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Sultan Muhammad V: Malaysia's New King



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 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 resides at the National Palace in Kuala Lumpur.

Sultan Muhammad V, who comes from the State of Kelantan, is the 15th *Yang di-Pertuan Agong* of Malaysia. The last time a Sultan of Kelantan became the *Yang di-Pertuan Agong* as in 1975.

The Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah 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 expeditions



14th ASEAN-CANADA DIALOGUE, OTTAWA, CANADA, 7 - 8 MAY 2017



The 14th ASEAN-Canada Dialogue was held in Ottawa, Canada on 7-8 May 2017. It was co-chaired by H.E. Donald Bobiash, Assistant Deputy Minister for Asia-Pacific, Global Affairs, Canada and H.E. Ma Hellen B. De La Vega, Director-General, Department of Foreign Affairs and Acting SOM Leader of the Philippines. The Malaysian delegation was led by H.E. Dato' Seri Ramlan Ibrahim, Secretary-General of Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Among others, the meeting discussed issues related to political and security cooperation, climate change and risk management, human rights, trade and investments. Malaysia's head of delegation highlighted that extremism, terrorism and radicalism are serious global issues that could derail peace and stability in the region. The meeting acknowledged the threat to human security, which would eventually affect global social, political and economic development. Both ASEAN and Canada recognised the valuable cooperation and partnership forged over the last 40 years. The meeting served to underscore the mutually beneficial relationship and continuing efforts to strengthen ties in the coming years.

Canada is ASEAN's 9th largest trading partner, and the areas of cooperation include education and renewable and clean energy technology.

ASEAN COMMITTEE IN OTTAWA



ACO-HoMs Meeting at the Embassy of the Philippines on 31 July 2017





Opening remarks by the Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Canada and H.E. Le Luong Minh, ASEAN Secretary General

Conference on ASEAN by Global Affairs Canada on 30 May 2017



Keynote Address by the Rt. Hon. Joe Clark, former PM of Canada

A conference at Global Affairs Canada entitled "Southeast Asia in an evolving global landscape - Prospects for an integrated region and implications for Canada" on 30 May 2017



Meeting of ASEAN Heads of Mission in Ottawa with H.E. Le Luong Minh, ASEAN Secretary General on 29 May 2017. Also present was Mr. Ian Burchett DG for SEA and ASEAN, Global Affairs Canada. The Secretary General is on an official visit to Canada to commemorate 40 years of ASEAN-Canada relations.

OUTREACH PROGRAMME

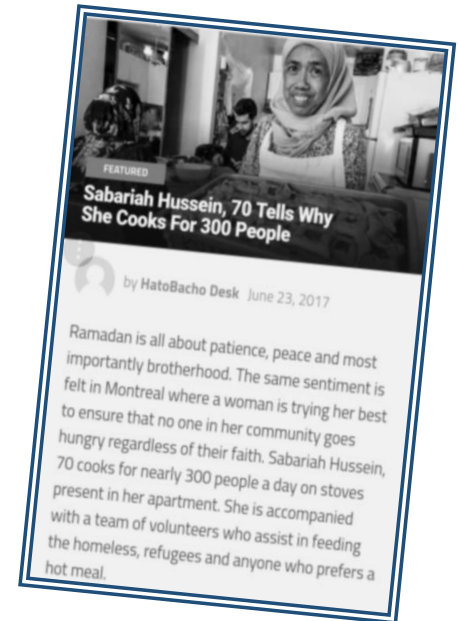
Meeting with Sister Sabariah Hussein



High Commissioner with Sister Sabariah Hussein

The High Commissioner met with Sister Sabariah Hussein in July 2017 at the Malaysian High Commission.

Originally from Johor Bahru, a state located at the south of peninsular Malaysia, Sister Sabariah has resided in Montreal for the past 30 years after she had completed an international cuisine competition in Kuala Lumpur.



A humble and pleasant lady, Sister Sabariah received much limelight for her involvements in feeding the poor and sheltering many homeless. She is actively involved with both Muslim and non-Muslim community, cooking thousands of meals for the hungry.

She lends a hand to anyone in need regardless of race and religion.

High-Tea hosted by the Malaysian Students Club Ottawa (MASCO) at Ottawa University, 30 April 2017

High Commissioner and officers attended a High Tea hosted by MASCO to honour graduating students and to wrap-up activities of MASCO Committee for 2016/2017. In her opening speech, she thanked the MASCO President and committee members for the leadership during their term of office. She further congratulated the graduating students from University of Ottawa and Carleton University. She also briefed students about the new TN50 initiative which was recently launched by Prime Minister Dato' Seri Mohd Najib Tun Hj. Abdul Razak in Jan 2017.



The President of MASCO took the opportunity to reveal the theme song for the upcoming MySukan 2017 which will be held on 7-8 October 2017. Ottawa plays the host this year. This yearly sport programme is alternately hosted by students in Ottawa and Toronto.



Farewell for outgoing First Secretary and family



REMINDER TO DUAL PASSPORT HOLDERS

Lately the Malaysian High Commission in Ottawa has received many inquiries regarding rules and regulation on obtaining other Nationality while maintaining Malaysian citizenship.

In this regards, Malaysia does not recognise dual citizenship as it is clearly stipulated under Article 21(1) of the Federal Constitution.

Therefore, it is the individual's personal responsibility to renounce their Malaysian citizenship after obtaining citizenship in another country through registration, naturalisation or through other formal arrangements other than by marriage.

The Government could also order the revocation of a person's citizenship if the authorities are satisfied that foreign citizenship was obtained voluntarily. According to our statistics, a number of 55 peoples have renounced their citizenship since January 2016 till June 2017.

Malaysians would be advised to follow the rules and regulations on this matter to avoid any problems in future.



Malaysia's 59th International Al-Quran Recital and Memorization Assembly 2017

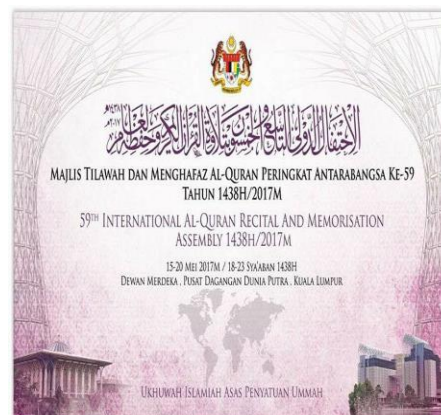
Malaysia successfully organised an International Competition of Quran recitation and Memorization held at Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) in Kuala Lumpur on 15-20 May 2017.

The international Quran contest is annually organised by the Malaysia government with the aim of promoting the culture of Quran recitation and fostering the teachings of the Holy Book. The motto of this year's competition is "Islamic Brotherhood Based on Unity of Islamic Ummah".

Canada presented by Mr. Mohammad Maruf Hossain and Ms. Aminah Mohammed Raizdeen in men and women reciting category respectively. Mr. Mohammad Maruf Hossain came fourth place in the above event.



The High Commission of Malaysia in Ottawa would like to take this opportunity to congratulate to both participants and to Muslim community in Canada for their cooperation in the above event.





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.

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 the 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.

NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION 2050 (TN50)
TN50 is critical to ensuring that the country is ready to face the future

WHY WE NEED TN50

As an independent country, we have gone through a lot over the past 60 years

Achieved economic growth (25x increase in per capita income since 1965)

Significant increase in the quality of life and well-being (the poverty rate decreased from 49.3% to 0.6%, extreme poverty) was eradicated

Peaceful and united country

The world has changed and is rapidly evolving, we have a vision to 2020, but what's next? What guides us beyond 2020?

Pressing new challenges before us—aging demographics, climate change, the 'gig' economy and more

By 2050, the world will look significantly different

MAIN FEATURES OF TN50

TN50 is a long-term collective initiative to progressively shape Malaysia into the country of its citizens' aspirations

01

It is Collective

Bottom-up expression of Malaysians' aspirations

Guided by foresight of domain experts

02

Not a 'Big Bang' but a progressive work

Long-term targets, marked by interim milestones

Wide-ranging areas for transformation, encompassing the economy, citizens well-being, environment, technology, social interaction, governance and others

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ROUND-UP IN PICTURES



Meeting of Women Ambassadors and High Commissioners with the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Honorable Geoff Regan on 6 March 2017.



Meeting of Women Ambassadors and High Commissioners with the Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie on 10 April 2017.



Annual General Meeting of Women Ambassadors and High Commissioners on 26 January 2017.

High Commissioner was elected to serve on the Executive Board.



High Commissioner received a courtesy call by H.E. Vikas Swamp, High Commissioner for India to Canada on 13 March 2017.



Lunch Meeting with the Hon. Rona Ambrose, Leader of the Opposition on 9 March 2017



High Commissioner received a courtesy call by H.E. Philip Eng, non-resident High Commissioner for Singapore on 13 June, 2017



High Commissioner and spouse, Mr. Shaharudin with Ms. Malala Yousafzai at a Reception by High Commissioner of Pakistan, on 12 April 2017



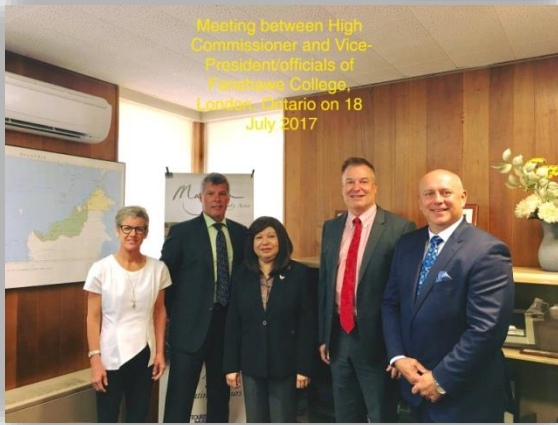
Embassy visit by young delegates of the 14th Canadian International Model United Nations (CANIMUN 2017) on 24 February 2017.

CANIMUN is a simulation of the United Nations which provides youth with an interactive medium to develop public speaking, negotiation, policy-making and diplomacy skills.

A conference at Global Affairs Canada titled "Southeast Asia in an evolving global landscape - Prospects for an integrated region and implications for Canada" on 30 May 2017



High Commissioner received a courtesy call by Mr. Yazan Nasreddin, Executive Director of the Human Concern International and Ms. Ida Rafiqah - Project Development Officer of HCI on 14 June 2017



Meeting between High Commissioner and Vice-President/officials of Fanshawe College, London, Ontario on 18 July 2017



High Commissioner called on Mr. Timothy Sargent, Deputy Minister of International Trade at Global Affairs Canada 6 February 2017

Meeting between High Commissioner and Vice-President and Officials of Fanshawe College of London on 18 July 2017



High Commissioner undertook a courtesy call on Malaysian-born Canadian Senator, The Honourable Yuen Pau Woo on 5 April 2017

High Commissioner appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on International Trade to deliver a statement on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement on 16 February 2017



High Commissioner and spouse hosted a Hari Raya Aidilfitri Lunch for Canadian Senators, Global Affairs Canada officials and members of the Diplomatic Corps on 26 June 2017 at Rumah Malaysia.



With Japanese Ambassador, H.E. Kenjiro Monji, Senator Victor Oh and Mr. Shaharudin



With Senator Victor Oh, Co-Chair, Malaysia-Canada Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group



With Ambassadors of Norway and Japan, Senator Victor Oh, wife of Thai Ambassador and Mr. John Swettenham

Malaysian booth serving Fried Meehoon and Karipap (Malaysian curry puffs) at the Algonquin College 'Celebration of Cultures' event, 4 April 2017



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