

KABAR KATHMANDU

From the editor



The first half of 2017 saw few activities that were undertaken in an effort to elevate bilateral relations between Malaysia and Nepal. We are happy to note that there is increasing interest from Nepal to engage with Malaysia on its nation building effort. We also saw the first discussion on the establishment of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Recruitment, Employment and Repatriation of Workers was held in Kathmandu.

In this issue, Kabar Kathmandu will also be highlighting the state of Pahang, one of the 13 states in Malaysia. Situated in the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia, Pahang has declared 2017 as Visit Pahang Year and has lined up events and festivals galore for this purpose. We believe that through tourism, we could increase people-to-people contact between both sides that would benefit bilateral relations in the long run.


Happy reading!

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What's Happening



HIMALAYA AIRLINES INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO KUALA LUMPUR

Himalaya Airlines took its inaugural flight to Kuala Lumpur on 10 February 2017. Among the important guests in the flight were Honourable Mr Jivan bahadur Shahi, the then Minister of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Nepal, Honourable Mr Barat Bahadur Khadka, Member of Constituent Assembly and Capt Zhao Guo Qiang, President of Himalaya Airlines. Chargé d'affaires Mr Ahmad Phadil Ismail was also invited to celebrate the historic occasion for the new airlines. The flight was welcomed with a Malaysian theme reception at KLIA upon arrival. YBhg. Datuk Badlisham Ghazali, Managing Director of MAHB, YBhg. Datuk Musa Yusof, Senior Director International Promotion Division (Asia/Africa), Tourism Malaysia and HE Dr. Niranjan Man Singh Basnyat, Ambassador of Nepal to Malaysia were at the airport to receive the passengers.

Himalaya Airlines, a Nepal- China joint venture was established in August 2014. Its daily flights bridges the connectivity closer between Malaysia and Nepal as there are currently 35 flights weekly for sector KUL-KTM.

MEETING ON LABOUR SECTOR

The first round of discussion on the proposed MoU on the Recruitment, Employment and Repatriation of Workers between Malaysia and Nepal was held on 20–21 February 2017 in Kathmandu. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr Govind Bhurtel, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment of Nepal and Mr Kesavan Karupiah, Deputy Undersecretary, Policy Division (Labour Policy Branch) of Ministry of Human Resources of Malaysia.

The meeting, which was conducted in a friendly manner, signified a positive development of labour cooperation between both countries. Currently, there are more than 400,000 registered Nepali workers working in various sectors in Malaysia.



Participation of Pemandu in Nepal

YBhg. Dato’ Sri Idris Jala, CEO of Pemandu was in Kathmandu on 8–10 April 2017 for a workshop organised by National Planning Commission (NPC) and facilitated by Pemandu with the aim to improve Nepal’s public governance. The workshop is the outcome of earlier discussion between NPC and Pemandu during the former’s visit to Malaysia on 25–27 January 2017.

The workshop involves two groups that were held separately; cabinet ministers and prominent members of the coalition partners, as well as opposition parties, and Ministry’s Secretaries. Honourable PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal officiated and participated in the workshop.

The workshop was well received as the participants unanimously agreed for Pemandu to organise a follow up lab sessions.



Visit by Delegation of Malaysia–Nepal Business Council

The 40-member delegation of Malaysia–Nepal Business Council (MNBC) led by its Advisor, Tan Sri Aseh Che Mat and President, Dato’ Pardip Kumar Kukreja from Paradise Group of Companies were in Kathmandu on 28 April–1 May 2017, for their annual activity. The highlight of the visit was a courtesy call on Honourable Pushpa Kamal Dahal where we managed to highlight to the PM on the sectors that Malaysia would be interested to participate in, and expressed our confidence that Malaysia could be an active partner in the development of Nepal.



Eid Al-Fitr Celebration in Kathmandu

On the first day of the Eid al-Fitr in Kathmandu, which for 2017 falls on 26 June, the Embassy invited Malaysians residing in Kathmandu and local friends of Malaysia to enjoy the celebration together with the Embassy's families. The small gathering gave opportunity for Malaysians to satisfy their cravings for sumptuous Malaysian cuisines such as Laksa Sarawak, teh tarik (pull tea) and satay.



MATTA and Tourism Malaysia Roadshow in Kathmandu

Malaysian Association of Tour & Travel Agents (MATTA) and Tourism Malaysia Office based in New Delhi organised a Road Show in Kathmandu on 12 June 2017, to showcase what Malaysia has to offer for tourism packages. Among the participation were by tour operators, product owners including the newly opened Movie Animation Park Studios (MAPS) in Perak and Malaysia Health Travel Council (MHTC). The event is part of three nations road show organized by MATTA and Tourism Malaysia that involved Nepal, India and Sri Lanka.



Tourism is one of the sectors that could contribute towards uplifting the bilateral relations with Nepal. With 35 flights weekly, the Embassy will be aggressively promoting family vacations that are available in Malaysia.

NEW KING FOR MALAYSIA



**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,
 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 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.



Source: [Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia](#)

The Launching of Negaraku Expression Programme



NEGARAKU

Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak launched on 18 March 2017, the "Ekspresi Negaraku" (Negaraku Expression) programme at Dataran Putrajaya. The programme, aimed at showcasing Malaysia's multiracial, 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. Malaysians who wish to share their interesting and patriotic story, about a Malaysian experience, encounter or interaction can do so at <http://www.negaraku.com>.

All Malaysians including those residing abroad, irrespective of race are encouraged to support the "Ekspresi Negaraku" campaign since its main objective is to help inculcate the spirit of patriotism. In conjunction with this year's National Day, *Ekspresi Negaraku* is an appropriate platform to promote the "Negaraku" initiative.



Visit Pahang Year 2017

This year, 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.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Mendaftar sebagai Pengundi

Warganegara Malaysia yang berumur 21 tahun dan ke atas dan masih belum mendaftar sebagai pengundi boleh mendaftar di Kedutaan Besar Malaysia dengan membawa bersama kad pengenalan (asal dan salinan) semasa waktu pejabat (Isnin–Jumaat 9.00 pagi–12.30 tengah hari).

PENGUNDI POS DALAM NEGARA



ANGGOTA MEDIA

Bertugas sewaktu pilihan raya
Membuat permohonan melalui
majukan masing-masing.



ANGGOTA PILIHAN RAYA

Petugas-petugas pilihan raya
yang dilantik oleh SPR bagi
membantu melaksanakan
pilihan raya.

PENGUNDI POS LUAR NEGARA



PTH PENJAWAT AWAM DI LUAR NEGARA & PASANGAN

Telah mendaftar sebagai pengundi
dan bertugas di luar negara.



WARGANEGARA DI LUAR NEGARA

Mendaftar dan layak mengundi
tetapi berada di luar negara dan
tidak berkesempatan untuk pulang
mengundi di Malaysia.

* memenuhi syarat yang ditetapkan

SYARAT UNDI POS LUAR NEGARA

Warganegara
Malaysia **21**
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Rakyat Malaysia di Luar Negara hendaklah
balik sekurang-kurangnya 30 hari dalam
tempoh 5 tahun.



PTH PELAJAR DI LUAR NEGARA & PASANGAN

Telah mendaftar sebagai pengundi
dan menuntut sepenuh masa di
luar negara.

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CHECKLIST FOR SOCIAL VISA APPLICATION

- Application Form IM.47 (collected at OSC or download from the Embassy's website*)
**Please Print Both Sides (Front and Back) on Single Sheet of A4 Paper*
- One (1) Recent Passport-Size Photo with white background
- Original Passport (validity should be more than 6 months)
- Return-Trip Flight Ticket
- Minimum Traveller' Cheque of USD 500* or latest Bank Statement

**Visitors wishing to stay longer, should carry USD 50 multiplied by the number of days intended to stay*

- Supporting Documents:
e.g. Letter from Organization/Employer confirming the status for the journey
e.g. (For Business Trip) Proof of correspondence of business dealing from Malaysian side
e.g. (For Holiday Trip) Hotel Booking Confirmation
- Visa Processing Fee: Nepali Passport - NPR 6,700*

**for 30 Days period of stay, single entry or multiple entries*

**Indian Passport - NPR 7,500 (and Certificate of Registration from Indian Embassy)*

Note:

Any document not in English language would require having a copy of its English translation. Before leaving the counter, please collect all original documents.

Our Clients' Charter for completion:

One (1) working day from the date of submission

Submission of Visa:

Application of Visa must be made at:

One Stop Center (OSC),
Metro-Park Building, Level 3,
Uttardhoka, Kathmandu
phone: 01-4421867
e-mail: Kathmandu@VLNnepal.com

Working Days

Monday to Friday

Submission Time

9.00 am – 1.00pm

Collection Time

3.00pm – 4.00pm of next working day