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60th Anniversary of Bilateral Relations

1957-2017

Towards many more years of cooperation
and friendship

Pakistan - Malaysia Zindabad!



The year 2017 marks an important milestone in Malaysia-Pakistan Bilateral Relations. Pakistan was among the first countries to recognize Malaysia's independence in 1957. Since then, for 60 years relations between our two brotherly Muslim countries have been strong and close, showed by excellent cooperation at various levels . I believe, our commonalities will continue to be the bedrock of our ties which will grow stronger for years to come..

This year also YAB Prime Minister introduced the Transformasi Nasional 2050 which will carry the nation beyond Vision 2020. Together we can reach for the stars!

Ismail Mohamad Bkri
Consul General



Transformasi Nasional 2050, or *TN50* is an initiative to plan for the future of Malaysia in the period 2020 to 2050.

TN50 will seek to transform the

country's economy, citizen well-being, environment, technology, social interaction, governance and public administration.

This objective needs to be fleshed out and given meaning by Malaysian citizens themselves. Come on Malaysia, let's share our views and ideas, let's jointly set our objectives for the nation's future. Let's put our hearts and minds together.





SULTAN
MUHAMMAD V

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, foot-
ball, 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 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.

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



All Malaysian Ambassadors will henceforth receive their credentials from Sultan Muhammad V.

100 Years Anniversary of Palm Oil Plantation



On 18 May 2017, the Consulate organized a tree-planting event to commemorate the 100th anniversary of commercial palm oil tree planting in Malaysia.

The symbolic event was held concurrently with an official pro-

gram held in Malaysia which was officiated by YAB Prime Minister.

Palm oil and palm oil related products are Malaysia's major trade to Pakistan, accounted to more than 70%



of total export. While Pakistan remains Malaysia's major trading partner in palm oil products, efforts are being undertaken to increase trade in other areas as well.

Meeting with the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry



As part of the Consulate's continuous efforts in engaging the business communities towards enhancing bilateral trade, a delegation from the Consulate met with Committee

members of the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 13 April 2017.

During the meeting, both sides exchanged views on how bilateral trade could be further strengthened beyond the current traditional trade in palm oil.

*Members of the Committee also raised a number of issues such as tourist and business visas, lack of direct connectivity between **Karachi** and **Kuala Lumpur**, cooperation with chambers of commerce in Malaysia.*

The Committee invited the Consulate to have similar regular discussions in the future which were proven very useful and productive.



Pakistan Observer



As part of the Consulate’s efforts to promote bilateral ties and cooperation, a number of engagement was made with the media and local business associations.

An article on the state of relations between Malaysia and Pakistan appeared on a local newspaper i.e. the Pakistan Observer on 25 May 2017.

North Karachi Association of Trade & Industry

Meanwhile, a local newsletter produced by the North Karachi Association of Trade and Industry reported a working visit by a delegation of the Consulate to the former’s office on 27 April 2017. The meeting with the Association’s committee members address a number of bilateral issues, particularly trade. The visit was part of the Consulate’s initiative to strengthen networking with local chambers of commerce towards increasing bilateral trade.

FELDA

High-level delegation from FELDA participated in the Pakistan Edible Oil Conference held on 21 January 2017.



MPOB



Technical team from the Malaysian Palm Oil Board undertook a working visit to Karachi on 13-17 February 2017. Visit programs include seminar on palm oil and study visit to dairy farm.



DG MPOB

The Director General of Malaysian Palm Oil Board & HE Dato' High Commissioner were in Karachi to attend the Pakistan Edible Oil Conference.

Pakistan Marine Academy



The Commandant of the Pakistan Marine Academy, Commodore Akbar Naqi made a courtesy call on 9 May 2017. Commodore Naqi extended an offer to Malaysian seamen to train at the Academy.

A dinner was hosted by Barbeque Tonight in honour of delegation from MPOB who was on a working visit. The restaurant is one of the most popular eateries in Karachi. It has many branches throughout the world, including Malaysia.



BBQ Tonight

Travel Agents Association of Pakistan



The Consulate undertook a visit to the Travel Agents Association of Pakistan (TAAP) on 8 May 2017. TAAP represents the interests of more than 1,000 travel agents throughout Pakistan. During the visit, both sides exchanged views on cooperation in tourism and people to people contacts.

Award Ceremony for visa drop-box agents

On 7 April 2017, a high-tea event was organized to honour the valuable contributions of Malaysia's visa drop-box agents. They have been instrumental in promoting tourism and people to people contact between Malaysia and Pakistan. Invited guests include senior officials from the Federal Board of Revenues (FBR).

The Consulate emphasized the need for drop box agents to be vigilant in receiving and processing visa applications. While Malaysia always welcome genuine travelers from Pakistan, security aspect cannot be compromised.

Aroma Travels received the award for top performing drop box for 2016. In total, more than 30,000 visas were processed and approved by the Consulate in 2016.



Jinnah University for Women, Karachi



Seminar on the health benefits of palm oil was organized jointly between Malaysian Palm Oil Board and the Jinnah University for Women, Karachi on 15 February 2017.

Speakers include senior officials from MPOB and professors from the University. MPOB and Jinnah University have also agreed to undertake special collaboration in the research and study on palm oil which will be carried out at the University.



Education Malaysia

Education Malaysia (EM) participated in the Pakistan Education Expo held on 25 May 2017. EM brought a number of Malaysian institutions of higher education to the largest education expo in Pakistan.

Study Visit to Jinnah University for Women, Karachi

Perwakilan members undertook a study visit to the Jinnah University for Women, Karachi on 15 February 2017. Members



were able to observe and gain valuable knowledge on how traditional industries and crafts such as weaving and dress making being taught to the younger generations at the University.



Karachi Expo

Perwakilan was instrumental in the success of Malaysia's participation in the Expo which is the largest exposition in Karachi. The 3-day annual event attracts an average of 1 million visitors.



NEGARAKU

The Launching of Negaraku Expression Programme.

On 18 March 2017, Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak launched the "*Ekspresi Negaraku*" (Negaraku Expression) programme at Dataran Putrajaya. The programme, aimed at showcasing Malaysia's multi-racial, multiethnic and multi-religious unity will allow Malaysians to demonstrate their feelings and expression for the country.

The Prime Minister, in launching the programme said, "*Patriotism is the foundation and main element for a strong identity which we need to foster if we want to be a nation that is peaceful, harmonious and united, "... This is the country of our birth, the place where we toddled when we were small, were schooled and grew up in, earn a living as adults and when the time comes, we will be laid to rest here, where we were born,*".

Among the initiatives under the Negaraku programme include a national arts competition, contribution of story, poster competition, art exhibition and using Negaraku logo in all the official government correspondence. If you have an interesting and patriotic story to share, about a Malaysian experience, encounter or interaction, you can share at <http://www.negaraku.com>.

In this regard, the "Ekspresi Negaraku" campaign should be supported by all Malaysians, irrespective of race, since its main objective is to help inculcate the spirit of patriotism, including Malaysians abroad. In conjunction with this year's National Day, *Ekspresi Negaraku* is an appropriate platform to promote the "Negaraku" initiative.

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.



Perhentian Island

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.



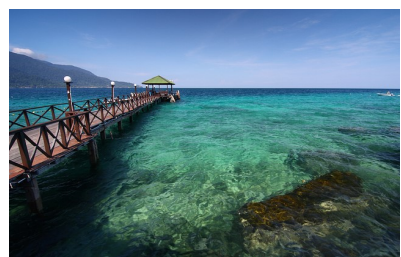
Kapas Island

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 km² 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 or www.pahangtourism.org.my.



Wisma Putra, together with the TN50 Special Unit, EPU, is organising the “My Aspiration My Future” TN50 Photo Contest. The objective of the contest is to invite Malaysians abroad to share their TN50 aspirations via Instagram and Twitter by captioning their selfies with something they aspire for Malaysia to become, or have in year 2050. The contest also provides a channel for Malaysians to share visual representations of the kind of technology / innovation / practice that can be studied further and possibly, emulated. The contest is only open to Malaysian citizens living abroad.

2. The contest which was launched by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, YB Dato’ Sri Anifah Hj. Aman on 7 July 2017, runs until 30 September 2017.



3. Interested Malaysians who wish to enter the contest are required to do the following:
- Take a selfie/wefie with something you aspire for Malaysia to become, or have in year 2050;
 - Write your aspiration for your caption. Tag @mytn50 and insert the following hashtags: #aspirasiku #globalmalaysians; and
 - Upload your photo and caption on Instagram/Twitter. Be sure to follow @myTN50 for updates on the contest.
4. The top three (3) most inspirational, well-composed, as well as unifying image and aspiration that evoke the best interpretation of the theme will win return flight tickets to Malaysia. Winners will be selected and contacted by the TN50 Special Unit. Terms and conditions of the contest can be found at the TN50 Official Website: <https://mytn50.com/globalmalaysians>.

Picture Gallery





Background of the Consulate

- * established on 15 April 2004. The first office was temporarily located at Karachi Sheraton Hotel & Towers and moved to present location in Kha-e-Shamsheer on 1 February 2008.
- * consular jurisdiction covers the provinces of Sindh and Balochistan.

Bilateral Relations

- * Pakistan was one of the first countries to establish diplomatic ties with Malaysia following the latter's independence in 1957.
- * Both countries enjoy rich and wide-ranging bilateral ties, reflecting the close historical links and importance of our current political and economic relations.

Functions of the Consulate Office

- * includes but is not limited to establishing contact with the government bodies.
- * promotion of bilateral trade, investment, tourism, education and other socio-cultural activities between Malaysia and Pakistan.

For those visiting our office, for visa application process or simply seeking information or advice, you can expect warm and friendly services extended to you at our doorstep. After all, this is what Malaysia is known for - our warm hospitality.



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