

EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN TOKYO JAPAN

NEWS BULLETIN

HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI CELEBRATION 2017 AT THE EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN TOKYO, JAPAN



The date of 25 June 2017 saw the Embassy of Malaysia in Tokyo continued with the tradition of hosting the Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration for Malaysians and friends of Malaysia. After the prayer of al-Fitr at the embassy's main hall, an estimated 800 people (probably the largest number in the embassy's recent history) were feted to a smorgasbord of delectable Malaysian favourites such as satay, lontong, fried bee hoon and nasi beriani. Such event has undoubtedly fostered the camaraderie among Malaysians of various races in the spirits of 'Malaysia' and 'Negaraku'. The event also affords H.E. Dato' Ahmad Izlan Idris and others the opportunity to catch-up on latest news and developments, and to share light moments during the celebrative day. May the existing bond between Malaysians and friends in Japan continue to grow stronger for many years to come.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND JAPAN



His Imperial Highness Prince Naruhito, the Crown Prince of Japan undertook an Official Visit to Malaysia from 13 to 17 April 2017. His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Japan was accompanied by an official delegation of the Imperial Household as well as officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan.

This was His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Japan's first visit to Malaysia since His Imperial Highness' investiture as the Crown Prince of Japan on 23 February 1991. The last visit by the Crown Prince of Japan to Malaysia was by His Imperial Majesty Emperor Akihito (the then Crown Prince) and Her Majesty Empress Michiko (the then Crown Princess) from 19 to 26 February 1970. In October 1991 and June 2006, both His and Her Majesty undertook State Visits to Malaysia.

Bilateral relations between Malaysia and Japan have expanded steadily and substantially since the establishment of diplomatic relations 60 years ago. Among the main thrust of cooperation between the two countries is the Look East Policy. Programmes under this policy have been implemented for more than three decades since 1982. The policy entered the second wave of cooperation in 2013. Through this programme, Malaysia has benefited greatly, particularly in terms of economic and social development.

The visit by His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Japan is the highlight of the commemoration of the 60 anniversary of Malaysia - Japan bilateral relations. This historic visit has undoubtedly contributed towards the enhancement of the close relations between the two countries.

During the visit, His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Japan had an audience with His Majesty The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong XV, Sultan Muhammad V, followed by an Official Dinner hosted by His Majesty The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong XV, both at Istana Negara. His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Japan also met with Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB Dato' Sri Najib Razak. YAB Prime Minister and YABhg. Datin Sri Rosmah Mansor hosted a luncheon for His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Japan and delegation at Sri Perdana, Putrajaya.

His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Japan also delivered a special lecture at the University of Malaya. The Sultan of the State of Perak and the Chancellor of the University of Malaya, Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah Al-Maghfur-lah, was also present during the special lecture.

His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Japan also visited PERMATA Pintar and met with YABhg. Datin Sri Rosmah Mansor, the patron of the PERMATA Programmes.

Apart from these, other programmes include visits to the National Museum, Smart Tunnel and Japanese School Kuala Lumpur, as well as an audience by Japanese Community in Malaysia and Malaysians Associated with Japan.

AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES

H.E. Dato' Ahmad Izlan Idris continues his active engagements throughout the second quarter of 2017. Dato' Ahmad Izlan had participated in numerous engagements and events that are important in strengthening the ties between Malaysia and Japan. Dato' Ahmad Izlan had also received various courtesy calls and continue to engage in various activities in political, economic and social spheres.



Dato' Ahmad Izlan accompanied YB Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed, Minister of International Trade and Industry of Malaysia at the luncheon hosted by Nikkei Inc. on 6 April 2017. YB Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed undertook a working visit to Japan in conjunction with the ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) Roadshow in early April 2017.



Left: Courtesy call by Mr. Muneaki Paulo Kitahara, Vice-President for Public Relations General Affairs of Japan Airlines Co., Ltd on Dato' Ahmad Izlan Idris on 28 April 2017.



Right: Introductory call by H.E. Mr. Arifin Tasrif, the new Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Japan on Dato' Ahmad Izlan Idris on 28 April 2017.

AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES



Left: Courtesy call by Dato' Ahmad Izlan on YB Dato' Wira Othman Aziz, Deputy Minister of Finance I on 4 May 2017. YB Deputy Minister was attending the 50th ADB Annual Meeting and ASEAN+3 Finance Minister and Central Bank Governors meetings in Yokohama.



Right: Dinner hosted by YB Deputy Minister of Finance I for Malaysian students at Yokohama on 6 May 2017.



Left: Courtesy Call by Mr. Hisafumi Koga, Honorary Chairman of Kyodo PR on Dato' Ahmad Izlan on 28 April 2017.



Right: Dato' Ahmad Izlan attended the ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Japan Airlines' Tokyo-Kuala Lumpur route at Narita on 8 May 2017.

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1. Dinner with the delegation from the State of Kedah, which was headed by YB Dato' Paduka Hj. Bakar bin Din, State Secretary of Kedah on 9 May 2017.
2. Courtesy call by the delegation from Universiti Utara Malaysia headed by Associate Professor Dr. Asmadi Mohamed Naim, Dean of the Islamic Business School on 12 May 2017.
3. Courtesy call by Col. Fazal Abdul Rahman, Commandant of Malaysian Peacekeeping Centre on Dato' Ahmad Izlan on 17 May 2017.
4. Courtesy call by Mr. Hiroyuki Sato, CEO of Amita Corporation on Dato' Ahmad Izlan Idris on 14 June 2017.
5. Courtesy call by H.E. Mr. Lui TuckYew, the new Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore to Japan on H.E. Dato' Ahmad Izlan Idris on 20 June 2017.



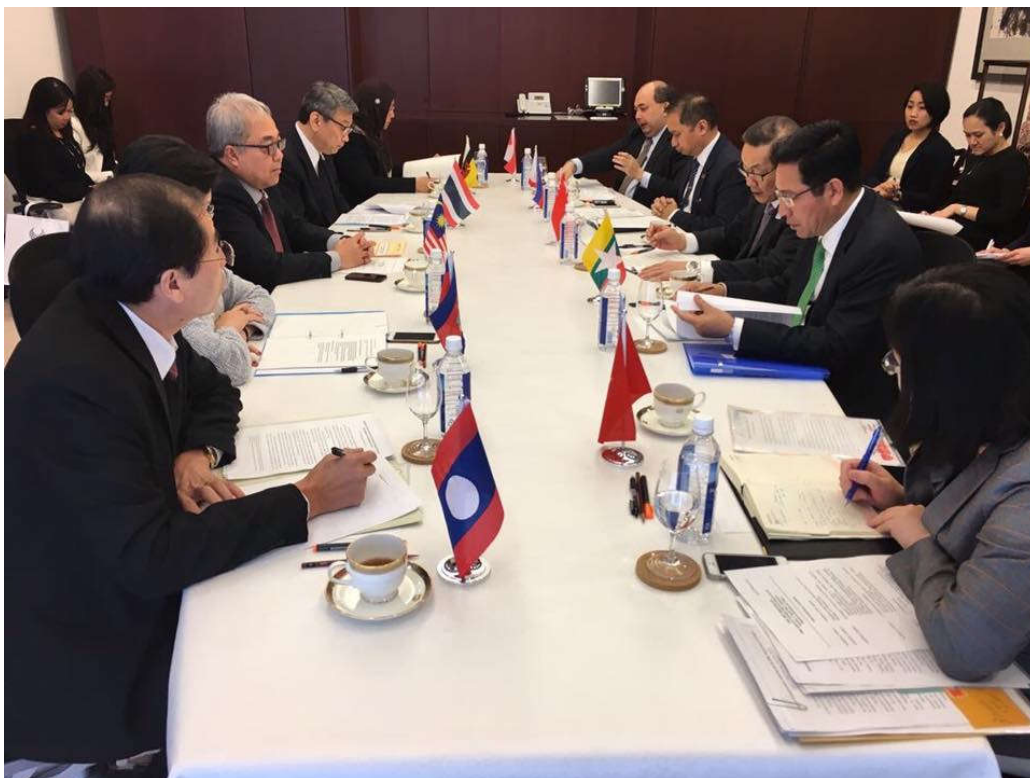
ASEAN ACTIVITIES

The second quarter of 2017 also saw the Embassy of Malaysia to be actively engaged with the ASEAN Committee in Tokyo (ACT) activities. For instance, on 4 April 2017, H.E. Dato' Ahmad Izlan attended the ACT's Luncheon with Ms. Yuriko Koike, Governor of Tokyo and participated in the 280th ACT Meeting at the Embassy of Singapore, Tokyo (then Chair of ACT).



Top: ACT's Luncheon with Ms. Yuriko Koike, Governor of Tokyo on 4 April 2017 at the Embassy of Singapore, Tokyo.

Below: The 280th Meeting of the ACT at the Embassy of Singapore on 4 April 2017

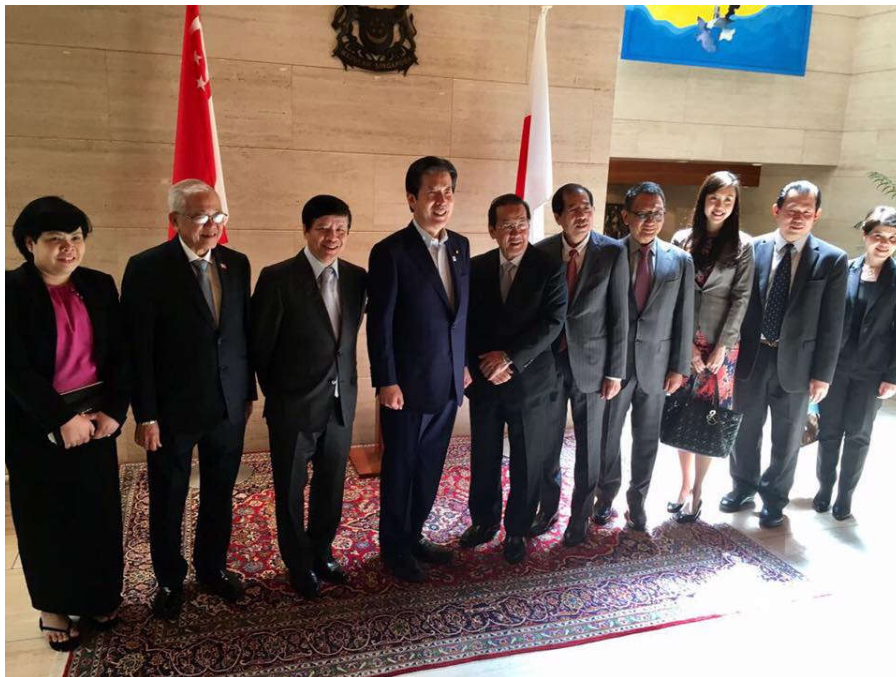


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Dato' Ahmad Izlan represented YB Minister of International Trade and Industry on the third day of the ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) Roadshow in Osaka on 8 April 2017.

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The 281st ACT Meeting chaired by Ambassador of Singapore, followed by an ACT Luncheon with President of Komeito, Mr. Natsuo Yamaguchi on 23 May 2017. The meeting also marked the handing over of the ACT chairmanship to the Embassy of Vietnam.

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The ACT Bowling Tournament 2017 was held on 9 April 2017. The tournament aimed to foster closer friendship among officials from ASEAN Member States' missions in Japan.

EMBASSY'S ACTIVITIES

Embassy's officials participated in various programmes and activities in the second 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.



Left: Mr. Hendy Assan, Deputy Chief of Mission, accompanied the delegation from Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) and Ministry of Federal Territory during the visit to Tokyo Traffic Control Centre on 17 April 2017. The visit was part of the group's programme to study Japan's disaster management and recovery programme as well as facilities management.

Right: Mr. Hendy Assan, Deputy Chief of Mission represented the Embassy of Malaysia at the 2017 Sakura Viewing Festival in Fukushima Prefecture on 27 April 2017.



Left: Mr. Ainuddin Hilmi with Malaysian synchronized swimming team competing in the Japan Open 2017—FINA Synchronized Swimming World Series event in Tokyo, 28 –30 April 2017.

Right: Mr. Hendy Assan, Deputy Chief of Mission received the delegation from MARA headed by YBhg. Datuk Yusuf Yacob at the embassy on 11 May 2017.

EMBASSY'S ACTIVITIES



Left: Mr. Hendy Assan, Deputy Chief of Mission received the Vice President of the International University of Health and Welfare at the Embassy on 25 May 2017.

Right: Mr. Hendy Assan, Deputy Chief of Mission met with Mr. Yoshiaki Hongo, Special Adviser to Japan Tourism Agency and his delegation at the embassy on 30 May 2017. The meeting discussed the upcoming International Squash Games that will be held in Japan.



Left: Mr. Hendy Assan, Deputy Chief of Mission received the delegation of LDP's Diet Members headed by the Honorable Ms. Eriko Yamatani, Chairperson of the Special Committee on North Korea Abduction on 31 May 2017.

Right: Mr. Ishrin Ishak, First Secretary of the Embassy with representative from the Office for International Youth Change, Cabinet Office of the Government of Japan, representatives from ASEAN Member States' missions in Japan and participants of the "44th Ship of Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Programme (SSEAYP) 2017" on 26 May 2017.

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Top: Mr. Ishrin Ishak, First Secretary represented the Embassy of Malaysia at the Closing Ceremony of Japan-Asia Youth Exchange Programme in Science (Sakura Exchange Programme in Science) - Sakura Science High School Programme Group No. 3 at JST HQ on 19 May 2017.

Bottom: Mr. Ishrin Ishak, First represented the Embassy of Malaysia at the Opening Ceremony of the 57th IATSS Forum Opening Ceremony at Suzuka, Mie Prefecture on 20 May 2017.

OUTREACH PROGRAMMES



From top to bottom: Study visit by the Malaysian Society for Educational Administration and Management (MSEAM) on 13 April 2017; study Visit by students from Choja Junior High School of Hachinohe, Aomori Prefecture on 17 April 2017; and study visits by students from Minami Koizumi Junior High School of Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture on 17 May 2017.

OUTREACH PROGRAMMES



One—Study visit by students from Ikeda Junior High School of Ibi District, Gifu Prefecture on 18 May 2017; Two—Study visit by students from UNITEN on 23 May 2017; Three—Study visit by students from Tsuyama Junior High School of Okayama Prefecture on 14 June 2017; and Four—Study visit by students from Kiyose Dai-Go Junior High School of Kiyose-shi, Tokyo on 16 June 2017.

PERWAKILAN NEWS

PERWAKILAN Tokyo participated in the 41st Asia-Pacific Festival & Charity Bazaar 2017 at ANA InterContinental Hotel Tokyo on 19 April 2017.



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.

Visit Pahang Year 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.



Photo courtesy of Pahang Tourism

VISIT TERENGGANU 2017

Terengganu obtained its name from the word “terang ganu” meaning bright rainbow. Terengganu is one of the beautiful states located in Peninsula Malaysia, rich in culture, arts and heritage.

There are many interesting places to be visited in Terengganu such as Kapas Island, Redang Island and Perhentian Island. These three islands are rich in mature coral gardens and popular for diving, snorkelling, beach activities and jungle trekking. Like most Malaysian states, Terengganu too has a wide variety of its own particular cuisine and activities.

Some of the festivals that will be hosted by Terengganu in 2017 include the Terengganu Peranakan Festival from 25 - 30 August, portraying the lifestyle of the Peranakan community; Krobek Festival from 25 - 27 August, showcasing Terengganu arts and handicraft; and the International Gamelan Festival from 25 - 27 August.



Kapas Island



Perhentian Island

In conjunction with “Visit Beautiful Terengganu 2017”, Air Asia has introduced the Fly-Thru product where Air Asia will provide low fares and free seats for flights to Terengganu. In addition, Air Asia has also increased the number of trips from Johor Bahru and Kuala Lumpur to Terengganu. There is a Terengganu specific app worth checking out: *Tourism Malaysia E-Brochure App*, making it easier for the tourist to find interesting places to visit and plan their vacation.

Terengganu has also introduced a “*Pakej Pelancongan Beautiful Terengganu Dekat Je Holiday Packages 2017*”, designed to attract tourists.

For more information, visit the “Visit Beautiful Terengganu 2017” webpage <http://beautifulterengganu.com/> has more detail information on Terengganu’s tropical gateway.



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