



# E-Bulletin Malaysia

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Sultan Muhammad V

## Malaysia Appoints New King

The Sultan of Kelantan, Sultan Muhammad V, took the oath of office as the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong on 13 December 2016 in a ceremony steeped in tradition and customs at Istana Negara. The Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Shah, also took the oath of office as the Timbalan Yang di-Pertuan Agong. Their Majesties were elected by the Conference of Rulers at its 243rd (Special) Meeting at Istana Negara on October 14, and will reign for five years.

Sultan Muhammad V, 47, succeeds the Sultan of Kedah, Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, who completed his reign as the 14th Yang di-Pertuan Agong yesterday. The ceremonies at the Balai Rong Seri (throne room) began with the 244th (Special) Meeting of the Conference of Rulers held in conjunction with the taking of oath of office and signing of the instruments of office by their majesties.

New Straits Times

## 25th Anniversary of Malaysia – Croatia Relations

The Year 2017 marks the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Malaysia and Croatia.

The Embassy of Malaysia in Zagreb was established in 1994 while Croatia opened its Embassy in Kuala Lumpur in 1995.

Relations between both countries have been cordial and friendly signified by the signing of several bilateral agreements of mutual interests.

Cooperation was particularly evident in the exchange of support in the multilateral fields, higher education and training, culture, trade as well as in sports.



Kelantan Kite Festival

## ***History of Constitutional Monarchy in Malaysia***

*The present form of constitutional monarchy in Malaysia dates from 1957, when the Federation of Malaya gained independence. The rulers serve as constitutional heads of their states, with the state executive powers exercised by state governments elected by the people.*

*The rulers elect among themselves a federal head of state, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, with the federal executive powers exercised by an elected federal government. The form of constitutional monarchy was retained when Malaysia was formed in 1963.*

## **The 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong**

Born in Kota Baru, Malaysia, on 6 October 1969

The eldest of four children to Sultan Ismail Petra ibni Al-marhum Sultan Yahya Petra and Tengku Anis Tengku Ahamad Hamid. His siblings are Tengku Mahkota Kelantan Tengku Dr. Muhammad Faiz Petra, 42, Tengku Muhammad Fakhry Petra, 38, and Amalin A'ishah Putri, 32.

Installed as Tengku Mahkota of Kelantan on 6 October 1985, and made a Regent in 2009.

Tengku Muhammad Faris Petra was proclaimed the 29th Sultan of Kelantan on 23 September 2010, taking the name Sultan Muhammad V, after his father Sultan Ismail Petra was incapacitated by illness.

At 47, Sultan Muhammad V is the youngest among the rulers of nine states.

Received his early education at Fatima Convent Kindergarten (1974-75) and Sekolah Rendah Sultan Ismail I (1976-81) in Kota Baru. Studied at Alice Smith International School in Kuala Lumpur before enrolling at Oakham School, Rutland, Britain (1983-89). Pursued diplomatic studies at St Cross College, Oxford, and studied at Oxford Center for Islamic Studies until 1991.

Sultan Muhammad V, who is the Chancellor for University Malaysia Kelantan, enjoys reading and has an interest in extreme sports such as four-wheel drive expeditions and endurance challenges, equestrian sports, bowling and archery.

Loves the outdoors and started the "Walk with Me" Walkathon D'Raja Kelantan, which has been held since 2011, where the Sultan will walk with his subjects for 10km around Kota Baru.



**Sultan Muhammad V**

## ***Kuala Lumpur to Host 29th Southeast Asian Games, 19 - 31 August 2017***

*After 16 years, Malaysia is once again hosting the SEA Games and ASEAN Para Games which will be branded as Kuala Lumpur 2017. Back then, Malaysia had just hosted a highly successful Commonwealth Games in 1998 and managed to become the overall champion at the 2001 SEA Games. The year 2017 will also mark Malaysia's 60th year of independence - an important milestone in our young nation's history.*



Kuala Lumpur

## **Economy grew by 4.5pct in Q4 and 4.2pct in 2016, says BNM**

The Malaysian economy expanded by 4.5 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2016, led by private sector activities. Bank Negara Malaysia, in releasing the data, said the manufacturing and service sectors continued to drive growth during the period between October and December.

The economy recorded a 4.2 per cent growth for the whole year, in line with a New Straits Times poll. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted basis, the economy recorded a sustained growth of 1.4 per cent. The manufacturing sector expanded at a faster pace owing to higher growth in both domestic and export-oriented industries, said the central bank. The mining sector recorded an improvement due to the increase of natural gas production during the quarter. Private consumption grew by 6.2 per cent, supported by continued wage and employment growth while private investment registered a growth of 4.9 per cent, following continued capital spending in the services and manufacturing sectors.

In the fourth quarter, the current account surplus widened, due mainly to a higher trade surplus and narrower deficits in the income accounts. On the outlook for 2017, it said the Malaysian economy will experience sustained growth with the primary driver being domestic demand. "Private consumption is anticipated to remain supported by wage and employment growth, with additional impetus coming from announced government measures to support disposable income of households."

Investment activity will continue to be anchored by the ongoing implementation of infrastructure projects and capital spending in the manufacturing and services sectors.

New Straits Times



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## Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition, 21—25 March 2017

The Langkawi International Maritime & Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA) is the largest show of its kind within the Asia Pacific region. Its impressive list of international exhibitors and suppliers is more than matched by the supportive presence of industry elites, which range from senior Government officials, and military and civil delegates, to industry movers and shakers and more.

Held biennially since its debut in 1991, LIMA is an ideal platform where industry stakeholders could engage and expand their networks towards forging new partnerships and business agreements. Its insightful round tables and conferences, as well as business forums offer access to invaluable information that enables businesses to stay ahead of the competition and seize new opportunities in the dynamic market of Asia Pacific.

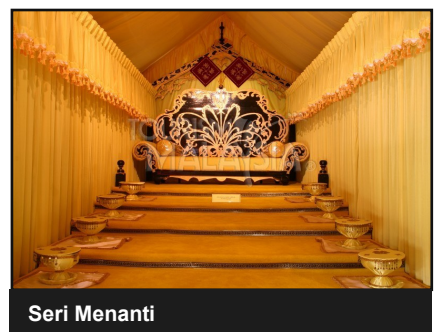
LIMA is a high impact, high profile event of global interest. With over 500 exhibitors from 36 countries, 147 senior delegations from 39 countries and 849 accredited media from 26 countries, 65 ships and 110 aircrafts, and was attended by 39,684 trade visitors at the previous edition, that bear testimony to LIMA's capacity to generate business interest. Its business programmes, aerobatic and naval displays has captured the imagination of the nation for over 20 years.

## National Craft Day 2017 22 February-6 March 2017

*Do you like handicrafts? Or are you a craftsman, yourself? Visit the 15th annual National Craft Day this February, a two-week event comprising craft sales, craft exhibitions, craft demonstrations, cultural performances and many more. This year's concept is Native Art referring to the traditional motifs of ethnic communities in Malaysia, and how they have been translated into more contemporary interpretations in fashion, street art and graffiti art.*



Malaysian rattan handicrafts



Seri Menanti

## Croatian inventors win 12 medals in Kuala Lumpur

Croatian inventors and entrepreneurs have won 12 medals at the Malaysia Technology Expo (MTE) in Kuala Lumpur -- best award, main award, three gold medals, two silver medals two bronze medals and three special awards.

Malaysia Technology Expo is a three-day event, held from 16 to 18 February 2017 at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Since its beginnings in 2001, the MTE has grown to become one of the region's most recognised international invention and innovation expos. In its 16th year, MTE showcased over 500 exhibits of platform inventions and innovations from inventors in Asia and beyond. MTE is the invention marketplace connecting inventors and their ideas to investors, manufacturers and distributors in order to promote commercialization and collaboration.

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Mohd Faiz Subri receives Fifa award

## Fifa Football Awards: Malaysia's Mohd Faiz Subri wins Best Goal

Malaysian football star Mohd Faiz Subri has taken home Fifa's prestigious Puskas Award for the best goal of 2016, a first for his country. The 29 year old from Penang secured nearly 60 per cent of the popular vote for his free-kick in the Malaysian Super League against Pahang state in February. He was presented with the trophy by Brazilian football legend Ronaldo. Others in the running included players like Marlone and Venezuelan midfielder Danuska Rodriguez.

Also at the inaugural ceremony, held in Zurich, Cristiano Ronaldo was named the world's best player, beating old rival Lionel Messi to the title. Faiz, who plays with the Penang FA team, spoke of his surprise at his win and dedicated the prize to his family, friends and country.

"I'm extremely happy because I didn't expect it at all, I'm certainly shocked because this is the biggest award I have ever won in my career," he said. "The secret to my success is to be disciplined in my training. I'll continue to focus on competing in this year's Malaysia Super League."

BBC News



Ambassador Hassan delivers lecture at Europe House

## Ambassador Hassan Delivered Lecture on Malaysia's Foreign Policy at Europe House, 28 February 2017

Ambassador Hassan Bal has delivered a lecture entitled "Malaysia's foreign Policy: Current Issues" at the Europe House, thus contributing to the series of lectures aimed at exposing local audience to diplomatic missions in Zagreb and countries they represent. The audience attending the lecture comprised former ambassadors, students and lecturers of diplomatic academy in Zagreb, representatives of Ministries as well as other government institutions and others.

Ambassador Hassan briefed the audience about the background of the Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, presence of their diplomatic missions abroad and basic roles and functions. He further explained how Malaysian foreign policy was shaped under various Prime Ministers since the independence in 1957, and what are the main foreign policy priorities and current issues Malaysia is dealing with.

The audience was receptive and engaging in Q&A session whereby the Ambassador was answering the questions regarding the Malaysia-Croatia bilateral relations and their further prospects.

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