



HIGH COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA

WINDHOEK, REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

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ABOUT US

Malaysia opened its Mission in Windhoek on 21 March 1996 in response to the establishment of the Namibian High Commission in Kuala Lumpur in 1995. Namibia only opened its resident Mission in 4 countries in the Asian region namely China, India, Japan and Malaysia. This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the High Commission of Malaysia in Windhoek.

OVERVIEW OF MALAYSIA-NAMIBIA BILATERAL RELATIONS

Bilateral relations between Malaysia and Namibia existed before 1990, and Malaysia had provided strong political support to Namibia during its struggle for independence.

After Namibia's independence in 1990, the relations were further strengthened by the close political relations particularly in the context of South-South Cooperation.

Since the establishment of the diplomatic ties between Malaysia and Namibia in 1990, bilateral cooperation between both nations has progressed steadily. Economic cooperation and integration have been among the major areas in Malaysia-Namibia cooperation. Both countries also work closely at various multilateral fora and share a common dislike for unilateralism.

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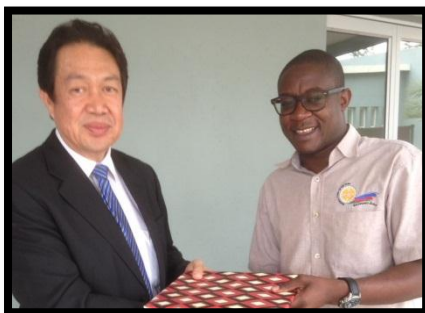
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ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2017



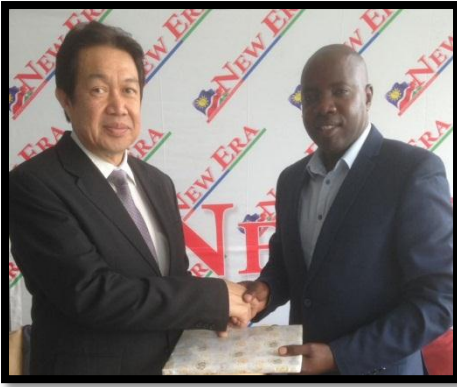
MEETING WITH MR. FESTUS NAKATANA, EDITOR IN CHIEF OF THE NAMIBIAN SUN NEWSPAPER ON 12 JANUARY 2017

On 12 January 2017, His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia met with Mr. Festus Kondjashili-Sindano Nakatana, Editor in Chief of the Namibian Sun Newspaper. The meeting was part of the High Commissioner's efforts to engage with the local media in order to forge stronger collaboration towards promoting a positive image of Malaysia in this country.

MEETING WITH MR. TANGENI AMUPADHI, EDITOR IN CHIEF OF THE NAMIBIAN NEWSPAPER, 17 JANUARY 2016

A meeting between His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia and Mr. Tangeni Amupadhi, Editor in Chief of the Namibian Newspaper was held on 17 January 2017. The meeting was arranged at the request of the High Commissioner and forms a part of Mission's efforts to engage with the local media in order to forge stronger collaboration towards promoting a positive image of Malaysia in this country.



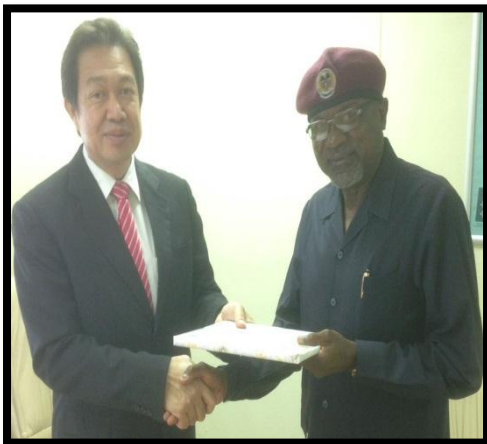


MEETING WITH DR. AUDRIN INAMBO MATHE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE NEW ERA PUBLICATION CORPORATION, 18 JANUARY 2017

His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia met with Dr. Audrin Inambo Mathe, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the New Era Publication Corporation on 18 January 2017 at the office of Dr. Mathe. The meeting was part of the High Commissioner's efforts to engage with the local media in order to forge stronger collaboration towards promoting a positive image of Malaysia in this country.

MEETING WITH H.E. EDDY BASUKI, AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA, 23 JANUARY 2017

A meeting between His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia and His Excellency Eddy Basuki, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Republic of Namibia took place at the latter's office on 23 January 2017. The meeting was held at the request of the High Commissioner in an effort to touch base with and to discuss issues of mutual concern between Malaysia and Indonesia.



MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA, 26 JANUARY 2017

A meeting between His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia and the Hon. Major Gen. (Rtd.) Charles Namoloh, Minister of Safety and Security of the Republic of Namibia was held on 26 January 2017 at the request of the High Commissioner. The purpose of the meeting was to engage with Namibian key ministers and decision makers as well as part of the High Commissioner's efforts to build stronger connection with the Namibian government.

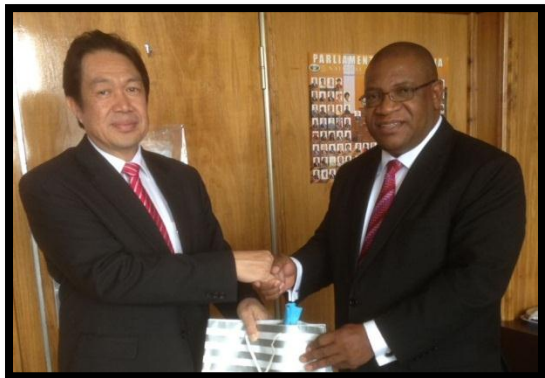
ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017

COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF MISSION MEETING HOSTED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER OF MALAYSIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MALAYSIA, 1 FEBRUARY 2017

The High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia, His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim hosted the Commonwealth Heads of Mission Meeting at the Official Residence of the High Commissioner on 1 February 2017. The Meeting was chaired by Her Excellency Mrs. Yvette Lillian Mavivi Myakayaka – Manzini, High Commissioner of the Republic of South Africa and also the Dean for the Commonwealth Heads of Mission Group.



The meeting provided an avenue for the Heads of Mission from Commonwealth Member Countries namely Botswana, Ghana, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, South Africa, the United Kingdom and Zambia, to gather and discuss issues of mutual concern for the benefit of the Member Countries and to the Namibian people. The Meeting is held quarterly, hosted by Heads of Mission of the Commonwealth Member Countries residing in Windhoek on rotation basis.



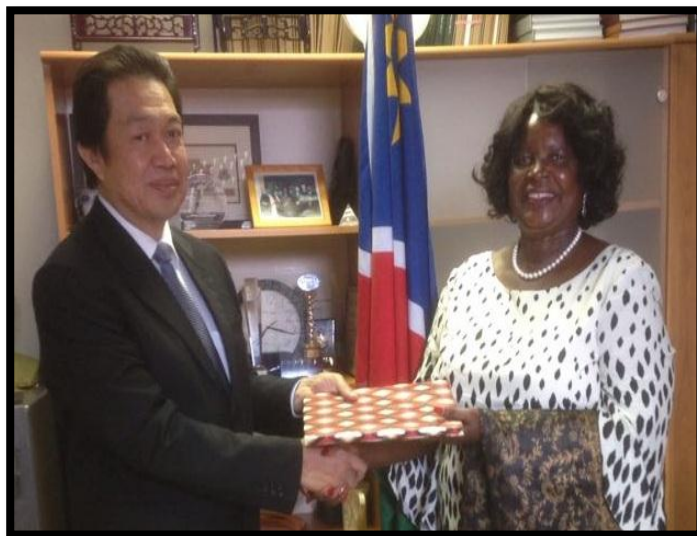
MEETING WITH THE ACTING HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION, MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA, 2 FEBRUARY 2017

On 2 February 2017, a meeting between His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia and Mr. Morven Luswenyo, Acting Head of Department of Bilateral Relations and Cooperation, Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of Namibia

was held at the request of the High Commissioner. The meeting is part of the High Commissioner's efforts to build stronger connection with the Namibian government.

MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA, 6 FEBRUARY 2017

A meeting between His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia and the Hon. Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana, the Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration of the Republic of Namibia was held on 6 February 2017 at the request of the High Commissioner. The purpose of the meeting is to engage with Namibian key ministers and decision makers as well as part of the High Commissioner's efforts to build stronger connection with the Namibian government.



The meeting between the High Commissioner and Minister Iivula-Ithana was held in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Before the meeting ended, both the High Commissioner and Minister Iivula-Ithana reaffirmed their personal commitment to elevate bilateral cooperation for the mutual benefit of both countries.



MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INNOVATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA, 8 FEBRUARY 2017

On 8 February 2017, His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia and the Hon. Dr. Itah Kandjii-Murangi, Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation of the Republic of Namibia met at a bilateral meeting, organised at the request of the High Commissioner. The purpose of the meeting is to engage with Namibian key ministers and decision makers as well as part of the High Commissioner's efforts to build stronger connection with the Namibian government.

Minister Kandjii-Murangi voiced her admiration of the world class education facilities as well as with the high standard of the curriculum implemented in both public and private Malaysian universities. She also expressed her fervent hope that Malaysia and Namibia could co-operate in the area of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), as well as assist Namibia in capacity building efforts especially among local teachers.

The meeting between the High Commissioner and Minister Kandjii-Murangi was fruitful as several areas of cooperation have been identified in order to forge stronger collaboration in the higher education sector. Before the meeting ended, both parties reaffirmed their personal commitment to enhance bilateral cooperation for the mutual benefit of Malaysia and Namibia.



MEETING WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE NAMIBIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (NCCI), 9 FEBRUARY 2017

A meeting between the His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia and Mr. Tarah N. Shaanika, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI) was held on 9 February 2017, at the request of the High Commissioner. The purpose of the

meeting is to engage with Namibian business community and to explore potential cooperation in the economic sector. The High Commissioner also took the opportunity to invite the Namibian business community to attend Malaysia International Halal Showcase (MIHAS) 2017 which will take place in Kuala Lumpur in April this year.

The meeting between the High Commissioner and Mr. Shaanika was held in a warm and cordial atmosphere. Both sides reaffirmed their personal commitment to enhance economic cooperation and increase bilateral trade between the two countries.

MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA, 15 FEBRUARY 2017

On 15 February 2017, His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia and the Hon. Katrina Hanse-Himarwa, Minister of Education, Arts and Culture of the Republic of Namibia met at a bilateral meeting, arranged at the request of the High Commissioner. The purpose of the meeting is to engage with Namibian key ministers and decision makers as well as part of the High Commissioner's efforts to build stronger connection with the Namibian government.



The High Commissioner and Minister Hanse-Himarwa were pleased with the outcome of the meeting. Several areas of cooperation have been identified for future collaboration to enhance bilateral ties between Malaysia and Namibia. Both the High Commissioner and Minister Hanse-Himarwa reaffirmed their personal commitment to forge stronger bond through constant engagement in the area of basic education, arts and culture.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2017

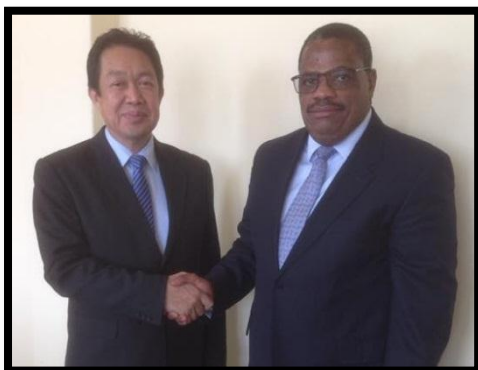


MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA, 9 MARCH 2017

A meeting between His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia and His Excellency Seyed Vahid Karimi, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of Namibia was held at the Official Residence of the High Commissioner on 9 March 2017. The meeting was arranged at the request of Ambassador Karimi, who had just presented his letter of credence to President Hage G. Geingob on 16 February 2017.

MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC) TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA, 27 MARCH 2017

A meeting between His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia and His Excellency Anastas Kaboba Kasongo Wa-Kimba, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) to the Republic of Namibia was held on 27 March 2017 at the request of the High Commissioner. The purpose of the meeting was to lobby for the support of the Government of the DRC on Malaysia's candidature to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS).

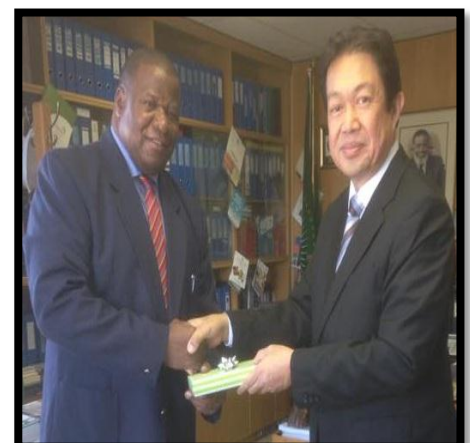


MEETING WITH THE HEAD OF MULTILATERAL DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA, 28 MARCH 2017

A meeting between His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia and Ambassador Lineekela Mboti, Head of Multilateral Department, Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of Namibia was held on 28 March 2017 at the request of the High Commissioner. The purpose of the meeting was to lobby for the support of the Government of the Republic of Namibia on Malaysia's candidatures to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) and to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Council.

MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND FORESTRY OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA, 30 MARCH 2017

On 30 March 2017, His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia and the Hon. John Mutorwa, Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry of the Republic of Namibia met at a bilateral meeting, organised at the request of the High Commissioner. The purpose of the meeting was to engage with Namibian key ministers and decision makers as well as part of the High Commissioner's efforts to build stronger connection with the Namibian government.



**SPECIAL REPORT:
NEW KING FOR MALAYSIA**



SULTAN MUHAMMAD V

About Sultan Muhammad V:

Date of birth: 6 October 1969
Education: Sultan Ismail School (76-81)
Alice Smith School (83)
Oakham School UK (89)
Oxford University (89-91)
Courses at Huron University College, Deutsche Stiftung Internationale Entwicklung, European Business School London.
Hobbies: Horse-riding, reading, golfing, shooting, badminton, bowling, football, 4WD expeditions.

All Malaysian Ambassadors will henceforth receive their credentials from Sultan Muhammad V.

The new *Yang di-Pertuan Agong* (King) of Malaysia, Sultan Muhammad V, took his oath of office on 13 December 2016 in a simple yet highly symbolic ceremony at the *Istana Negara* (National Palace).

Also in attendance were the Conference of Rulers or their representatives, i.e. the Sultans and the Yang di-Pertua Negeri (rulers) of the other states in Malaysia. The ceremony itself was chaired by the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

Malaysia practices a constitutional monarchy system, with the post of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong being rotated among the nine Sultans in Malaysia. The decision of which of the nine would be the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is made by the Conference of Rulers, taking into account a number of factors including the principle of geographical rotation.

Once appointed, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong presides over all federal ceremonies involving the monarchy, and resides at the National Palace in Kuala Lumpur. In his own home state, a regent will be appointed to oversee state ceremonial matters.

Sultan Muhammad V becomes the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, corresponding with 60 years of Malaysia's independence. The last time a Sultan of Kelantan was the Yang di-Pertuan Agong was in 1975.

The Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah (pic below), was officially appointed as the Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong at the same ceremony.



**SPECIAL REPORT:
NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION 2050**



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. 2017 will be spent collecting views from public with 2018 being the year for the Government to have more focused discussions with experts to see whether the views and suggestions are realistic. At 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.



2017 NEW YEAR REMARK BY HIS EXCELLENCY HISHAMUDDIN IBRAHIM HIGH COMMISSIONER OF MALAYSIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



Dear readers,

As we step into 2017, we face the challenges of financial constraint and weak global economy, coupled with international conflicts that continue to test our beloved nation. Despite these challenges, Malaysia will continue to safeguard its sovereignty and national interests through pragmatic foreign diplomacy and will not be intimidated by any form of threats. We will continue to pursue our foreign policy that was founded on the values of peace, humanity, justice and equality.

In the first year of my tenure as the High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia, I am thankful to note that bilateral relations between the two countries have been elevated to a higher level. This year, we are committed to multiply our efforts in exploring new areas of cooperation, through constant engagement with Namibian Ministers and decision makers. We also continue to encourage the exchange of visits at the Ministerial level from Malaysia to Namibia and vice versa.

On the economic front, Mission is currently assisting several Malaysian and Namibian companies to explore business opportunities particularly in the infrastructure development, palm oil industry as well as the mining sector. Mission is also actively engaging with the Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI) in an effort to explore new business potentials through active participation in trade exhibitions such as the Malaysia International Halal Showcase (MIHAS) 2017 that will be held in April this year.

I am also glad to note that there are a significant number of Namibian students furthering their tertiary level of education in Malaysia's public and private higher institutions. In this connection, the Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation of the Republic of Namibia and I had reaffirmed our commitment to elevate our cooperation in the higher education sector, not only through the exchange of students but also in vocational training.

On the same note, Mission will continue to share its experience with Namibia in accordance with the spirit of South-South Cooperation through the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP). I encourage the Namibian government to send more of its officials to participate in various training courses offered under the MTCP this year.

Dear readers,

I believe that people to people contact is the key to public diplomacy. In collaboration with the *Persatuan Wanita Kementerian Luar Negeri* (PERWAKILAN), Mission will intensify its engagement with the local community through charity programmes at the Mammadu Orphanage Centre in Otjomuise. The programme will not only elevate Malaysia's image in this country but will also make us part of the noble cause to alleviate the suffering of the unfortunate children in Namibia. In the area of education development, PERWAKILAN will continue to support the Read Namibia Programme, as through education, the cycle of poverty can be broken.

Tourism is another aspect that is crucial in elevating bilateral ties between Malaysia and Namibia. Mission is actively promoting Malaysia as a tourism destination through publication of articles in the mainstream media and promotion activity such as cultural events. In addition, active participation by PERWAKILAN in the Association of Diplomatic Spouses (ADS) has gained us significant recognition among the diplomatic community and from the first lady of the Republic of Namibia.

Before I end my remarks, I would like to reaffirm my personal commitment to uphold Malaysia's sovereignty and national interest, as well as to further strengthen cooperation between Malaysia and countries under my purview, bilaterally and multilaterally, for the benefit of our countries. Our respected YAB Prime Minister once said, "*In our national discourse and in pursuing our national agenda, we must never leave anyone behind. We must reach out to the many who may have been disaffected and left confused by political games, deceit and showmanship. The people first must transcend every level of society.*"

Finally, my fellow Malaysians who are residing in the Republic of Angola, the Republic of Congo (Brazzaville), the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Republic of Namibia, I wish you all a happy prosperous new year.

Thank you.

**HIS EXCELLENCY HISHAMUDDIN IBRAHIM
HIGH COMMISSIONER OF MALAYSIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

CONSULAR INFORMATION

Applications for a Certificate of Good Conduct

Malaysian citizens or Namibian nationals who wish to obtain a Certificate of Good Conduct (CGC) from the Government of Malaysia may file their applications online using the link which has been made available at the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia (www.kln.gov.my). Successful applicants who wish to collect their certificates from the High Commission are kindly requested to contact the Consular Section of the High Commission between 9.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m. on any working day by furnishing the following information:

- Their full names;
- Their passport number; and,
- Their CGC reference number.

Applicants will be contacted by the High Commission once their certificates are ready for collection. A fee of RM20.00 (payable in equivalent Namibian Dollar) will be collected from the applicants at the time of collection.

Notary Services

Powers are conferred upon Diplomatic and Consular Officers of the High Commission to administer oaths or affirmation, take any affidavit or perform any notarial act which any notary public can do within Malaysia. Applications for any notary services must be made in person at Consular Section of the High Commission between 9.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m. on any working days by producing the following:

- Original and photocopy of the documents that need to be administered/attested;
- Malaysian identity card (applicable to Malaysian citizens only);
- Passport;
- A fee of RM20.00 (payable in equivalent Namibian Dollar) per attestation.

Applications for Renunciation of Malaysian Citizenship

The Government of Malaysia does not recognise dual citizenship. Malaysian citizens who have acquired citizenship of any other country may file an application to renounce their Malaysian citizenship at the Consular Section of the High Commission between 9.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m. on any working day by furnishing the following:

- An application form (obtainable from the High Commission);
- Two (2) recent passport-sized colour photographs;
- Malaysian passport;
- Malaysian identity card;
- Birth Certificate;
- Proof of acquiring the Namibian (or any other country) citizenship; and
- A fee of RM10.00 (payable in Namibian Dollar).

Translation Services

The High Commission does not offer any translation services. However, the High Commission, at its discretion, may provide an unofficial translation for the official documents issued by the Government of Malaysia upon request by the applicants. The translation services provided by the High Commission are only confined to the following:

- Translation of Malaysian identity card;
- Translation of Malaysian national driving licence;
- Translation of Malaysian birth certificate; and,
- Translation of Malaysian marriage certificate.

Each translation will be subject to a fee of RM20.00 (payable in Namibian Dollar).

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