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PARTNERING FOR CHANGE, ENGAGING THE WORLD

30th ASEAN SUMMIT

On 26 April 2017, Philippine President Rodrigo Roa Duterte welcomed his fellow leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as they gathered in Manila for the 30th ASEAN Summit 2017. President Duterte presided over the opening ceremony of the 30th ASEAN Summit at the Philippine National Convention Centre (PICC) and the Leaders' Retreat at the Coconut Palace.

The 10 ASEAN member countries signed a declaration that hopes to increase accountability and transparency in civil service to help ASEAN achieve its goals. It was the first declaration signed by the bloc at the 30th ASEAN Summit, and the first under the chairmanship of the Philippines under President Rodrigo Roa Duterte. The MOU supports the first thematic priority of a People Oriented, People Centered ASEAN under the Philippine Chairmanship of ASEAN 2017. The agreement recognizes the critical role of the civil service in providing vital services to the peoples of ASEAN like health services, disaster management, and more. It is also expected to increase good governance in the region.



12th BIMP - EAGA SUMMIT



On 29 April 2017, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte opened the 12th Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Summit with the primary goal of enhancing connectivity between the four nations' sub-regions. In his brief remarks, President Duterte reiterated the importance of BIMP-EAGA in the economic cooperation between the sub-regions of ASEAN. He added that it continues to play a key role in attaining the goals under the ASEAN integration. The 12th BIMP- EAGA Summit focuses on four key priorities – enhancement of transport connectivity, private investments, trade, and increase in local government engagement. Such priorities will boost economic activities in the sub-region. President Duterte was joined by YAB Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah and Indonesian President Joko Widodo.

10th INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-THAILAND GROWTH TRIANGLE (IMT-GT) SUMMIT

The 10th Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT) Summit was held on 29 April 2017. The meeting was held as part of the 30th ASEAN Summit, these half-day back-to-back discussions are seen to be very crucial as IMT-GT has become a platform for sub-regional integration that will directly contribute to the realisation of the ASEAN integration. The 10th IMT-GT Summit was attended by YAB Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia, Indonesian President Joko Widodo and Thailand Prime Minister Prayut Chan-O-Cha. The meeting was also attended by YB Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Dahlan, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department of Malaysia, Honorable Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaisith, Minister of Transport Thailand, Ministry of Transport and Honorable Mr. Darmin Nasution, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs.

The leaders of IMT-GT discussed the development prospects of the IMT-GT sub region to recognize the important roles of IMT-GT member states and provinces in sustaining the economic stability while also reviewing the cooperation's progress of its key focus areas that include; trade and investment, infrastructure and transportation, tourism, halal products and services, human resources development and agriculture, agro-industry & environment as well as the development prospects in the IMT-GT Sub-region.



IMT-gT

10TH INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-THAILAND
GROWTH TRIANGLE (IMT-GT) SUMMIT

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The logo features a central golden ASEAN emblem surrounded by a circular arrangement of green and yellow stylized human figures. Below this, the word "PROSPERITY" is written in large, bold, green capital letters. Underneath "PROSPERITY", the words "FOR ALL" are written in white capital letters on a green rectangular background. At the bottom, "SUMMIT 2017" is written in green capital letters.

PROSPERITY FOR ALL SUMMIT 2017

On 28 April 2017, YAB Dato Sri' Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia delivered the first keynote address at the recently held summit hosted by the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC) for MSME development. His speech focused on making the very theme of the event, "*prosperity for all*" a reality. Painting a picture of the current economic landscape of the ASEAN, the Prime Minister gave positive indications that highlight the continued growth and progress ASEAN has achieved in its 50 years of existence. In fact, the ASEAN as a regional bloc is poised to become a US\$2.7 trillion economy and the fourth largest in the world by 2050. The Prime Minister also underscored that the 10-member ASEAN leaders must work vigorously to bring down tariffs in the region to zero and eliminate non-tariff barriers, as there is no other option to create seamless economy.



MALAYSIA AND VIETNAM



On 28 April 2017, YAB Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia and Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc held a bilateral meeting during the 30th ASEAN summit. The two leaders expressed their pleasure at the development of the strategic partnership between the two countries and agreed to foster multifaceted cooperation. The two leaders also stressed the importance of maintaining peace, stability, security and safety of maritime navigation and aviation, and agreed that disputes should be solved through peaceful means, on the basis of respect for international law, including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and other diplomatic and legal processes. The two Heads of States reaffirmed to work closely towards a legally binding Code of Conduct for all involved parties in the East Sea. YAB Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak ensured Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc to foster further cooperation in halal food production and consider hiring more Vietnamese workers in areas where there is demand for such labour.

YAB DATO' SRI NAJIB TUN ABDUL RAZAK, PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA WITH THE MALAYSIAN COMMUNITY IN MANILA



1st photo – On 30 April, YAB Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak held a Press Conference with the Malaysian Media delegates that covered the 30th ASEAN Summit 2017.



2nd photo – On 28 April, YAB Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak visited Naahim Bakery in Manila – a bakery owned by a young Malaysian entrepreneur.



3rd photo – On 27 April, YAB Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak was warmly welcomed by the Malaysian community in the Philippines.



4th photo – On 30 April, YAB Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak together with wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor as well as YB Dato' Sri Anifah Aman, Foreign Minister of Malaysia and wife Datin Siti Rubiah posed for a family picture, alongside with the Malaysian Officials in Manila and local staff from the Embassy of Malaysia.

ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETINGS



On 21 February, Former Foreign Affairs Secretary Perfecto Yasay, chaired the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat in Boracay. The Retreat served as the venue for the Ministers to discuss the way forward for ASEAN Community building, including the implementation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025, especially the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint, and strengthening of ASEAN's external relations and maintaining ASEAN centrality in the evolving regional architecture. In a press release, the Ministers discussed the six priorities of ASEAN for 2017, namely, (1) People-oriented and people-centered ASEAN, (2) peace and stability in the region, (3) maritime security and cooperation, (4) inclusive, innovation-led growth, (5) ASEAN's resiliency, and (6) ASEAN: a model of regionalism, a global player.



The 15th ASEAN Political – Security Community Council Meeting was held on 29 April 2017 and chaired by former Acting Secretary Enrique Manalo. During the meeting, the Foreign Ministers had fruitful discussions on further enhancing ASEAN Community Building efforts, maintaining ASEAN centrality while further deepening ASEAN's relations with external partners, and regional developments and international issues of common interest and concern. Among the regional and international issues discussed including the developments in the Korean Peninsula, the situation in the West Philippine Sea, transnational crimes such as piracy and armed robbery against ships, and violent extremism and terrorism.



SECURITY COOPERATION MEETING

**TRILATERAL MEETING
ON SECURITY AMONG
MALAYSIA, THE
PHILIPPINES AND
INDONESIA
22 June 2017**

During the trilateral meeting on security cooperation, Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia have agreed to enhance cooperation to effectively address the threat of terrorism and extremism just as Islamic State-linked terror groups continued to repel government forces in Marawi City. In a joint statement, the three countries agreed to cooperate on coming up with socio-economic programs to fight the causes of terrorism and not stop at finding a military solution.

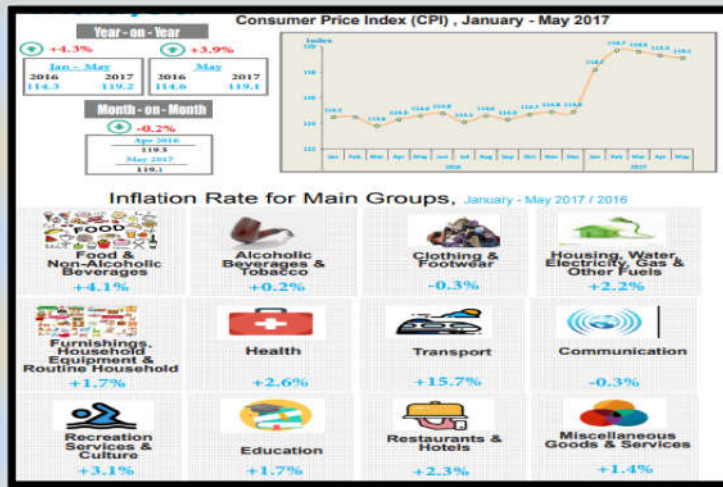
The three countries has also tasked their respective senior officials to consider the proposed plan of action, in the context of measures including addressing the root causes of terrorism and underlying conditions of extremism such as poverty, narcotics or illegal drugs, crime and social injustice.

Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia also vowed to work on enhancing intelligence and information sharing; stopping the flow of terrorist financing; containing the spread of terrorism and terrorism-related content in cyberspace, particularly social media; and preventing and suppressing the exploitation of technology and dissemination of terrorist messages.

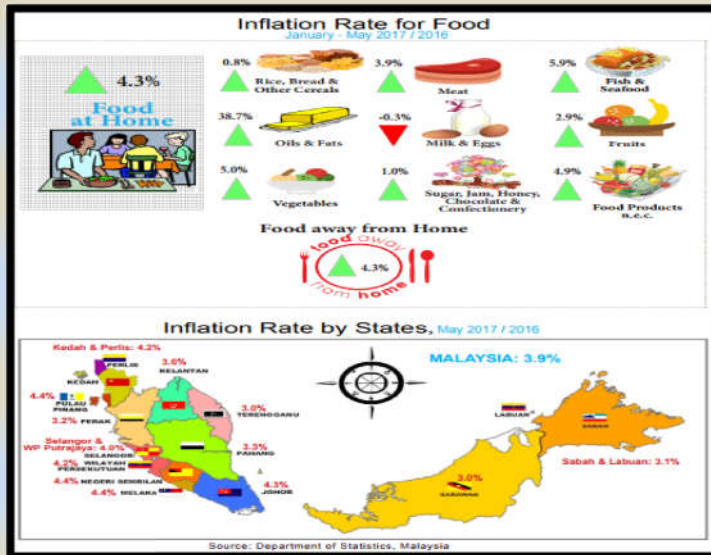


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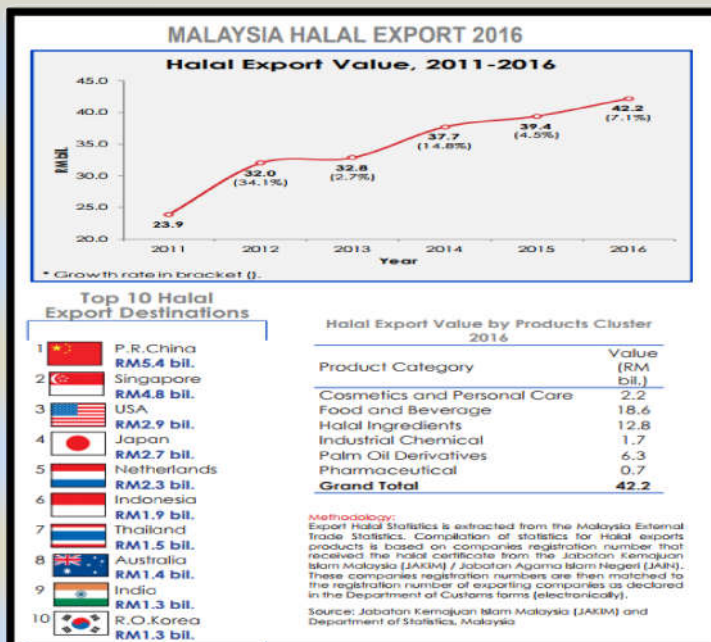
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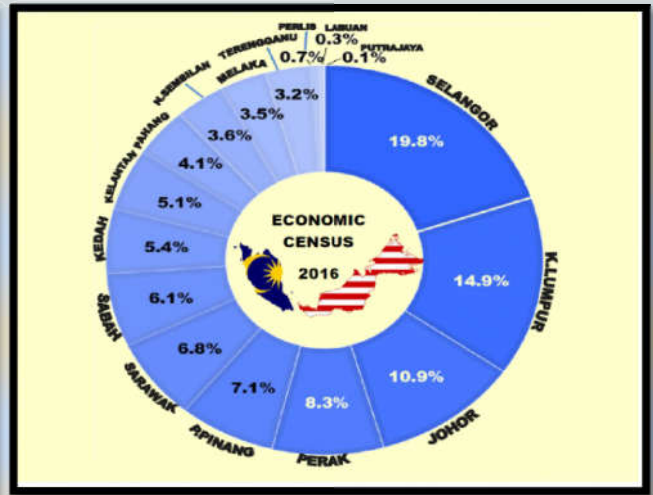
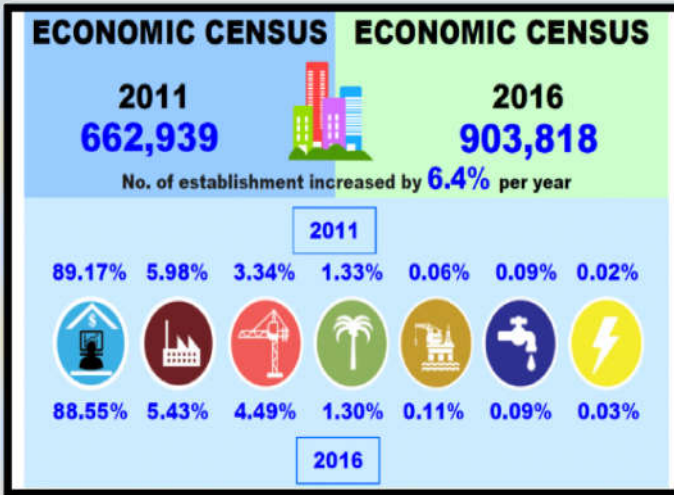
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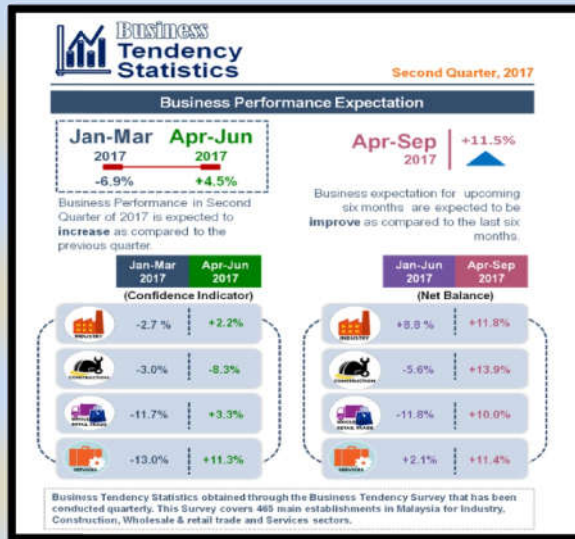
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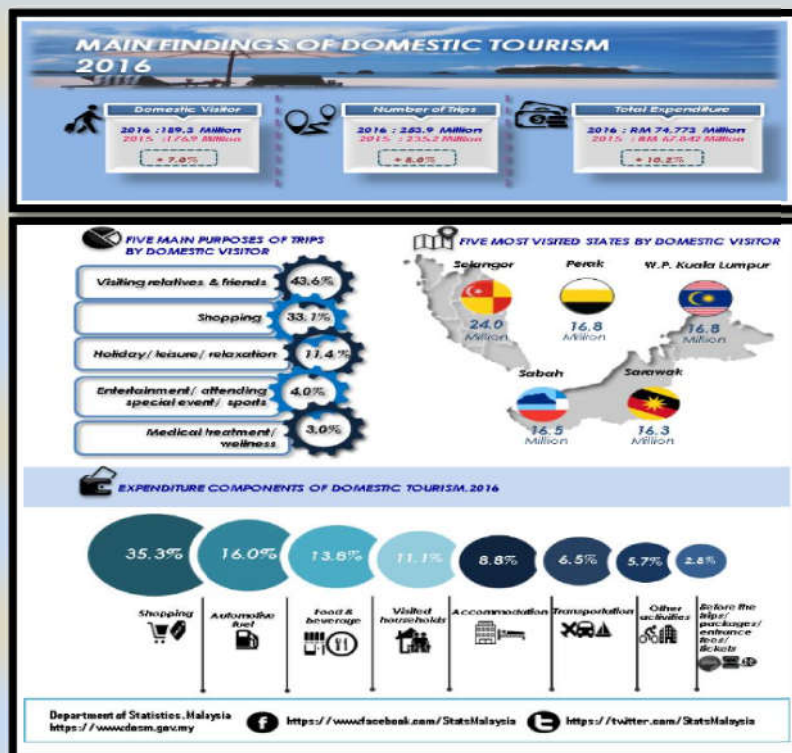
ECONOMIC CENSUS 2016: ESTABLISHMENT STATISTICS



BUSINESS TENDENCY STATISTICS



DOMESTIC TOURISM SURVEY 2016





The Launching of Negaraku Expression Programme

On 18 March 2017, YAB Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia, launched 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. Interested individuals with an interesting and patriotic story to share, about a Malaysian experience, encounter or interaction, are invited to share their stories at <http://www.negaraku.com>.

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.

NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION 2050

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, the Malaysian Prime Minister, 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.

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.

For more information, visit <https://mutn50.com>

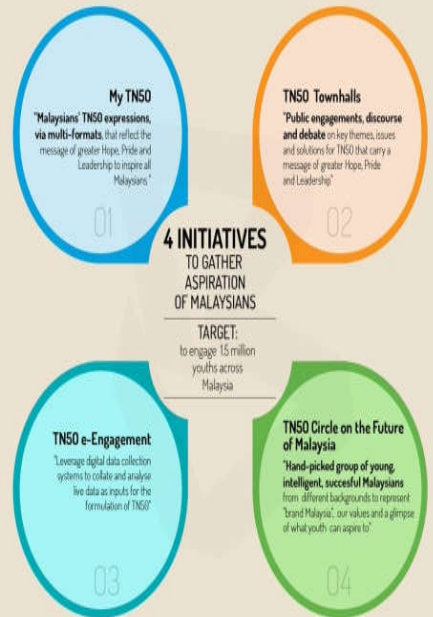


Transformasi Nasional 2050

2050 NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION
TN50

"MAKE OUR FUTURE"

Long-term collective initiative to progressively shape Malaysia into the country of its citizens' aspirations



Source: Ministry of Youth and Sports
Bernama Infographics

2050 NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION
TN50

"MAKE OUR FUTURE"

TN50 can result from engaging with citizens and domain experts



Source: Ministry of Youth and Sports
Bernama Infographics

VISIT PAHANG 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.



MISSION'S ACTIVITIES

HARI RAYA 2017



The Home Based-Staff at the Embassy of Malaysia in Manila celebrated the Hari Raya Eid'1 Fitr 2017 together with the Malaysian community residing in Manila and Locally Recruited Staff.

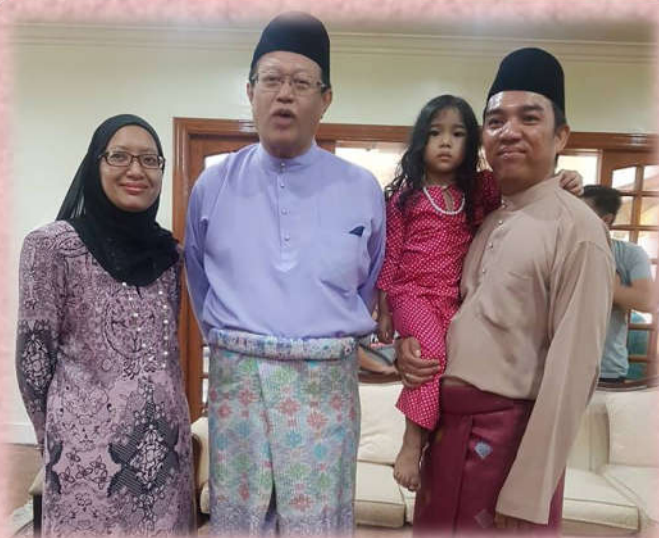
IFTAR 2017



On June 17 June 2017, His Excellency Ambassador Dato' Raszlan Abdul Rashid together with the help of Home-Based Staff and PERWAKILAN in Manila organised the IFTAR 2017 for the Malaysian community residing in Manila, Philippines.

FAREWELL FOR MRS. FAZDILA MANSOR, TOURISM ATTACHE IN MANILA

Farewell for Mrs. Fazdila Mansor, Tourism Attaché', Embassy of Malaysia, Manila whom ended her tour of duty on 30 June 2017.



STUDY ABROAD FORUM AT DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY, MANILA



The Embassy of Malaysia in Manila was invited to be one of the Guest Speakers for the Study Abroad Forum held at De La Salle University in Manila on 15 June 2017. The Embassy underscored that Malaysia offers a holistic education, which helps students to develop talent, skills and prepare for future employment. The Embassies of Japan, Spain, France and British Council also participated the Forum.

PASIG RIVER TOUR AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCE BY PHILIPPINE INFORMATION AGENCY



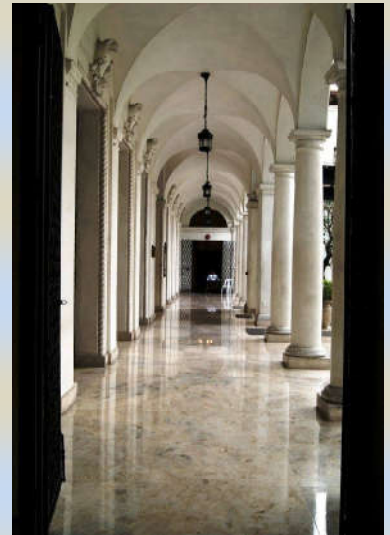
The Embassy of Malaysia in Manila participated the Pasig River Tour which has been conducted by the Philippine Information Agency-National Capital Region (PIA-NCR), and the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission in cooperation with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) and Intramuros Administration. Dubbed as “Isang Bangka Tayo: BALIKTANAW 2017,” the Pasig River tour and cultural heritage experience, that is being conducted on its second year now, aims to reawaken public’s interest on the rich history of Pasig River and nearby historical sites. The project also aims to generate support from both the public and local authorities in the rehabilitation efforts being done to bring back the long lost glory of Pasig River.

BATON RUN 2017



The Embassy of Malaysia in Manila, headed by His Excellency Ambassador Dato' Raszlan Abdul Rashid together with other Malaysian Officials in the Philippines joined the "Rising Together Baton Run" which was held last 12 March 2017. Other prominent officials from the Philippines who participated Baton Run were Hon. Ernesto C. Abella, Philippine Presidential Spokesperson and Mr. William I. Ramirez, Chairman of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC).

PERWAKILAN MANILA



On 21 February 2017, the PERWAKILAN Manila toured the Presidential and Library Museum located in Malacañan Palace. The PERWAKILAN Manila was able to have a glimpse of the past presidential administration of the Philippines.

VISA AND CONSULAR INFORMATION

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

1. Effective on 8 March 2017, **ALL VISA APPLICATIONS** has to be done at the address stated below:
 - 1.1. VFS Services Philippines Private, Inc.
Ecoplaza Building, Mezzanine Floor,
2305 Chino Roces, Extension Avenue,
Makati City 1231, Philippines
Tel No: (632) 956 0619
 - 1.2. Processing Time:
3 – 5 working days (considering all requirements are duly complied)
 - 1.3. Operation Hours:
7:00 AM – 2:00PM (applicants are encouraged to come early in the morning)
 - 1.4. Additional 2,800 Pesos is required for **visa processing**, excluding the **visa fee** for a particular foreign national. Visa Fee varies depending on the nationality of foreign national.
2. Applicants who wish to apply for other applications such as passport renewal, legal capacity, marriage and birth certificate authentication, certificate of good conduct and police clearance and others may proceed to the Embassy of Malaysia in Manila, located at 107 Tordesillas Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City.
3. For visa and consular enquiries, please e-mail at mwmanila@kln.gov.my or malaysiainquiries@yahoo.com.ph or call at (632) 662 - 8200.

