

THE MILESTONES

- Sri Lankans visiting Malaysia in first half 2017 recorded at 26,659 (based on entry visa application).
- Starting 16 February 2017, Sri Lankans can apply eVisa to visit Malaysia.

SLMBC BREAKFAST TALK

Sri Lanka Malaysia Business Council (SLMBC) organized on 29 March 2017, the Breakfast Talk with Minister of Public Enterprise Development, Hon. Kabir Hashim. High Commissioner Wan Zaidi was the Guest Speaker for the said event that discussed mainly on Public-Private-Partnership (PPP). He took the opportunity to share Malaysia's experience in privatizing our public enterprise companies to the full-house audience at JAIC Hilton Hotel, Colombo.



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PETRONAS NO. 1 VISITING SRI LANKA

Petronas, the company behind the twin towers in Malaysia and the only Malaysian company to be listed in the Fortune 500 sent to Colombo from 26 to 28 April, a strong investment delegation led by its very own President and Group Chief Executive Officer (GCEO), Datuk Wan Zulkiflee Wan Ariffin. Apart from meeting with several Sri Lankan key ministers, the Petronas No. 1 also called on the Hon. President of Sri Lanka at the Presidential Secretariat. President Maithripala Sirisena invited leading Malaysian entrepreneurs to explore possibilities of expanding investment and trade and look at the potential of new trade opportunities in Sri Lanka.



Sports Diplomacy

The cooperation and relationship between the Royal Malaysian Police (RMP) and the Sri Lankan Police (SLP) was enhanced in the field of sports when the RMP Rugby Team visited Sri Lanka from 4th to 10th April 2017 for friendly matches with the SLP's Rugby Team. The reciprocal visit of SLP's visit to Malaysia last year was led by Tan Sri IGP and also participated by several high ranking RMP officials. Prior to the friendly matches, Tan Sri IGP was invited as the Special Guest for SLP's Sports Meet 2017.



2017 FORMULA 1 PETRONAS MALAYSIA GRAND PRIX 29 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER



From left: Travel Agents Association of Sri Lanka President Wilhem Brown, Sepang International Circuit, Malaysia Chief Commercial Officer Sharmila Nadarajah, High Commissioner of Malaysia to Sri Lanka Wan Zaidi Wan Abdullah and Tourism Malaysia, South India and Sri Lanka Director Noor Azman Samsudin

Chief Commercial Officer in her presentation said that they received 102,000 spectators for the event the previous year. Tourism Malaysia and SIC have announced special travel packages for the race season in collaboration with selected agents at Bengaluru and Sri Lanka with the support of Travel Agents Associations so that fans get the best out of their trip in Malaysia.

4th April 2017: Malaysian High Commissioner was invited as the Chief Guest for the launching of Petronas Formula 1 Malaysia Grand Prix 2017. The 19th edition of the race in Malaysia will be held from 29 September to 1 October 2017. Coming right after the Singapore Grand

Prix happening two weeks prior, the race offers a unique double F1 treat in Southeast Asia. The Shell Malaysia Motorcycle Grand Prix 2017 returns on 27 to 29 October 2017, again as the penultimate race in the MotoGP calendar, 4 weeks after the Malaysia F1 Grand PRIX . SIC

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Ramadhan Kareem

As part of our Outreach Program in 2017, Fathima Welfare Centre has been chosen as the first ever recipient of High Commis-

sion of Malaysia Ifthar Program 2017. Located in Thimbirighasyaya (outskirt of Colombo), the centre provides custodial care and education to Muslim girls, especially those from refugee families.

Besides been treated with delicious food for the Ifthar, H.E. High Commissioner also presented the centre with dry rations donations. The event was also attended by High Commission's officials, MTCP Alumni Exco and selected "Friends of Malaysia".

Luncheon in honour of the delegation from the State Government of Melaka



On 13 May 2017, the High Commissioner of Malaysia hosted a luncheon in honour of the delegation from Melaka State Government. The entourage of the Working Visit that also consists of five State Excocs was led by YBhg. Datuk Seri Hj. Naim bin Abu Bakar, State Secretary for the Melaka State Government.

Interactive session with media



An interactive session with local media representatives was held on 19 May 2017 with the presence of six media representatives from Sri Lankan mainstream media. The session enable the media to get better perspective of Malaysia directly from the Government of Malaysia's diplomatic mission. The similar session will be extended to electronic media practitioner in Sri Lanka.

Tea is Sri Lanka's largest export, accounting for 12% of its export by product (2014). It's the fourth largest exporter of tea in the world, and in February 2017, marked its 150th anniversary of tea exportation. Ceylon Tea, being that Sri Lanka is most known for, is considered by the cleanest tea in the world by the ISO (with the least pesticide residue quantities).

MTCP Alumni Association of Sri Lanka (MTCPAASL)



High-Tea Session with the High Commissioner for MTCP Alumni Association of Sri Lanka's Executive Committee Members was held on 16 May 2017 and was participated by all twelve Exco members.



Special Session of the Colombo Plan Council



11 April 2017: High Commissioner of Malaysia, H.E. Wan Zaidi Wan Abdullah chairing the Special Session of the Colombo Plan Council. The Colombo Plan for Cooperative Economic and Social Development in Asia and the Pacific was conceived at the Commonwealth Conference on Foreign Affairs held in Colombo in January 1950 and was launched on 1 July 1951 as a cooperative venture for the economic and social advancement of the peoples of South and Southeast Asia. The Colombo Plan was instituted as a regional intergovernmental organisation for the further-

ance of economic and social development of the region nations. It is based on the partnership concept for self-help and mutual help in the development process with the focal areas being, human resource development and south-south cooperation. The current programmes of the Colombo Plan are in the areas of public policy formulation in an environment of globalisation and market economy, private sector development as a prime mover for growth and in drug abuse and prevention in member countries. The Colombo Plan also provides skill development opportunities for technicians in middle level.

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HIGH COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA
In Colombo, Sri Lanka

MISSION STATEMENT

The High Commission of Malaysia in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, in line with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' vision to be a premier foreign service that contributes towards Malaysia's aspirations, is entrusted to carry out the implementation of the Ministry's Strategic Plan 2016-2020, and is hereby committed:

- > To uphold Malaysia's sovereignty and to promote Malaysia's interests in Sri Lanka and in Maldives;
- > To foster close and friendly relations with the peoples, the host governments, agencies, and the private sectors of Sri Lanka and Maldives;
- > To encourage, promote and facilities economic, trade and investment exchanges between Malaysia and Sri Lanka and with Maldives;
- > To provide and disseminate accurate and sufficient information on Malaysia covering political, economic and social matters in Sri Lanka and Maldives;
- > To provide efficient and effective protocol, immigration and other consular service within its mandate to facilitate economic and social interaction; and
- > To carry out promotional and cooperational activities that can mutually beneficial to the enhancement of the bilateral relations.



1. The High Commission of Malaysia in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka had implemented the eVisa system in Sri Lanka with effective from 15 February 2017. In addition to that, the eVisa also applicable to the People's Republic of China and Republic of India passport holders who possess valid Residence Visa of Sri Lanka.
2. The eVISA programme was introduced since January 2016 by the Malaysian Government to facilitate tourists from the People's Republic of China. The implementation of the eVISA system is carried out in three phases starting with Chinese nationals residing in Mainland China, followed by the second phase that includes Chinese nationals residing outside Mainland China, and eventually with the final phase, which incorporates other countries such as India. More nationalities will be introduced in phases in 2017.
3. The eVisa is a single entry visa applicable only for the purpose of travelling and tourism in Malaysia, with the maximum length of stay 30 days. The eVisa is only valid for three months from the date of approval and applicants must enter Malaysia before the visa ends. It is advisable that the eVisa is applied two weeks before the proposed travel date.
4. A processing fee will be incurred apart from the visa fee itself. Applicants will be notified via email on their eVISA approval. Applicants need to self-print the eVISA and bring it with them when travelling to Malaysia (sample of the printed eVISA is attached).
5. In this connection, The High Commission of Malaysia would like to inform the following details of eVISA :
 - It is for SINGLE entry visa ONLY;
 - Valid for 30 days per entry;
 - No extension of social visit is allowed;
 - Application can only be made online at www.windowmalaysia.my;
 - Applicants are required to register (one time) to obtain a valid user and password to access the eVISA system. Applicant may use the same User ID and password to make subsequent eVisa applications;
 - Below are required documents for applicant:
 - Recent Passport Photo
 - First page of passport
 - Return flight ticket
 - Hotel booking / sponsor letter from Malaysia (the sponsor must also provide copy of Malaysian Identity Card and latest utility bill - electricity/water/line telephone)
 - Latest 3 months bank statement
 - Typed letter from applicant (visa request letter)
 - Employment letter from employer or Business Registration document for business people
6. The operational aspect of eVisa system in Sri Lanka will be managed by the following entity:

Company: VFS Lanka Pvt. Ltd.;

Address: No. 75, Arnold Ratnayake Mawatha
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