please use your MyKAD number for identification). You also can download the registration form here: http://www.kln.gov.my/web/bra_brasilia/malaysian_reg. Submit the form to the Malaysian Embassy in Brasilia by hand, post, fax or e-mail.

SHORT-TERM STAY

If you are visiting Brazil/Guyana/Suriname for a short time (i.e. tourism, meetings, conferences and exchange programmes) you are advised to **notify the Malaysian Embassy in Brasilia by email or fax before you travel to Brazil/Guyana/Suriname**. Provide information of your accommodation, local organizer/host, contacts, duration of stay, itinerary, list of other accompanying travelers (if any), person(s) to contact in case of emergency. You may also leave copies of your itinerary, passport data page and visas with family or friends, so you can be contacted in case of an emergency.

NOTE:

It is important that the Malaysian Embassy knows how to contact you and to help your family and friends get in touch with you in an emergency.

INFORMATION

TRAVEL CHECKLIST

- ✓ Malaysian citizens do not need visa for tourist trips to Brazil and Suriname of up to 90 days and to Guyana of up to 60 days.*
 - ✓ Your passport must be valid. Many countries require travelers to have at least 6 months validity on their passports beyond their planned duration of stay. If your passport expires in 6 months or less you need to renew it immediately.
 - ✓ Ensure your passport is not about to run out of pages for visas and/or entry/exit stamps.
 - ✓ If you are traveling to Brazil/Guyana/Suriname for a short period (tourism), please notify the Malaysian Embassy in Brasilia of your presence in by sending your contact details (contact numbers, local address and contact person) via email. You may also leave copies of your itinerary, passport data page and visas with family or friends, so you can be contacted in case of an emergency.
 - ✓ Malaysians are required to get Yellow Fever vaccination before travelling to South America (including Brazil, Guyana and Suriname). If a person has never been immunized for Yellow Fever, it is advised to get the vaccine at least 10 days prior to travelling. Carry the International Immunization Card for proof of the Yellow Fever vaccination.
- [Effective 22 June 2016, booster doses or re-vaccination for Yellow Fever will no longer be required. One dose of the Yellow Fever Vaccine will be valid for travel regardless of when the vaccine was given. You are encouraged to take other vaccinations as well. Consult your doctor on this matter.]*
- ✓ Scan your identification documents (i.e. passport, IC) and email them to yourself. Should you lose your identification document, you have a copy to enable you to apply for an Emergency Certificate (a travelling document issued by the Malaysian Embassy to enable to you return to Malaysia).
 - ✓ While in a foreign country you are subject to its laws. Look up information about the places you plan to visit, as well as travel warnings, travel alerts and local practices and customs.
 - ✓ Keep the contact details of the Embassy with you at all times.
 - ✓ If you need other traveling tips to Brazil/Guyana/Suriname please contact the Malaysian Embassy or the respective Embassies in Kuala Lumpur (Brazil), New Delhi (Guyana) and Jakarta (Suriname).
- * The information on visa requirements stated here is intended as a guide only. For more accurate and latest information on visa, please contact the respective Embassies.*

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2017 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Carnival	27-28 Feb.
Good Friday	14 Apr.
Tiradentes Day	21 Apr.
Labour Day	01 May
Corpus Christi	15 June
Hari Raya Aidil Fitri (Puasa)*	26 June
National Day of Malaysia	31 Aug.
Hari Raya Aidil Adha (Qurban)*	01 Sept.
Independence Day of Brazil	07 Sept.
Awal Muharam (Maal Hijrah)	21 Sept.
Our Lady of Aparecida Day	12 Oct.
All Souls Day	02 Nov.
Proclamation of the Republic	15 Nov.
Evangelical Day	30 Nov.
Maulidur Rasul	01 Dec.
Christmas	25 Dec.

If you have suggestions and ideas for future newsletters, email them to mwbrasil@kln.gov.my.

WISHING ALL MALAYSIANS

*SELAMAT HARI RAYA AIDIL FITRI
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