



High Commission of Malaysia in Wellington

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Kia Ora from the High Commission of Malaysia in Wellington!

The year 2017 is significant as it marks the 60th Anniversary of diplomatic relations between Malaysia and New Zealand, 50th ASEAN Anniversary and Malaysia's 60th National Day. Considering that the days, weeks and months of 2017 are passing us by quickly, the High Commission of Malaysia in Wellington would like to give you an update of the activities and developments involving the High Commission from January - April 2017 in Newsletter 1/2017.

Notwithstanding the political shifts in the global space, namely from the US Trump administration, the recently concluded French Presidential elections, the upcoming UK's general elections and Germany's federal elections, it has been a busy year in New Zealand's domestic political scene. This attributes to the fact that 23 September 2017 marks the date of New Zealand's General Elections to determine the membership of its 52nd Parliament.

Newsletter 1/2017 covers the first quarter of 2017 and highlights amongst others, the visit of YB Brig. Gen. Khairy Jamaluddin, Minister of Youth and Sports of Malaysia to New Zealand from 3-7 April 2017 as an ASEAN Fellow under the Prime Minister of New Zealand's Fellowship programme and the biennially held ASEAN Southeast Asian Night Market on 1-2 April 2017.



Visit by YB Brig. Gen. Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar (Minister of Youth and Sports) on 3-7 April 2017

YB Brig. Gen. Khairy Jamaluddin (YB Minister Khairy), Minister of Youth and Sports of Malaysia visited New Zealand on 3-7 April 2017 as an ASEAN Fellow under the New Zealand (NZ) Prime Minister's Fellowship Programme. While in Auckland, YB Minister Khairy also met with the New Zealand Rugby Union and the Student Volunteer Army (SVA) that was established following the 2010 and 2011 Christchurch and Canterbury earthquakes. In addition, YB Minister Khairy became the 4th person to deliver a lecture titled “Youth Involvement in Politics” at the 2017 Saad Lecture organised by the University of Victoria in Wellington, since it was initiated in 1998.

YB Minister Khairy also took advantage of the visit to have two National Transformation towards 2050 (TN50) engagement sessions in Auckland and Wellington respectively with the Malaysian students and community. The engagements were part of a national consultation process on Malaysia’s National Transformation Plan towards 2050 or TN50 which was organised by the High Commission of Malaysia in Wellington.



YB Brig. Gen. Khairy Jamaluddin and H.E. Dato' Lim Kim Eng, High Commissioner of Malaysia to New Zealand, with Malaysian students in Auckland.



YB Brig. Gen. Khairy Jamaluddin delivering his speech at the 2017 Saad Lecture at the University of Victoria in Wellington.

TN50 was announced during the 2017 Budget in October 2016, was launched on 19 January 2017 when YAB Prime Minister with YB Minister Khairy hosted the first series of national consultations on TN50 with some 500 youth leaders at Dewan Tunku Canselor in UM (University of Malaya). The TN50 is a 30-year transformation plan to transform Malaysia into a nation of calibre with the right mind set to achieve the goal of becoming a top 20 country in the world in all sectors.

New Zealand is the first country overseas that was visited by YB Minister Khairy under the TN50 national consultations roadmap. During his engagement sessions with Malaysian students and

community in New Zealand, he outlined the main thrusts of the TN50 roadmap, and also took in ideas, aspirations and questions from those who attended.

YB Minister Khairy's office is tasked to collect, collate and compile all of the inputs and aspirations from all of these engagements to come up the policy paper that details Malaysia's direction by the year 2050, which is a 30-year period from 2020.



YB Brig. Gen. Khairy Jamaluddin engaging with the audience in Wellington on the TN50 roadmap.



Pictures of YB. Minister Khairy during his courtesy calls on :-

- 1.Hon. Sports Minister Jonathan Coleman
- 2.Hon. Youth Minister Nikki Kaye
3. Hon. Foreign Minister Murray McCully
4. The Rt. Hon. Bill English, Prime Minister of New Zealand



5 & 6. YB Minister Khairy with the NZ Blues Rugby Team in Auckland.



7. YB Minister Khairy with Mr. Sam Johnson (founder of the Student Volunteer Army) and some Malaysian student participants.

ASEAN Southeast Asian Night Market in Wellington on 1-2 April 2017

The 6th ASEAN Southeast Asian Night Market was held along the Wellington waterfront from 1-2 April 2017. The two-day biennially held event attracted over 20,000 people and provided the Wellingtonians an unique opportunity to have a taste of ASEAN/Asia food and culture while showcasing and promoting Wellington's multi-cultural heritage.



His Worship Mayor Justin Lester giving his opening remarks at the Southeast Asian Night Market with 'Kadazan' traditional costumes.



H.E. Dato' Lim Kim Eng, High Commissioner of Malaysia to New Zealand, with all the ASEAN Heads of Mission in Wellington

His Worship Mayor Justin Lester, Mayor of Wellington officiated the event attended by all the six ASEAN Heads of Mission in Wellington to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN, the 42nd Anniversary of ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue and also the 60th Anniversary of Malaysia-New Zealand diplomatic relations.



HC Dato' Lim at the ASEAN booth

Under the ASEAN Committee in Wellington (ACW), the 6 ASEAN Missions jointly set up an ASEAN Booth to promote ASEAN Awareness in commemorating the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN.

The High Commission of Malaysia in Wellington also set up the PERWAKILAN Wellington food booth to promote Malaysian food namely its iconic nasi lemak, karipap, roti chanai and kari ayam. In addition, Asiatic Dancers, comprising seven Malaysian students from the University of Victoria in Wellington represented Malaysia in entertaining the crowd with their medley of cultural dances from Malaysia. Many Kiwis expressed their delight in tasting the food and appreciating the dances that came from Malaysia, while acknowledging the 60 years of diplomatic relations between Malaysia and New Zealand.



Colourful performances by Asiatic Dancers (comprising some Malaysian students in Wellington)



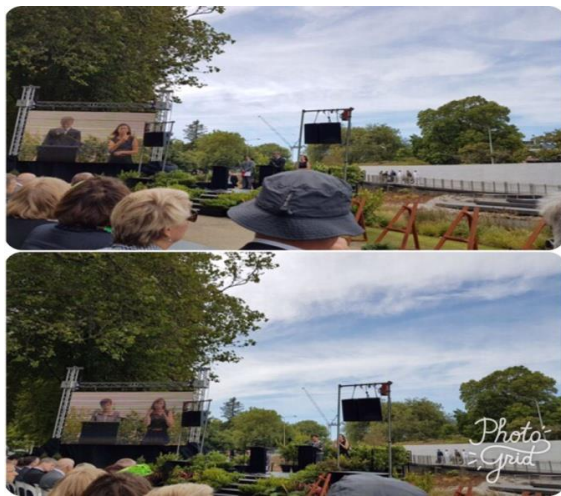
PERWAKILAN Wellington's booth selling Malaysian food.



H.E. Dato' Lim Kim Eng, High Commissioner of Malaysia to New Zealand, with the Asiatic Dancers at the ASEAN Southeast Asian Night Market event.

6th Anniversary of the 2011 Canterbury Earthquake in Christchurch on 22 February 2017

The National Dedication and Civic Memorial Service was held on 22 February 2017 which marked the 6th anniversary of the Canterbury Earthquake which occurred on 22 February 2011 in Christchurch. The Rt. Hon. Governor- General of New Zealand H.E. Dame Patsy Reddy and Sir David Gascoigne (spouse) were also present along with the NZ Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon. Bill English, and the diplomatic corps. The commemorative event was more significant as it also marked the unveiling of the OI Manawa Canterbury Earthquake National Memorial built in remembrance of the 185 earthquake victims in Christchurch.



Address by The Rt. Hon. Dame Patsy Reddy, The Governor-General of New Zealand and The Rt. Hon. Bill English, Prime Minister of New Zealand



The wreath laid by the Malaysian High Commissioner, at the memorial



High Commissioner Dato' Lim Kim Eng at the Canterbury Earthquake National Memorial Reception in Christchurch on 22 February 2017, with The Right Honourable Dame Patsy Reddy, Governor General of New Zealand, H.E. Mr. Cristiano da Costa, Ambassador of Timor-Leste (right) and Mr. Psusist Wongsurawat, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Thailand (left).

101st Australia and New Zealand Army Corps Day (ANZAC) on 25 April 2017

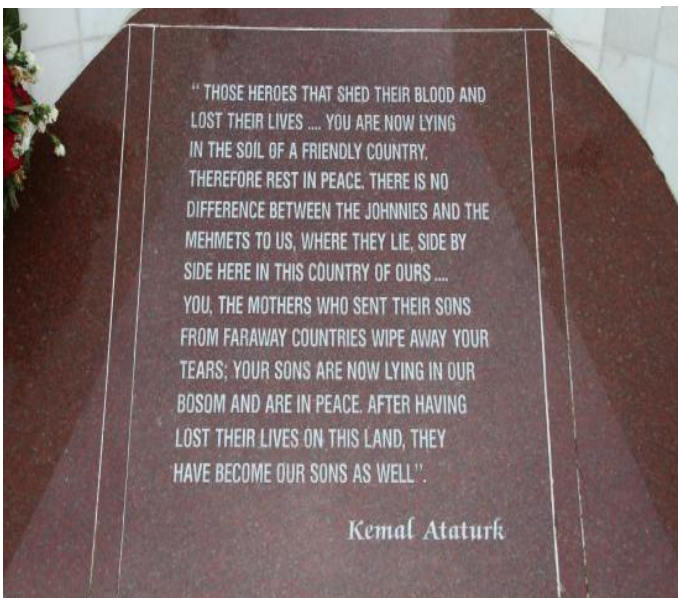
25 April is the annual day of remembrance for the fallen of all wars, which in New Zealand commemorates the day the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZACs) landed in Gallipoli in 1915. HC Dato' Lim attended the 101st ANZAC day event at the Te Pukeahu National War Memorial, Wellington.



High Commissioner Dato' Lim Kim Eng and Defence Attache Colonel Mohd Rizan Mat Hasan with the wreath.



High Commissioner Dato' Lim Kim Eng laid a wreath, in remembrance of the brave soldiers who perished in the war.



Turkish Memorial at the Te Pukeahu National War Memorial in Wellington, in remembrance of the sacrifices of the Gallipoli Campaign.

Receptions hosted by the Diplomatic Corps

1. Reception with The Rt. Hon. Bill English, Prime Minister of New Zealand

The Diplomatic Corps hosted a reception on 17 March 2017 at the Intercontinental Hotel, Wellington to congratulate the current Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Rt. Hon. Bill English on his assumption of the Prime Minister's post on 13 December 2016, following the sudden resignation of former Prime Minister John Key.



The Prime Minister of New Zealand, The Rt. Hon. Bill English, flanked by High Commissioner Dato' Lim Kim Eng and her spouse



The Prime Minister of New Zealand, The Rt. Hon. Bill English with the Heads of Mission (HOM)

2. Reception with Honourable Murray McCully, former Foreign Minister of New Zealand

On 10 April 2017, the Diplomatic Corps in Wellington also hosted a farewell reception in honour of Honourable Murray McCully, who was a Foreign Minister of New Zealand since November 2008. As a National Party MP of 30 years, Hon. McCully is the third longest serving Foreign Minister of New Zealand who stepped down on 1 May 2017.



High Commissioner Dato' Lim Kim Eng with H.E. Murray McCully, Foreign Minister of New Zealand and the other Heads of Mission (HOM)

Palmerston North's Festival of Cultures on 4 March 2017

High Commissioner Dato' Lim Kim Eng (HC Dato' Lim) was invited by His Worship Grant Smith, the Mayor of Palmerston North to attend the celebration of Palmerston North's cultural diversity on 4 March 2017 at Te Manawa and The Globe Theatre. The celebration included the Lantern Festival on Friday evening, Saturday's World Food, Craft and Music Fair and on finally on Sunday, Ngahau Te Manawa Fiesta Time. Aside from the formal programme with the Mayor and the diplomatic corps, HC Dato' Lim also visited the Manawatu Malaysian Society's food stall.



HC Dato' Lim at the stall by the Manawatu Malaysian Society in Palmerston North



HC Dato' Lim with the host, Mayor of Palmerston North, His Worship Grant Smith, the Thailand Ambassador and the Ambassador of the Philippines.

Visit by Public Accounts Committee of Sabah from 6-12 March 2017

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Sabah led by Datuk Hj. Ahmad Bujang undertook a working visit to New Zealand from 6 - 12 March 2017. The visit programme included a courtesy call on The Rt. Hon. David Carter, Speaker of the NZ Parliament, meeting with NZ Maori Tourism, as well as a session with some MPs under the NZ-Malaysia Parliamentary Friendship Group.

Aside from a full day at the New Zealand Parliament, the delegation also paid a courtesy call on HC Dato' Lim during their visit to the High Commission of Malaysia in Wellington on 8 March 2017.



Datuk Hj. Ahmad Bujang, Director of PAC Sabah (on behalf of the delegation) made some remarks during visit to Malaysia High Commission in Wellington.



Photo with the PAC Sabah delegation at the front of the Malaysia High Commission in Wellington.

HC Dato' Lim and the delegation with:-

1. The Rt. Hon. David Carter, Speaker of NZ Parliament
2. Members of the NZ-Malaysia Parliamentary Friendship Group

Courtesy Calls on High Commissioner

1. New Indonesian Ambassador to New Zealand, H.E Tantowi Yahya



Courtesy call by H.E Tantowi Yahya, the new Ambassador of Indonesia for New Zealand on HC Dato' Lim on 21 April 2017. He was accompanied by Mr. Firdauzie Dwiandika, Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of Indonesia.

2. New Director of Tourism Malaysia in Auckland



HC Dato' Lim received a courtesy call by Mr. Rosli Reshid Mohd Saini, Director of Tourism Malaysia (TM) based in Auckland at the High Commission of Malaysia in Wellington on 31 March 2017. He replaces the previous Ms. Zalina Ahmad, effective as of 20 February 2017.

While in Wellington, Mr. Rosli accompanied by Mr. Mohd Fazli Rasan, Deputy Director of TM Auckland, took the opportunity to visit the ASEAN Southeast Asia Night Market.

Program Mendampingi Rakyat Malaysia (PMRM)

Chinese New Year Celebration in Wellington (5 February 2017) and Auckland (11 February 2017)

As part of the *Program Mendampingi Rakyat Di Luar Negeri* (PMRM), the High Commission of Malaysia in Wellington participated in several Chinese New Year (CNY) celebrations organized in New Zealand.

HC Dato' Lim and her spouse joined the celebration of CNY in Auckland, New Zealand on 11 February 2017 organized by the Auckland Malaysian Society (AMS) at the Imperial Palace Restaurant. Overall, more than 350 people including non-Malaysians were present.

Mr. Francis Chai, President of the AMS welcomed all those who attended and thanked the Malaysia High Commissioner and the High Commission for their continuous support to the events organized.



HC Dato' Lim with Hon. Alfred Ngaro and the Malaysian community in Auckland during the event



Prosperity Toss' of Yee Sang by HC Dato'Lim and the guests during the event

Apart from Auckland, CNY was also celebrated in Wellington. Acting High Commissioner Mr. Raja Suresh Raja Kandan and spouse attended the event organized by the New Zealand Malaysian Society (NZMS) in Wellington on 5 February 2017. Through both the events, all those who attended appreciated the Malaysian food, culture and camaraderie in harmony with the spirit of 1 Malaysia.



Mr. Raja Suresh Raja Kandan and his spouse with National Party MP Brett Hudson, and the Malaysian community in Wellington

Visit by the Malaysian Women Floorball Team

The Malaysian Women Floorball Team was in New Zealand from 31 January-5 February 2017 to participate in the Women's World Floorball Championship Qualification Tournament for Asia-Oceania that was held in Wellington. The players were led by Malaysian Floorball President Mr. Mohd Rizal Razman, and accompanied by three assistant coaches and some volunteers that made up a 25-strong delegation.

The High Commission of Malaysia in Wellington hosted a dinner on 3 February 2017 for the delegation.



50th Anniversary of the International Muslim Association of New Zealand (IMAN) on 21 April 2017)

The Kilbernie Islamic Centre in Wellington organized an event on 21 April 2017 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of IMAN.



TOP pictures

1. HC Dato' Lim delivering her brief remarks at the event.
2. H.E. Ahmet Ergin (Ambassador of Turkey) and H.E. Afrasiab Mehdi Hashmi (High Commissioner of Pakistan) at the Kilbernie Islamic Centre, Wellington.

LEFT pictures

1. HBS and LRS with the Malaysian Women Floorball team at the ASB Arena in Wellington.
2. HBS with the team at the High Commission of Malaysia in Wellington.

PERWAKILAN Wellington

PERWAKILAN Wellington set up a Malaysian food stall at the Chinese New Year Bazaar that was held on 12 February 2017 at Shed 6, Wellington. In addition to that, as mentioned earlier, PERWAKILAN Wellington also organized a food stall at the ASEAN Southeast Asian Night Market in Wellington for the two-day event from 1-2 April 2017.

On a separate note, the High Commission of Malaysia in Wellington also took part in an ASEAN Ladies Circle Flower Demonstration event held at the Singapore High Commission on 23 March 2017.



PERWAKILAN Wellington during the 'gotong royong' in making 'karipap' for the ASEAN Southeast Asian Night Market event



HC Dato' Lim with PERWAKILAN members during the ASEAN Southeast Asian Night Market



ASEAN Ladies Circle Flower Demonstration event hosted by Singapore at its High Commission in Wellington, 23 March 2017



HC Dato' Lim with PERWAKILAN members during CNY Bazaar, 12 February 2017..

Consular Matters



Travellers to New Zealand are recommended to have a comprehensive medical insurance coverage before arrival in New Zealand. Although New Zealand's public and private medical / hospital facilities provide a high standard of treatment and services these services are not free for visitors. Public funded health services will only treat if the condition is critical. Expected charges for consultation fees range from NZ\$122.00 for under 18 years and from NZ\$200.00 for 18 years & over.

Visitors can bring THREE months supply of medicines (original packaging with pharmacy labels are clearly visible) for personal use and a letter from a doctor regarding the treatment. All medicines should be declared upon arrival.

While visitors to New Zealand are covered under the local Accident Compensation Scheme (ACC) for personal injury by accident, it is not a replacement for travel insurance. ACC only covers treatment and rehabilitation cost while in New Zealand. High Commission of Malaysia in Wellington is located at:

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