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Malawakil Washington DC Eid Al-Fitr Open House

Despite being far away from home, festive celebrations and patriotic spirits were still much alive among the Malaysian communities in Washington DC.

To mark the conclusion of the fasting month of Ramadan, on 25 June 2017, the Embassy of Malaysia hosted an Eid Al-Fitr Open House. Around 500 guests including the Embassy's staff and family members, Malaysian students, diaspora as well as diplomatic corps were present at the event. After a 'takbir' and the Eid Al-Fitr prayers, H.E. Ambassador invited and welcomed all the guests to enjoy a spread of sumptuous Malaysian delicacies, such as nasi minyak, kambing golek, leman, rendang, meehun sup and raya cookies.

The guests took the opportunity to mingle with the H.E. Ambassador and his wife, the Embassy's staff as well as other fellow Malaysians. The reception was indeed a big family gathering bringing Malaysians together.



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Visit from My World

4 April 2017

The Embassy of Malaysia in Washington DC was delighted to welcome a group from My World, a Global Citizenship Program for teens based in Atlanta, Georgia. The group consisted of 12 teens ranging from 13 - 18 years of age and were keen to learn about the role of the Embassy for citizens and diplomacy as well as learn about the politics, culture, education and business of Malaysia ahead of their trip to Kuala Lumpur in July.



Farewell of Associate Professor Dr. Amin

17 April 2017

The Embassy organized a farewell luncheon to bid goodbye to Minister Counselor Associate Professor Dr. Amin Md Taff who had finished his tour of duty. The Embassy wishes Dr. Amin the best of luck for his future undertakings.



Visit of YB Second Finance Minister



19—22 April 2017

The Embassy welcomed YB. Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani, Second Finance Minister and delegation who were in Washington DC from 19- 22 April 2017 to attend the IMF and World Bank Spring Meetings.

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ASEAN Ambassadors Meeting with Secretary of Commerce

27 April 2017

ASEAN Ambassadors in Washington D.C., had an introductory meeting with Mr. Wilbur Ross, U.S. Secretary of Commerce. The meeting was the first occasion that ASEAN Ambassadors had formal interaction with Mr. Ross since he assumed office in late February this year.



Embassy Club AGM

28 April 2017

The Embassy held the first Annual General Meeting of the Embassy of Malaysia Club on 28 April 2017. The establishment of the Embassy of Malaysia Club aims to promote friendship, esprit de corps and co-operation amongst its members in the interest of advancing goodwill as well as to promote the social, sports, cultural and educational welfare of its members.



MPOC Cooking Challenge

29 April 2017

The Education Bureau of PERWAKILAN Washington D.C. in collaboration with the Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC) organized a cooking challenge amongst PERWAKILAN Washington D.C. members.

The event that was fully sponsored by MPOC was held in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of palm oil industry in Malaysia.



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Visit of YB Foreign Minister and YBhg. Dato' Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

4 - 6 May 2017

The Embassy of Malaysia welcomed YB Dato' Sri Anifah Aman, Minister of Foreign Affairs who led the Malaysian delegation to the Special ASEAN-U.S. Foreign Ministers Meeting in Washington D.C., on 4 May 2017.

As part of the meeting, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers and ASEAN SOM leaders met the U.S. Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson. The Special Meeting was preceded by the 30th ASEAN-U.S. Dialogue at the level of Senior Officials, led by YBhg. Dato' Ramlan Ibrahim, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 3 May 2017. On 5 May 2017, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers had a meeting with the U.S. National Security Advisor, General H.R. McMaster.

This year marks an important milestone in ASEAN-U.S. relations as both ASEAN and the US celebrate the 40th anniversary of the establishment of dialogue relations. The Special Meeting provided the opportunity for the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN and the U.S. Secretary of State to reflect on their long standing relations under the strategic partnership. The Meeting also provided the opportunity to discuss and exchange views on U.S. foreign policy towards ASEAN and the region as well as on regional and international issues of common concern.



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Passport DC 2017

6 May 2017

The Embassy of Malaysia opened its doors to the public for Passport DC 2017. Passport DC is an annual program organized by Cultural Tourism DC where the public travel the 'world' as they visit participating embassies and experience the food, art, dance, fashion, music, innovations, and manufactured goods from different countries. Close to 50 embassies participated in this year's edition of Passport DC.



Malaysia Mid-West Games

12 - 14 May 2017

The 2017 Malaysian Mid-West Games was held from 12 - 14 May 2017 at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. The games saw numerous universities in the mid-west U.S. as well as some universities from Canada contend for games such as soccer, football, netball, badminton and pingpong. The overall winner was Michigan State University.



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Malaysia Mid-West Games



Logo design competition and Standard Operating Procedure and TN50 Video Conference

Highlights from the event are the launching of a Standard Operating Procedure for students during emergencies, and the announcement of the winners of the logo design competition in conjunction with the 60th Anniversary of Malaysia-U.S. relations.

Congratulations to Muhammad Shafiq Mohamad Haniffa from University of Colorado Boulder, who won the first place with a cash prize of USD\$ 600, a certificate and an invitation to the 60th anniversary reception at the Embassy of Malaysia.

The students also had a video conference session with YB Khairy Jamaluddin discussing the Transformasi Nasional 2050 (TN50).

The 2017 Malaysian Mid-West Games wrapped up on 14 May with a special presence of YB Minister of Higher Education, YB Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh.



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ACW - HFAC Roundtable

18 May 2017

On 18 May 2017, HE Tan Sri Zulhasnan Rafique together with 9 other ASEAN Committee in Washington (ACW) Ambassadors attended a roundtable session with members of the US House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC) at Rayburn House Office building in Washington D.C. The session was hosted by Asia and the Pacific Subcommittee Chairman Congressman Ted Yoho and Ranking Member, Congressman Brad Sherman. It was attended by 16 other Congressmen who are members of HFAC, including Congressman Brendan Boyle, Congresswoman Dana Rohrabacher, Congressman Ami Bera, Congresswoman Dina Titus, Congresswoman Ann Wegner (the co-chair of ASEAN Congressional Caucus), Congressman Gary Connolly and Congressman Gregory Meeks. The roundtable session aimed to have some exchange of views on ways both the United States and ASEAN can improve diplomatic engagement, encourage economic growth and work together to address shared regional security concerns.



Things to Do DC Reception

18 May 2017

This year the Embassy of Malaysia again collaborated with Things to Do DC and opened its doors to young professionals of DC and the D.C., Maryland and Virginia area to experience and learn about Malaysian culture, food and dance.

This year was even more special as the event was also attended by H.E. Tan Sri Ambassador and Puan Sri Anna Razak.



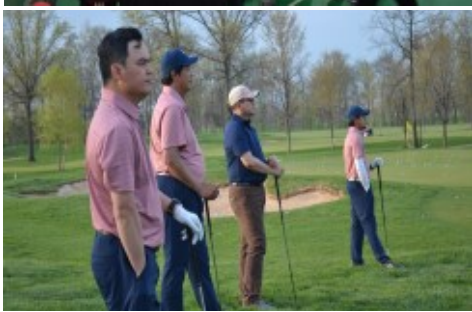
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DC-NY Games 2017

20 - 21 May 2017

Malawakil Washington hosted the annual DCNY Games on 15 April (golf tournament), and 20 - 21 May 2017 (other tournaments). Seven categories were up for grabs; golf, bowling, badminton, soccer, ping pong, netball and karaoke.

DC team managed to win back the trophies in all games except golf. Both teams showed high spirits of competitiveness and had fun all the way.



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Courtesy Visits to USDA and AFBF

24 May 2017

H.E. Tan Sri Zulhasnan Rafique made a visit to the Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS), US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and was hosted by the Hon. Ms. Holly Higgins, Acting Administrator of the FAS.

Later in the day, H.E. Ambassador led a leadership courtesy visit on Hon. Mr. Zippy Duvall, President for American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF).



ASEAN Women's Circle Cultural Showcase

26 May 2017

The ASEAN' Women's Circle (AWC) in Washington D.C. organized a cultural showcase at the Dean Acheson Auditorium, United States Department of State. The cultural show was participated by AWC members from all ASEAN member countries, proudly showcasing each countries' colorful costumes and culture. Prior to the showcase, guests were treated to a sumptuous spread of ASEAN delicacies.



MWWashington: Ramadhan Ya Kareem

Ramadhan in Washington D.C.

27 May - 24 June 2017

The Officers and staff and families of the Embassy of Malaysia truly embraced the holy month of Ramadhan with numerous religious activities. They took turns hosting Iftars, Terawikhs and Morehs whether at their respective homes or at the Chancery.

Ramadhan was made more special with the attendance of Ustaz Mohd Aminur Rahman and Ustaz Ahmad Mukmin from Maahad Tahfiz Pahang who held Islamic studies and Al-Quran classes for children of the Embassy family, as well as special classes like 'Kelas Pengurusan Jenazah' for the adults.

Malaysian Student Association Northern Virginia & Washington DC (NOVA) also launched a fundraising project called 'Month of Blessings: Here for Refugees' and managed to collect almost USD\$6,000 in which 100 food packages were distributed to the refugees in DC area.



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AirAsia X Inaugural Flight to Honolulu

28 June 2017



AirAsia X landed at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport today, in its inaugural flight to Honolulu, Hawaii. The long-haul low cost pioneer will operate a four times weekly service from Kuala Lumpur to Honolulu via Osaka, starting 28 June 2017.



The inaugural ceremony was graced by Hawaii's Chief of Staff Mike McCartney, Hawaii's Tourism Authority President and Chief Executive Officer George D. Szigeti, Malaysian Ambassador to the United States H.E. Tan Sri Zulhasnan Rafique, AirAsia X Chairperson Tan Sri Rafidah Aziz and AirAsia X Chief Executive Officer Benyamin Ismail.

On 30 June 2017, H.E Tan Sri Ambassador undertook a visit to US Pacific Command (USPACOM) and met with its Commander Admiral Harry Harris.



Visits to San Francisco and San Jose



2 July 2017

H.E. Tan Sri Ambassador undertook a visit to San Francisco and San Jose to visit Facebook, Western Digital, Khazanah, BioTech. H.E. Tan Sri Ambassador also visited MIDA office in San Jose.

Aside from meeting the companies, H.E. Tan Sri Ambassador took time to meet with Malaysian diaspora and students under the 'Program Mendampingi Rakyat Malaysia' (PMRM) at Sunnyvale.



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Eid Al-Fitr Reception at Rumah Malaysia

7 July 2017

The Open House tradition of commemorating Eid Al-Fitr celebration continues when H.E. Tan Sri Ambassador and Puan Sri Anna Razak hosted a reception for ASEAN Ambassadors and spouses and US State Department officials at Rumah Malaysia today. The guests were treated to a scrumptious spread of Malaysian's delicacies followed by a cultural performance at the garden.



MWWashington: At A Glance

Visit to Palm Tree School, 28 April



MBA students from Asia School of Business under MIT Sloan



Malaysian Night in Wichita State University, Kansas., 22 April



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Visit of H.E. Ambassador to Portland, Oregon 14 May



Morning Assembly, 17 May



Discussion between YBhg. Tan Sri Munir Majid and members of Malaysia-America Society, 24 May



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Farewell Afternoon Tea in Honor of Ms. Yuslen Isa, 26 May



Visit from YSEALI Professional Fellows , 31 May



Farewell Luncheon in Honor of Mr. Johari Minal, MPOB Science Attaché and wife, Ms. Mastura Yusop, 11 July



Until the next edition!