

EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN TOKYO JAPAN

NEWS BULLETIN

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS



The logo of the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations launched in Kuala Lumpur in February 2017

Malaysia and Japan are celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Diplomatic Relations in 2017. This is a significant milestone in our history and therefore it is important for the general public to be aware of the fact that relations between Malaysia and Japan are long and well established.

In conjunction with the Anniversary, a logo competition was held in Malaysia and in February this year, the winner was announced. The winning logo (featured above) was designed by Mr. Mohamad Faizal Bin Omar.

Series of important visits and promotional activities will be undertaken both in Japan and in Malaysia to commemorate this important event as well as to increase the awareness of the general public on Malaysia-Japan relations. The Embassy will continue to highlight the anniversary in all of our events and engagements. We hope this year will be a meaningful and memorable year for all.

Happy 60th Anniversary!

AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES

Dato' Ahmad Izlan Idris continues his active engagements with his hectic schedule in the first quarter of 2017. He attended various events and activities that are important towards enhancing ties between Malaysia and Japan. Some of the important events include the visit to Kumamoto Prefecture hosted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, HE Fumio Kishida, giving lecture to Japan-ASEAN Inter-parliamentary Exchange Group of the House of Councillors' and to members of Association of Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly (TMA) Supporting DISCA Activities that focuses on Malaysia's economy and investment climate. The Ambassador also receives various courtesy calls in his office and continue to engage in various activities both at political, economic and social spheres.



1. Visit by Talent Corp and the Immigration Department teams to brief the Embassy officials on the implementation of the ESD system at Malaysian Missions abroad and;
2. Courtesy call by Prof. Datuk Dr. Rohana Yusof, Vice Chancellor of the University of Malaya and her delegation on 31 January.

AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES



Top: HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan taking part in the visit to Kumamoto Prefecture hosted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, HE Fumio Kishida in March. The visit was part of the government's effort to promote regional economy and for the Ambassadors to see first hand the reconstruction efforts in the area after last year's earthquake.



Left: HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan delivering his lecture to members of Association of Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly (TMA) Supporting DISCA Activities on 29 March. The lecture focuses on Malaysia's economy and investment climate and Bottom: HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan giving his remarks at the 2017 New Year Reception hosted by the Japan-Malaysia Association.



AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES



The Ambassador giving his remarks at the Japan-ASEAN Inter-parliamentary Exchange Group of the House of Councillors' Meeting with ASEAN Ambassadors in Tokyo.



Left: HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan with the Governor of Tokyo, Yuriko Koike at the Tokyo Ambassadors Night reception hosted by the Governor and :

Bottom: HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan Idris attending the Kawasaki International ECO-Tech Fair 2017.



AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES



HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan and Datin Rose Abdullah at the Tourism Forum in Shirahama-Wakayama. The forum aims to promote mutual tourism between Asia Oceania and Wakayama as well as between Ambassadors and local politicians. The event was hosted by Tourism Promotion Parliamentary Association of the Wakayama Prefectural Assembly.



Chinese New Year open house hosted by Dato' Seri Tham and Datin Seri at his Rasa Malaysia Restaurant.



Lunch hosted by HE Kiyoshi Odawara, Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs in honor of Admiral Tan Sri Ahmad Kamarulzaman Ahmad Badaruddin, Chief of Navy, Royal Malaysian Navy on 3 Feb.



The annual reception hosted by the Imperial Hotel Tokyo for the Embassy staff on 2 March.



At the dinner hosted by PNB Chairman, Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar at the New Otani on 5 March.

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HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan officiating the Asia Halal Certification Bodies Enrichment Course at Makuhari Messe. The Ambassador also met participants and visited Malaysian booths at FOODDEX 2017 which was held at the same venue.



HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan at the farewell reception for the Malaysian delegation hosted by JICG (JAIF International Cooperation Center) at Shinagawa Prince Hotel. The Secretary Generals of KeTTHA and MDSI, Director General of the Ministry of Health, Deputy Director General of EPU, CEO of Malaysian Nuclear Power Corp and other agencies including the media representatives were at the reception.

Meeting between HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan and Mr Takaaki Nakanishi of the Hyakugo Bank.



AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES



Courtesy call by the New Zealand Ambassador to Japan, HE Stephen Payton.



Courtesy call by the delegation from the Hiroshima ASEAN Association. The discussion revolves around the upcoming business delegation's visit from Hiroshima to further promote trade and investment between the two countries.



Courtesy call by HE Viroth Sundara, the new Ambassador of the Lao PDR to Japan.



Courtesy call by Dr Nordin Zain, Executive Director of Deloitte and Prof Dr Hatsuyoshi Ichino of Aoyama Gakuin University.



Left: HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan attending the reception in conjunction with the 13th Asia Senior-Level Talks on Non-Proliferation (ASTOP-XIII) and Right: Courtesy call by Mr Akmal Hassan, Managing Director of Malaysia Halal Corporation Co. Ltd.



AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES



Visit by the executive Vice President and Senior Director, International Business Development of Nippon TV. The visit was to introduce the Malaysian and Japanese production of the comedy programme "Jenaka Kampung Kalut-JKK" which is in its second season. Also present was the main cast of the comedy, Miss Yuumi. JKK currently airs on Malaysia's TV3.



HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan receiving Mr Takashi Anamizu, Senior Executive Officer, Chief Executive of Energy Resources & Global Business Division, Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd and his team. Also present was Mr Zahirul Ishak, Director of MIDA Tokyo.



HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan meeting the executives from Kanaflex Corporation Co. Ltd.

AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES



Meeting between HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan and Dato' Seri Ibrahim Ahmad Badawi, Executive Chairman of Brahim Holding Bhd to discuss the development of halal business in Japan.



Courtesy call by Mr Ahmad Nazri Wahab, CEO PETRONAS LNG Ltd and his team.



Meeting between HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan and Mr Keijiro Mori, Senior Managing Director of Kinokuniya Co. Ltd.



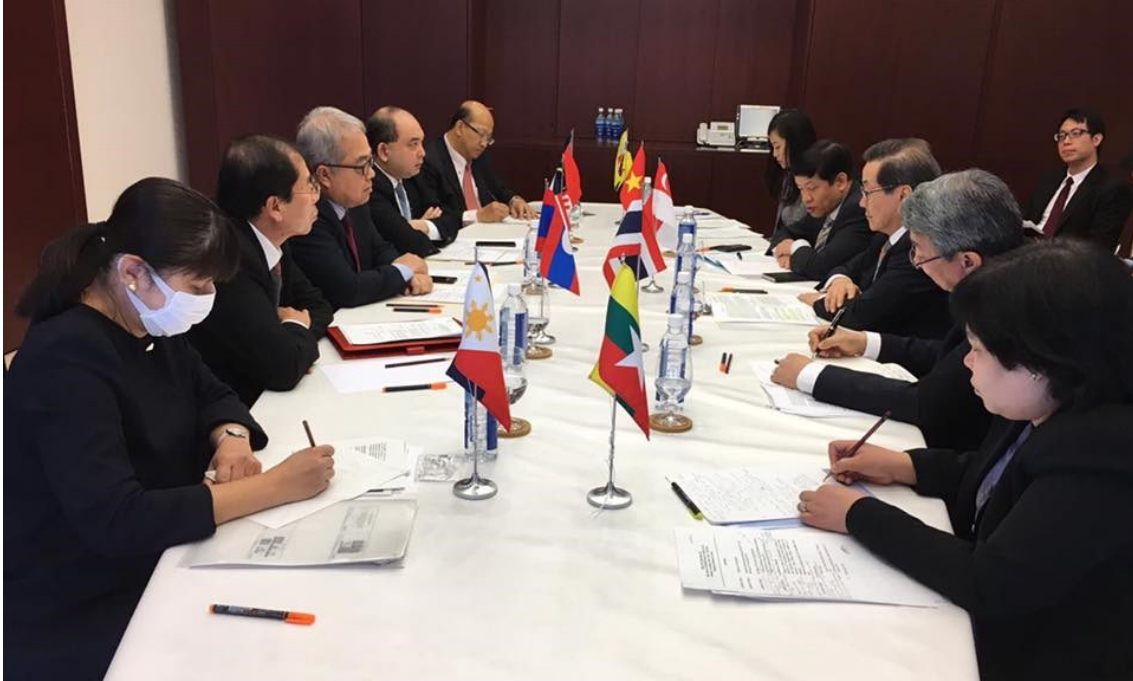
Meeting between HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan with Mr Rinji Takeoka, Managing Executive Officer, Global Business, Nikkei Inc.



Courtesy call by HE Kamilah Hanifah, the new Brunei Darussalam Ambassador to Japan.

ASEAN ACTIVITIES

Singapore currently chairs the ASEAN Committee in Tokyo (ACT). The Ambassador hosted the 279th ACT Meeting at its Embassy on 6 February. In conjunction with the meeting, the Embassy also hosted a luncheon with Mr Kazuya Nashida, Director General of Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs, MOFA. The luncheon gave the opportunities for ASEAN Ambassadors and their representatives to interact and exchange views on current issues with Mr Nishida. Meanwhile, the Embassy of the Philippines hosted a lunch reception at the Imperial Hotel in conjunction with the Philippines' Chairmanship of ASEAN on 27 March.



(Top): The 279th ASEAN Committee in Tokyo (ACT) Meeting chaired by the Ambassador of Singapore and (Below) : Luncheon with Mr Kazuya Nashida, Director General of Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs, MOFA.



ASEAN ACTIVITIES



Lunch reception hosted by the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines at the Imperial Hotel in conjunction with the Philippines' Chairmanship of ASEAN on 27 March.

EMBASSY'S ACTIVITIES

The Embassy officials participated in various programme and activities in the first quarter of 2017. They continue to actively engage with the local and Malaysian stakeholders. They also represent Malaysia in various events and receive guests to disseminate information on Malaysia as well as to discuss issues and implement various programmes and strategies that are useful for the enhancement of the bilateral relations.



Mr Hendy Assan, DCM, representing the Embassy as guest at the Malaysia 2nd Batch Workshop Presentation in conjunction with the JENESYS2016 inbound programme in Tokyo. Twenty eight Malaysian youth comprising of UMNO Youth and officers from the Ministry of Youth and Sports took part in the programme.

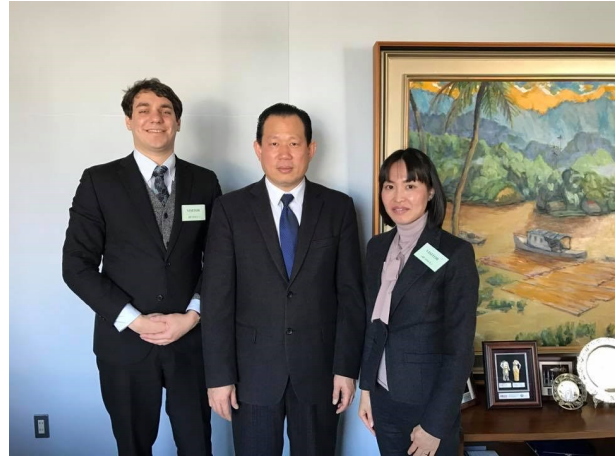
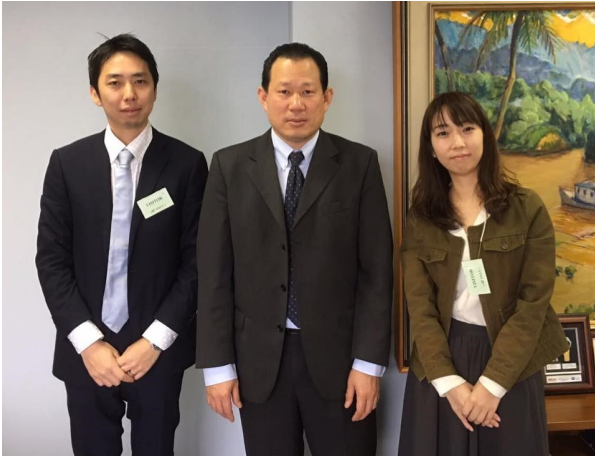


Mr Hendy Assan with Malaysian participants at the opening ceremony of the Training Programme on Applying ICT Innovations for Modernizing Official Statistical Systems by the UN Statistical Institute for Asia and Pacific.



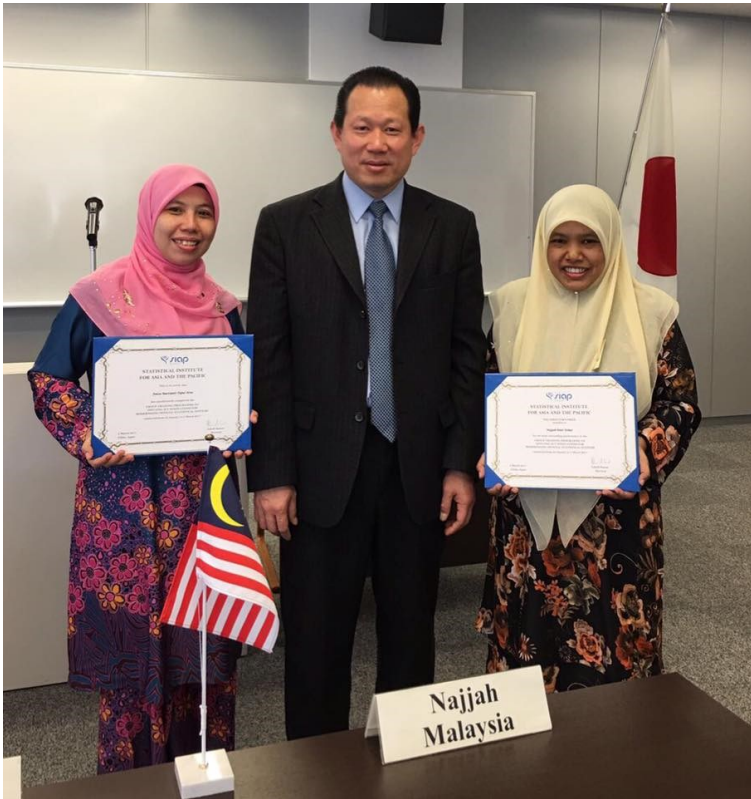
The DCM representing Malaysia at the annual ASEAN Forum by the Aichi-Nagoya Network and International Exchange (ANNIE) in Nagoya on 7 February.

EMBASSY'S ACTIVITIES



Mr Hendy Assan receiving the representatives from NEC Corporation Japan. During the meeting he was briefed on the latest status of NEC operations in Malaysia.

Meeting the delegation from the International Relations Division, Nagoya City Hall.



Giving the support to the Malaysian participants at the closing ceremony of the Group Training Programme on Applying ICT Innovations for Modernizing Official Statistical Systems by the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific and JICA.

Visit by the delegation from the International Youth Centre Malaysia to discuss the upcoming 2017 Malaysia-Japan Youth Exchange Programme.

EMBASSY'S ACTIVITIES



Mr Mohd Ainuddin Ahmad Hilmi representing the Embassy at the Workshop Presentation for the ASEAN Composite 2nd Batch (Peace Building Exchange) under JENESYS 2016 Inbound Programme. Students and Working Youths from 10 ASEAN Member States, including Timor Leste and India, participated in the programme.



The Malaysian participants and the Embassy Counsellor at the farewell reception of Japan Asia Youth Exchange Program in Science (Sakura Science Plan) hosted by Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST).



Mr Mohd Ishrin Mohd Ishak, First Secretary at the workshop presentation and farewell party of JENESYS2016 Inbound Programme 7th batch.

EMBASSY'S ACTIVITIES



Mr Mohd Ishrin, First Secretary with the Malaysian representatives at the Child Aid Asia Friendship Concert 2017, Shinjuku.



Group photo with MOHE Malaysia and Malaysia Japan International Institute of Technology today after meeting with Japan university consortium chaired by MOFA Japan. The Malaysian delegation was headed by Tan Sri Dr. Noorul Ainur Mohd. Nur, Secretary General of MOHE.

OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

The outreach programme by the Embassy continues in the third quarter of 2016. The Embassy received students from the University of Malaya under their International Culture and Educational Exchange Programme, Kyoritsu International Foundation and Sutera Indah Residential College of Islamic Science University, Malaysia (USIM) during the first quarter of this year.



Visit by students from the University of Malaya under their International Culture and Educational Exchange Programme at the Embassy today. The students were briefed in the role and functions of the Embassy as well as the state of the current bilateral relations between Malaysia and Japan.



Educational visit by the winners of Japanese language proficiency competition organized by Kyoritsu International Foundation at the Embassy.

OUTREACH PROGRAMMES



Visit by students from Sutera Indah Residential College of Islamic Science University, Malaysia (USIM)

PERWAKILAN NEWS

PERWAKILAN 35th AGM was held at the official residence chaired by its President Datin Rose Abdullah. The AGM was officiated by the Ambassador as Patron of PERWAKILAN.



MALAYSIAN FACTS:**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.



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