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# EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN KUWAIT

**HIGHLIGHTS: AIDIL FITRI OPEN HOUSE AT RUMAH MALAYSIA  
1 SYAWAL 1438 / 25 JUNE 2017**

Malaysians in Kuwait celebrated the first day of Syawal at the Aidil Fitri Open House organised by the Embassy of Malaysia at Rumah Malaysia on 25 June 2017. Dressed in colourful traditional attires, they enjoyed delectable Malaysian food and raya songs in the company of families and friends. They also took the opportunity to seal the joyful moments by taking photos.

## PHOTOS DURING AIDIL FITRI OPEN HOUSE AT RUMAH MALAYSIA



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### **HIGHLIGHTS ON THE BILATERAL FRONT: OFFICIAL VISIT OF H.E. TAN SRI DATUK SERI PANGLIMA PANDIKAR AMIN HAJI MULIA, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MALAYSIA, 26-28 FEBRUARY 2017**

H.E. Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Pandikar Amin Haji Mulia, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia undertook an official visit to the State of Kuwait on 26-28 February 2017 at the invitation of H.E. Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim, Speaker of the National Assembly of Kuwait. During the visit, H.E. Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Pandikar Amin Haji Mulia had an audience with His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait at Bayan Palace on 28 February 2017. The Speaker and delegation then had an official luncheon hosted by His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Crown Prince of the State of Kuwait in honour of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa, Crown Prince of the State of Bahrain who was also on an official visit to the State of Kuwait.



The highlight of the visit was the courtesy call on his counterpart, H.E. Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim, Speaker of the National Assembly of Kuwait on 28 February 2017 held at the latter's office at the National Assembly in Kuwait City. Both speakers discussed various issues of importance ranging from bilateral relations to inter-Parliamentary cooperation. H.E. Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Pandikar Amin Haji Mulia also extended an invitation to his counterpart to undertake an official visit to Malaysia in the near future. H.E. Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim then hosted a dinner for H.E. Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Pandikar Amin Haji Mulia and delegation.

## 15th MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION IN KUWAIT (MAK) ANNUAL GRAND MEETING (AGM), 10 FEBRUARY 2017



On 10 February 2017, the Malaysian Association in Kuwait (MAK) held its 15th Annual General Meeting at the Multipurpose Hall, Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait. The AGM was officially opened by HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait who is also the Patron of MAK. At the AGM, the following individuals were elected as the new MAK committee members for 2017/2018:

1. **President:** Mr. Romizi Zaini (Re-elected)
2. **Vice President:** Y. Bhg Dato' Prof. Syed Mohamed Aljunid Syed Junid (New)
3. **Secretary:** Mr. Muhammad Helmie Nasron Halim (New)
4. **Treasurer:** Mr. YM Tengku Zainol Hakim YM Tengku Zawawi (Re-elected)

## MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION IN KUWAIT (MAK) COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHER, 24 MARCH 2017



On 24 March 2017, the Malaysian Association in Kuwait (MAK) with the cooperation of the Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait organised the annual get-together at the Multipurpose Hall, Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait. The event kicked-off MAK's programmes for 2017. Officers and staff of the Embassy as well as about 150 Malaysians residing in Kuwait attended the event. A registration counter was also opened to enable newly-arrived Malaysians to register with the Embassy as well for the existing Malaysians to update their details in the registry.

## IFTAR AT RUMAH MALAYSIA



The Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait hosted an iftar on Friday, 7 Ramadan 1438 Hijri corresponding to 2 June 2017 at Rumah Malaysia on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan. The event gathered more than 150 Malaysians. The programme included breaking of fast, Maghrib prayer, dinner, Isyak prayer and followed by Tarawih and Witir prayers.

## RAMADAN STREET IFTAR PROGRAMME 2017



Ramadan Street Iftar Programme, a collaboration between the Embassy of Malaysia and Malaysian Association in Kuwait (MAK) was successfully organized from 18 to 20 June 2017. Using funds donated by Malaysians in Kuwait, 2,500 packed food items were prepared and distributed by Malaysian volunteers to other foreign workers living in the vicinities of Kuwait City and Mangaf.

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### MALAYSIAN FOOD BAZAAR IN KUWAIT



Malaysian Food Bazaar was successfully organized on 1 April 2017. The bazaar was officiated by H.E. Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to the State of Kuwait. About 400 guests including colleagues from Embassies of ASEAN Member Countries in Kuwait attended the bazaar which was held at the compound of the Embassy. Various Malaysian cuisines were sold like nasi lemak, mee rebus, nasi ayam, laksa sarawak, roti jala, and satay to name a few. The visitors were also entertained with live band and karaoke performances by Malaysians in Kuwait.

### MALAYSIA'S PARTICIPATION AT THE 8TH KUWAIT INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR HOLY QURAN



The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs of the State of Kuwait successfully organized the 8th edition of Kuwait International Prize for Holy Quran from 12 to 19 April 2017. Two Malaysian participants took part namely Zul Hasyimi bin Mohamed Yunus in the recital category (tilawah) and Muhammad Haziq bin Mohammad Dzulkhairi in the memorization (hafazan) category. A Malaysian company, Al-Tasneem Sdn. Bhd which took part as one of the exhibitors received a special award for 'Technology to Serve Al-Quran' by the Kuwaiti Government. The company specializes in research and development of software and multimedia education for Islamic preaching including an innovative project of "Talking Braille Quran" specially designed for the blind.

### CLOSING CEREMONY OF KAFA PROGRAMME FOR 2016/2017



On 25 May 2017, H.E. Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to the State of Kuwait, as Patron of Kelas Agama dan Fardhu Ain (KAFA) Programme officially closed the KAFA 2016/2017 session in an event held at the Multipurpose Hall of the Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait. The KAFA Programme is conducted by Malaysian undergraduates for Malaysian children living in Kuwait. A total of 67 Malaysian children attended the 2016/2017 session.

### AUDIT BY JABATAN AUDIT NEGARA MALAYSIA



On 23 April 2017, officials from the National Audit Department (NAD) conducted an audit of the Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait. The audit was led by Ms. Patimah Ramuji, Director of National Audit Department for Sabah. The audit focused on the performance of financial management at the Embassy, with the aim to improve its compliance and efficiency.

**MEETING WITH ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER FOR PROTOCOL,  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF KUWAIT, 20 FEBRUARY 2017**

On 20 February 2017, H.E. Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait met with H.E. Ambassador Dhari Ajran Al-Ajran, Assistant Foreign Minister for Protocol at the latter's office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kuwait City. The meeting allowed both the Ambassador and the Assistant Foreign Minister for Protocol to discuss ways to strengthen the state of bilateral relations between the two countries.

**MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF  
KUWAIT UNIVERSITY, 2 MARCH 2017**

On 2 March 2017, His Excellency Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait met with Professor Dr. Hussain Ahmed Al-Ansari, President of Kuwait University at the latter's office in Khaldiya, Kuwait. The Ambassador's meeting with the President of Kuwait University was also joined by Y.Bhg Dato' Prof. Syed Mohamed Aljunid Syed Junid from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) who is currently seconded as Professor of Health Policy and Management, Faculty of Public Health, Kuwait University. During the meeting, they explored potentials of enhancing cooperation between higher education institutions of both countries.

**DISCUSSION WITH PETRONAS CARIGALI  
IRAQ HOLDING B.V.**

On 7 March 2017, officials from Petronas Carigali Iraq Holding B.V. paid a courtesy visit to the Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait. Led by its Country Chairman Mr. Abdul Malik Jaffar, the delegation met with H.E. Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia in Kuwait. Petronas Carigali Iraq Holding B.V. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Petronas, Malaysian national oil and gas company. Based in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE), its current operations are in Garraf, Iraq.

**MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE TECHNICAL BUREAU FOR  
PRIVATIZATION, SUPREME COUNCIL FOR PRIVATIZATION (SCP) KUWAIT**

On 18 April 2017, His Excellency Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait met with His Excellency Sheikh Fahad Salem Al-Sabah, President of the Technical Bureau for Privatization, Supreme Council of Privatization (SCP) Kuwait at the latter's office at Seif Palace, Kuwait City. The meeting allowed both the Ambassador and the President of the Technical Bureau for Privatization to exchange views and relevant information on privatization. Established in 2012, SCP is responsible for the implementation of the privatization programmes in Kuwait.

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### **MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LETTERS OF KUWAIT (NCCAL)**



On 20 April 2017, His Excellency Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait met with Mr. Ali Hussein Al-Youha, Secretary-General of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) at the latter's office in Kuwait City to discuss possible cultural cooperation.

### **MEETING WITH THE ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF KUWAIT**



On 29 May 2017, H.E. Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait met with H.E. Ambassador Ali Suleiman Al-Saeed, Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs at the latter's office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kuwait City. During the meeting, both discussed various matters of mutual interest between Malaysia and Kuwait.

### **DISCUSSION WITH ACTING ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (IO) AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF KUWAIT**



On 12 June 2017, H.E. Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait met with Mr. Naser Abdullah Al-Hayen, Acting Assistant Foreign Minister for International Organizations (IO) Affairs, at the latter's office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kuwait City. The discussion between the two was focused on exchanges of supports for Malaysia and Kuwait's candidatures at various international bodies. The Malaysia Ambassador also took the opportunity to congratulate the Acting Assistant Foreign Minister on Kuwait's election as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the term 2018/2019.

### **2nd ASEAN COMMITTEE KUWAIT (ACK) AMBASSADORS MEETING**



On 6 June 2017, H.E. Renato Pedro O. Villa, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to the State of Kuwait and Chairman of ASEAN Committee in Kuwait (ACK) for 2017 chaired the 2nd ACK Ambassadors Meeting at Max's Restaurant in Kuwait City. The meeting was attended by the Ambassadors of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and Chargé d'Affaires (CDA) ad interim of the Embassy of Lao PDR. The meeting was also attended by members of ACK Working Group.

*E-NEWSLETTER ISSUE 8 (JANUARY – JUNE 2017)***INTERVIEW WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF MALAYSIA BY KTV-1  
9 JANUARY 2017**

On 9 January 2017, an interview with His Excellency Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait for a television programme "Story of A Country" was aired on KTV-1 at 12:15 pm. KTV-1 is a public television channel in Arabic operated under the Ministry of Information Kuwait. During the interview, the Ambassador talked about the rich Malaysian cultures and festivals. Snippets of wonderful places and cultural activities were also shared with the viewers. Ms. Ghada Yousif was the host for the programme.

## THE INSTALLATION OF THE 15<sup>TH</sup> YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG OF MALAYSIA



The new *Yang di-Pertuan Agong* (King) of Malaysia, Sultan Muhammad V, was officially installed on 24 April 2017 in a ceremony steeped in Malay Royal costume and tradition at *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 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 15<sup>th</sup> *Yang di-Pertuan Agong* of Malaysia in 2017, 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, was officially appointed as the Deputy *Yang di-Pertuan Agong* at the same ceremony.

### 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

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London.

**Hobbies:** Horse-riding, reading, golfing, shooting, badminton, bowling.

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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. 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 he 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.*

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.

## Proses TN50 - Pendekatan Serampang Dua Mata



**1**  
DIBENTUK  
OLEH  
ASPIRASI  
RAKYAT



SIRI DIALOG TN50 BELIA

2017



SIRI DIALOG BERSAMA SEGMENT-SEGMENT LAIN

2018

2019

PELAN TN50 DITERBITKAN

2020

**2**  
BERPANDU  
SASARAN  
YANG JELAS

KPI & DASAR DITELITI PAKAR SUBJEK



TN50 DILAKSANA & DIPANTAU

**More information pertaining to TN50 can be obtained at: <https://mytn50.com/>**

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VISA INFORMATION

1. For Kuwaiti citizens & other GCC countries citizens (Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar, Bahrain and Oman)

- Obtain Visa On Arrival valid for 3 months upon entry to Malaysia
- Visa fees RM50.00 @ KD3.500

2. Other Foreign Nationals

- Obtain visa from Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait
- Each visa approval valid for 1 month upon entry to Malaysia
- Visa fees are as follows:

Countries	Single Entry Visa (KWD)	Multiple Entry Visa (KWD)	Period
India	4.250	8.500	30 days
China	3.700	7.400	30 days
Sri Lanka	1.800	3.600	30 days
Other Nationalities	2.500	5.000	30 days

*Notes: Visa which has been granted is not an absolute guarantee that the holder will be allowed to enter Malaysia. The final decision lies with the Immigration Officer at the entry point.*

VOTERS REGISTRAGTION INFORMATION

KELAYAKAN SEBAGAI 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



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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

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STATE OF KUWAIT****PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2017**

NO	HOLIDAY	DATE	DAY	MALAYSIA / KUWAIT
1	New Year's Day	1 January	Sunday	Kuwait
2	Chinese New Year	28 January * 29 January	Saturday * Sunday	Malaysia
3	Kuwait National Day *	25 February	Saturday	Kuwait
4	Kuwait Liberation Day	26 February	Sunday	Kuwait
5	Installation of YDP Agong XV	24 April	Monday	Malaysia
6	Isra' Mikraj	27 April	Thursday	Kuwait
7	Labour Day	1 May	Monday	Malaysia
8	Wesak Day	10 May	Wednesday	Malaysia
9	Hari Raya Aidil Fitri **	25 June 26 June 27 June	Sunday Monday Tuesday	Malaysia / Kuwait Malaysia / Kuwait Kuwait
10	Birthday of SPB YDP Agong XV *	29 July	Saturday	Malaysia
11	Malaysia National Day	31 August	Thursday	Malaysia
12	Arafah Day **	31 August	Thursday	Kuwait
13	Hari Raya Aidil Adha **	1 September 2 September 3 September	Friday Saturday Sunday	Malaysia / Kuwait Malaysia / Kuwait Kuwait
14	Malaysia Day *	16 September	Saturday	Malaysia
15	Maal Hijrah	21 September	Thursday	Malaysia / Kuwait
16	Deepavali **	18 October	Wednesday	Malaysia
17	Maulidur Rasul **	1 December	Thursday	Malaysia / Kuwait
18	Christmas	25 December	Monday	Malaysia

**Note:**

1. Public holiday which falls on Friday will not be replaced
2. Public holiday which falls on Saturday will be observed on the following working day
3. (\*) Observed only
4. (\*\*) Subject to change