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Overview of the Embassy of Malaysia

Malaysia first established its diplomatic relations with Spain in **12 May 1967**. The Embassy was previously located at Paseo de la Castellana, Madrid's premier business district before moving into a new location in July 2017. At present, the Embassy is located at Avenida de los Madronos, 63-Bis, Conde de Orgaz, 28043, Madrid.

For Malaysia, Spain is an important trade and economic partner. Spain is also one of the major sources of investment especially in manufacturing and services sectors. Despite the economic slowdown as a result of the European economic crisis, Spain remained an important export market for Malaysia products and services.

The Embassy of Malaysia in Madrid is committed in supporting the efforts of the Government of Malaysia to forge comprehensive strategic partnership and foster closer bilateral relations between Malaysia and Spain. We are also mandated to provide the necessary consular services and assistance to Malaysian diaspora residing in Spain or those who are travelling to Spain.

Providing Consular Services as Follows:

- 1 Passport Renewal
- 2 Birth/Marriage Certificate Registration
- 3 Registration of Malaysians
- 4 Certificate of Good Conduct
- 5 Attestation of Documents



Operating Hours

Consular Section

9.00 am - 01.30 pm

3.00 pm - 05.00 pm

(Monday to Friday)

Admin Office

9.00 am - 02.00 pm

3.00 pm - 05.00 pm

(Monday to Friday)

* Office will be closed on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays



New Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia

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.

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 expedition.





2050 National Transformation

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, Prime Minister of Malaysia, 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 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.

MALAYSIA'S KEY DEVELOPMENT ERAS



Presentation of Credentials by His Excellency Ambassador Zainal Abidin Bakar to His Majesty King Felipe VI, 15 June 2017

His Excellency Ambassador Zainal Abidin Bakar formally presented his credentials to the King of Spain, His Majesty King Felipe VI on 15 June 2017 at *Palacio Real* (Royal National Palace).



Palacio Real Madrid, the Official Residence of the King of Spain



Presentation Letter of Credentials by H.E. Zainal Abidin Bakar to His Majesty King Felipe VI

His Excellency Ambassador Zainal Abidin presented his letter of credentials and later paid a courtesy call to His Majesty King Felipe VI.

The ceremony was full of pomp and circumstances, complete with 19th century horse drawn carriages, footmen resplendent in their formal military regalia and the procession of Royal Guards escorting the Ambassadors from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Royal National Palace.



Procession of Ambassadors escorted by Royal Guards



Courtesy Call on His Majesty King Felipe VI



CALENDER OF ACTIVITIES JANUARY- JUNE 2017

International Tourism Festival (FITUR), 12-17 January 2017



Realizing the potential market and growth of tourists from Spain to Malaysia, YB Dato' Sri Nazri Mohammad, Minister of Tourism and Culture and officials from the Ministry of Tourism and Culture participated in the International Tourism Festival (FITUR).

During the event, YB Minister met with H.E. Dr.Taleb Rifai, Secretary General of United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) to discuss mutual-interest issues including the latest trends in the industry and the importance of security in tourism. YB Minister also gave a key note address at the ASEAN Tourism Seminar held at sidelines of the fair.

With joint coordination with Tourism Malaysia (Paris) and Malawakil Madrid, the week-long exhibition was successfully organized with the aim of promoting Malaysia as a preferred holiday destination

Delivery of Final A400M unit to Royal Malaysia Air Force, 6 March 2017



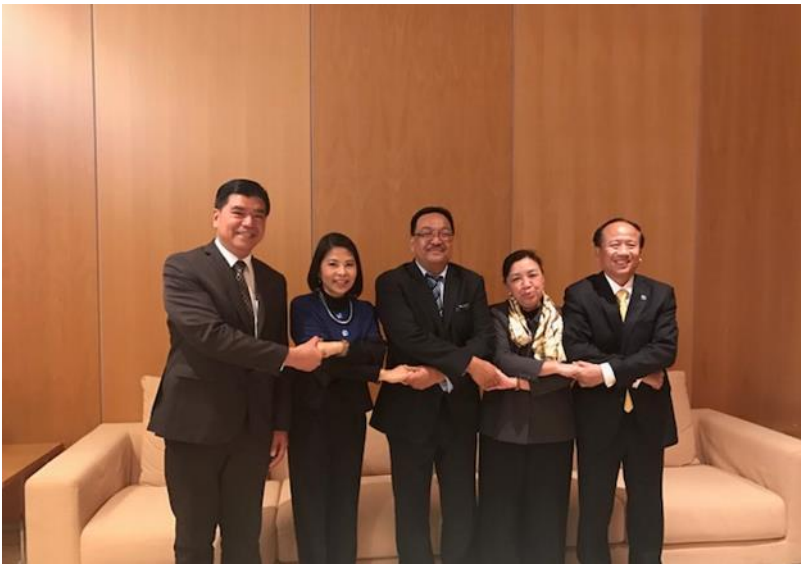
Madam Khaeriah Zaehera Abd Kayyum, Charge de Affaires a.i., the Chief of Royal Malaysia Airforce and other senior officials from MINDEF was in Airbus Defence and Space Center in Sevilla on 6 March 2017 to witness the handing over of the 4th and final unit of A400M, aircraft carrier that was purchased from the Government of Spain as part of Malaysian defence asset.

The purchase of the A400M is a collaboration between Malaysia and Spanish under the joint defence cooperation program. This program, also included research and training of personnel for the aircraft. Malaysia hoped to further expand its capabilities in transporting other military assets and personnel and humanitarian missions with the purchase of this aircraft.



Visit by Malaysian, Indonesian and Singaporean Icons, Project A Tile for Seville, 16 March 2017

Arrival of H.E. Ambassador Zainal Abidin Bakar to Madrid, 29 March 2017



H.E. Ambassador Zainal Arrived in Madrid, 29 March 2017 to begin his duties as the Ambassador of Malaysia to the Kingdom of Spain. He was received warmly by other ASEAN Ambassadors upon his arrival. Bienvenido Embajador!



Courtesy call on H.E. Juan Sunye, Chief of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain, 30 March 2017.



Courtesy Call by Spanish Muslim Community, 6 April 2017

The Spanish Muslim Community headed by the Representative of the Community in Granada, Mr. Hisham Melara, paid a courtesy call to H.E. Ambassador to exchange views on global Muslim's issues and other developments.



Courtesy Call by Malaysian incumbent Honorary Consul General, Dato' Manuel Condeminas and Dr. Jordi Martinez, incoming Honorary Consul General of Malaysia, 2 May 2017

Celebration of Aidil Fitri in Spain, 25 June 2017



H.E. Ambassador Zainal, Home Based Officers and family members gathered for a modest celebration of Aidil Fitri on 25 June 2017.



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