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The ASEAN Ambassadors in Rome held their first ASEAN Committee in Rome (ACR) meeting on 12 January 2017 at the Philippines Embassy. It was a memorable meeting as the Ambassadors witnessed the handing over of ACR Chairmanship from The Philippines to Vietnam. They also discussed ACR's future activities under the new chairmanship.



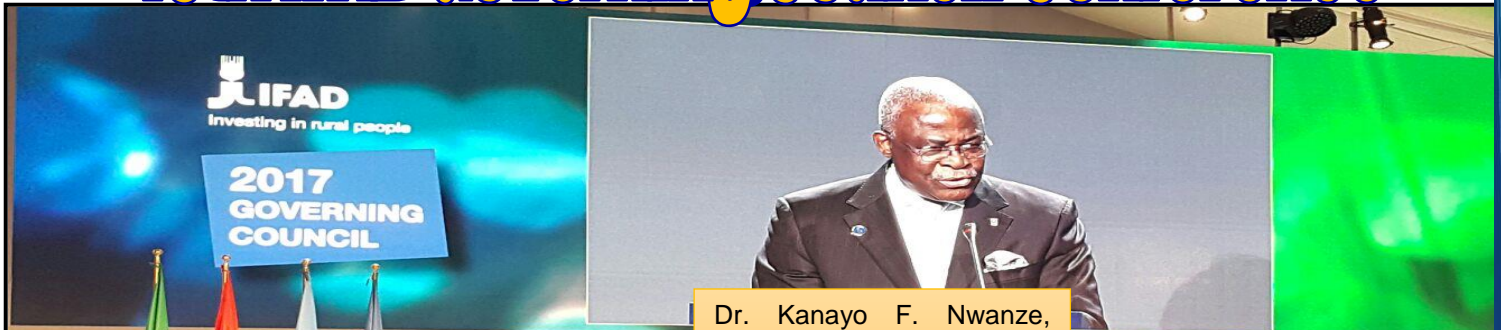
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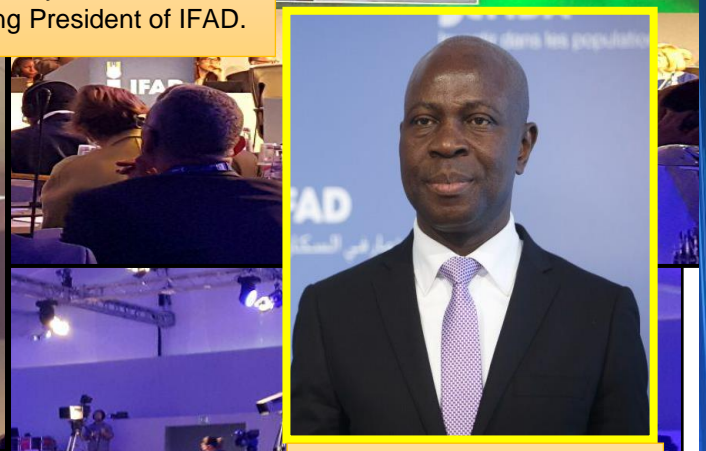
16 January 2017- TYT Duta Besar hosted luncheon in honour of H.E Agus Parengkuan, Ambassador of Indonesia to Italy at his residence. HE Perengkuan ended his term on 15 February 2017 after serving for more than 3 years as Ambassador of Indonesian to Italy, San Marino and Cyprus. The luncheon was attended by ASEAN Ambassador's spouses and their officers.



49th IFAD Governing Council Conference



Dr. Kanayo F. Nwanze, outgoing President of IFAD.



Mr. Gilbert Fossoun, incoming President of IFAD.



The 40th Session of IFAD Governing Council was held at IFAD Headquarters in Rome from 14 to 15 February 2017. Malaysia was represented by TYT Dato' Abdul Samad Othman, Ambassador of Malaysia to Italy and Permanent Representative to IFAD and Mohamad Nazrain Nordin, Second Secretary (Agriculture) from Embassy of Malaysia, Rome. The session started with a keynote address by Her Excellency Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, President of the Republic of Mauritius.

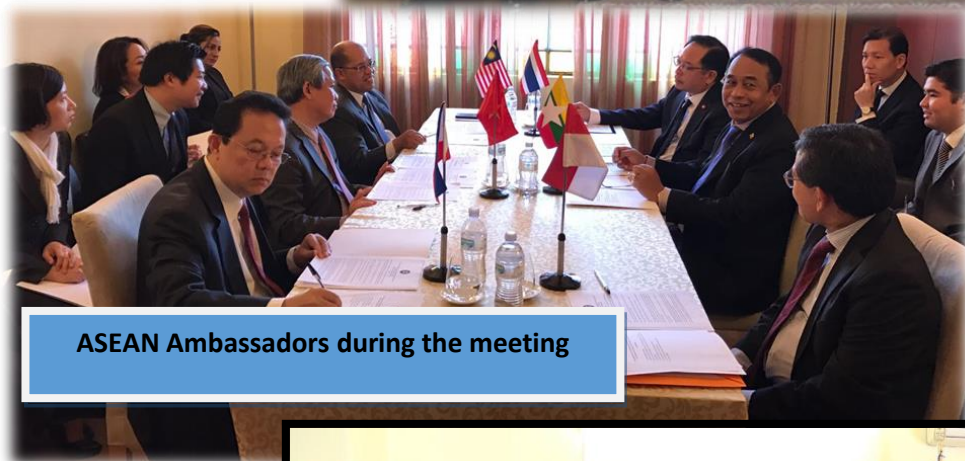
The highlight of the Governing Council was an election to appoint the new President of IFAD who will take office on 1 April 2017. After the third round of voting, the Council approved by acclamation the former Prime Minister of Togo, Mr. Gilbert Fossoun Hungbo as the new President of IFAD. He will be replace Kanayo F. Nwanze, who will end his term on 1 April 2017.

26th ACR MEETING

On 20 February 2017, ASEAN Ambassadors attended the monthly meeting. During the luncheon, Mr. Pier Ferdinando Casini, a European Member of Parliament (EMP) was invited as guest of honour to speak on recent issues occurring in Italy.



ASEAN Ambassadors and CDA of Indonesian Embassy



ASEAN Ambassadors during the meeting



ASEAN Ambassadors and CDA of Indonesian Embassy with Mr. Cassini

FIESTE DELLA DONNA



On the occasion of International Women's Day celebration on 8 March 2017, TYT Dato' Abdul Samad Othman treated the Home Based Women officers for lunch at the Malaysian restaurant.



Prior to that, the ladies in the Embassy took the opportunity to also gather and have lunch together on 3 March 2017.



In Italy, women usually would receive the traditional gift of yellow mimosas flowers as opposed to red roses in other parts of the world.



ACR BOWLING TOURNAMENT



On 18 March 2017, ASEAN Community in Rome (ACR) organized a bowling tournament for all staffs and their families. The event was held at Brunswick Bowling center at 9.30am. Malaysia emerged as the overall champion, defending its title two years in a row. For the Men's category, TYT Dato' Abdul Samad Othman won 2nd place with 158 points while Mr. Rohaizad Abdul Lateh in 3rd place with 150 points.





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, 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.

PERWAKILAN ACTIVITIES



The PERWAKILAN Ladies and their families conducted a factory visit to RCR *Cristalleria Italiana* factory outlet on 4 February 2017. The factory is located in the region of Lombardia and it takes 2 hours 30 minutes' drive from Rome. The ladies had the opportunity to visit the factory and witnessed the crafting method used to produce the crystal items and sculptures.



TYT Duta Besar and all HBS gathered and threw a farewell party at the Embassy on 12 February 2017 for Encik Ashri, spouse of Puan Azulita Salim, Agriculture Attaché who returned to Malaysia to resume his work as Head of Paddy Producing Institute Negeri Kedah.

CONSULAR INFORMATION

INCIDENT OF LOST OR STOLEN PASSPORT WHEN IN ITALY

If your passport has been lost or stolen, you should immediately call the Malaysian Embassy in Italy at + 39 06 841 5764 during business hours and the Consular officer, Mr. Rohaizad Abdul Lateh at his mobile (+393428742118) during weekends. You will also need to apply for a temporary travel document in person at the Malaysian embassy in Rome. Please be aware that our Consulate in Milan is unable to process application for lost/stolen passport.

The following list identifies a number of documents/items you should take with you to the embassy. The consular officers will do their best to assist you to issue a temporary travel document quickly. Please provide:

- A. Passport Photo (three photos are required)
- B. Evidence of Malaysian citizenship (Identity card, birth certificate, photocopy of your missing passport)
- C. Travel Itinerary (airline/train tickets)
- D. Italian Police Report



2 April 2017



10 April 2017



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