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BAHRAIN CELEBRATES DAY OF DIPLOMACY



Bahrain's Day of Diplomacy 2020 celebration was held at the Sakhir Palace on 14 January 2020. This annual event was to celebrate and recognise the role of Bahraini diplomacy in strengthening the pillars of its international relations and foreign policies.

The Foreign Minister Sheikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Muhammad Al Khalifa introduced to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa the heads of foreign missions to the Kingdom of Bahrain and senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in his speech, among others, affirmed that the Kingdom of Bahrain was able to tackle the most difficult challenges through its balanced and flexible diplomatic approach and decisive policies towards the promotion of stability and world peace.



His Excellency Ambassador Agus Salim Yusof and wife had the opportunity to greet His Majesty King Hamad Al Khalifa

With its balanced diplomatic approach, Bahrain managed to tackle the most difficult challenges

HIS MAJESTY KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL KHALIFA
KING OF THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

14 JANUARY 2020

MALAYSIA'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER

As a result of the change of government of Malaysia, Dato' Seri Hishammuddin bin Tun Hussein and Dato' Kamarudin bin Jaffar were appointed as Foreign Minister and Deputy Foreign Minister respectively. They were sworn in on 10 March 2020.

Ambassador Agus Salim Yusof, officers and staff of the Embassy of Malaysia in Manama, Bahrain, take this opportunity to again express their heartiest congratulations to Dato' Seri Hishammuddin bin Tun Hussein and Dato' Kamarudin bin Jaffar and wish them all the best.



Dato' Seri Hishammuddin bin Tun Hussein was born on 5 August 1961. He completed his undergraduate at University of Wales, Aberystwyth, United Kingdom in Bachelor of Law. He later completed his Masters of Laws in Commercial and Corporate Law from London School of Economics.

Dato' Seri Hishammuddin started his political career upon returning from United Kingdom in 1989. He was the Minister of Defence of Malaysia from 16 May 2013 to 10 May 2018. He previously served as Minister of Youth and Sports (1999–2004), Minister of Education (2004–2009), and Minister of Home Affairs (2009–2013).



Dato' Kamarudin bin Jaffar was born on 3 November 1951. Dato' Kamarudin attended high school in Malay College Kuala Kangsar (MCKK). He later completed his undergraduate years at the renowned University of Kent at Canterbury, United Kingdom in Bachelor Degree in Political Science and he further his master at University of London.

Dato' Kamarudin began his career in the Civil Service Sector as an Administrative and Diplomatic Officer under the Prime Minister's Department. He, then, opted for a lecturing profession in the field of Political Science in National University of Malaysia (UKM). He is also the Chairman of Institute for Policy Research.

He has started his political endeavour since 1999. Dato' Kamarudin served as Deputy Minister of Transport from 2 July 2018 until 24 February 2020.

BAHRAIN4ALL FESTIVAL 2020

On 6th and 7th February 2020, the Embassy of Malaysia with Ladies Association of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia (PERWAKILAN) Manama, participated in a festival called Bahrain for All (Bahrain4All). The vision of Bahrain4All is to portray the success of countries and its people.

The Embassy took this opportunity to introduce Visit Malaysia 2020 (VM2020) to visitors. Many visitors from the Arabs countries who studied in Malaysia previously supported the Malaysian Embassy booth. They bring their families and friends to introduce foods especially *nasi lemak* and craft like *batik*. They had strong attachment towards Malaysia where they also promoted visiting Malaysia and shared the pamphlets on interesting tourist spots in Malaysia.

The booth also displayed Malaysian *batik* and *songket* to promote Malay culture and tradition. The staff of the Embassy as well as Malaysian community in Bahrain were delighted and proud in performing *kompang* on the main stage during the first day of the event. The group performed four (4) types of *kompang* rhythms which are *bertih*, *inang*, *rancak* and *masri*. This annual event was the right place to showcase Malaysian culture not only to the Bahraini but also to the 20,000 people who showed up to support the diversity.



Above left: Visitors crowded the Malaysian Embassy booth for iced Milo; **above centre:** Malaysian product; **above right:** VM2020 Promotional item as giveaways; **Below:** Kompang Gemilang Group performed at the opening of Bahrain4All



COURTESY VISIT BY AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

On 19 February 2020, Ambassador Agus Salim bin Yusof received in the Embassy, His Excellency Mr. Chowming Wong, Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His Excellency Mr. Chowming Wong was on his visit to Bahrain as he is also accredited to Bahrain. During his visit to the Embassy, both ambassadors exchanged views on bilateral relations, and local and regional developments.

Apart of visit to the Embassy, His Excellency Mr. Chowming Wong also had the opportunity to meet with the other ASEAN ambassadors in the Kingdom.



His Excellency Mr. Chowming Wong signed the visitors' book at the Embassy



His Excellency Mr. Chowming Wong and His Excellency Agus Salim Yusof

AMBASSADOR'S 50th BIRTHDAY

The Embassy staff had the opportunity to celebrate Ambassador Agus Salim Yusof's 50th birthday on the 29 March 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, staff kept 1-metre self-distancing and practise hygiene. The Embassy staff took this opportunity to wish the Ambassador good health and success in his future undertakings before indulging themselves in cheesecake, pulut kuning and KFC.





LADIES ASSOCIATION OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (PERWAKILAN) MANAMA CHAPTER

WELCOMING TREAT BY PERWAKILAN'S TREASURER

On 25 January 2020, Ms. Nazira Malik, Treasurer of PERWAKILAN Manama hosted a luncheon to welcome Ms. Siti Farsha Murni Izami, Second Secretary of the Embassy and Secretary of PERWAKILAN Manama. It was attended by the Embassy's home-based staff and some Malaysians friends. Scrumptious menus such as *pecal*, *nasi bakar*, fried spaghetti and lychee jelly were prepared by the host. PERWAKILAN Manama presented a bouquet of purple roses to Ms. Farsha as a welcome gift.



CHILDREN & MOTHERS WELFARE SOCIETY MEETING

On 26 January 2020, secretary and treasurer of PERWAKILAN Manama attended Children & Mothers Welfare Society Meeting at Isa Town. The first meeting for this year discussed on International Embassies Bazaar 2020 which is the annual event organised by Children & Mothers Welfare Society. PERWAKILAN Manama as in previous years will be joining the bazaar, where proceeds from the sale will be contributed to the needy.



Ms. Farsha (second from left) with Mrs. Farida from Brunei Embassy during the Children and Mothers Welfare Society meeting

PARTICIPATION IN “BAHRAIN4ALL” FESTIVAL

On 6 and 7 February 2020, PERWAKILAN Manama together with the Embassy of Malaysia participated in Bahrain for All (Bahrain4All) festival at Bahrain Bay. PERWAKILAN Manama opened a booth and sold Malaysian food and handicraft. The main purpose in joining this event is to introduce and to promote Malaysia’s products in Bahrain. Menus such as *ais batu campur* (ABC), *aiskrim Malaysia*, *Milo ais*, *nasi lemak ayam berempah* and other Malaysian products were available at our booth. PERWAKILAN Manama also formed a group of Malaysians to play *kompang* at the opening of the festival.



Practising kompang at the Rumah Malaysia for Bahrain4All



PERWAKILAN ladies with Malaysians in Bahrain



Malaysians gathered at the festival



Happy faces at the end of the festival

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2020/2021

PERWAKILAN Manama held the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2020/2021 on 20 February 2020 at the Embassy of Malaysia in Manama. The meeting began with the singing of the PERWAKILAN song followed by speeches by PERWAKILAN Manama's President Mrs. Norsyazwani Hamdan and His Excellency Ambassador Agus Salim Yusof, the Advisor.

The meeting presented report of activities throughout the year 2019 and the financial report for 2019 which was approved.

PERWAKILAN MANAMA COMMITTEE 2020

Advisor

His Excellency Ambassador Agus Salim Yusof

President

Mrs. Norsyazwani Hamdan

Secretary

Ms. Siti Farsha Murni Izami

Treasurer

Mrs. Nazira Abdul Malik



ANNOUNCEMENT


WISMA PUTRA

COVID-19 ALERT

Malaysians in Bahrain are advised to immediately register with the Embassy of Malaysia in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

To register:
Email your particulars NAME, GENDER, IC/PASSPORT NUMBER, CONTACT NUMBER & LOCATION to

mwmanama@kln.gov.my

<https://www.kln.gov.my/web/guest/malaysian-mission>

Division of Communication and Public Diplomacy



جائزة إسماعيل لخدمة الإنسانية
ISA AWARD FOR SERVICE TO HUMANITY

The General Secretariat of the Isa Award for Service to Humanity invites nominations for the Award's 5th edition (2020/2021) from all qualified candidates in the categories of:

1. Disaster Response and Relief
2. Education
3. Community Service
4. Dialogue Among Civilizations
5. Human Tolerance
6. Social Peace
7. Urban Development
8. Environment Protection and Climate Change
9. Scientific Achievement
10. Poverty Alleviation

The winner will receive:

- Certificate of Appreciation
- 21K Gold Medal
- US\$1,000,000

OPENS NOW UNTIL 30 JUNE 2020

THE EMBASSY'S STAR EMPLOYEE (JAN-MAR 2020)

Mr. Sunil D'Souza
Ambassador's Driver

In service since 1 November 2011

**Professional aim: "hardworking, flexible, friendly,
punctual and teamplayer"**



CONSULAR INFORMATION

- Malaysians residing in the Kingdom of Bahrain are highly encouraged to register with the Embassy of Malaysia in Manama. Registering with us will enable the Embassy to get in touch with Malaysians, especially during emergency situations.
- Requirements for visa application to Malaysia:
 1. Passport validity of at least six (6) months prior to departure.
 2. Passport should have at least two (2) empty pages facing each other.
 3. Two (2) passport size photographs.
 4. Copy of flight ticket booking **and** hotel booking/accommodation address in Malaysia.
 5. No objection letter from sponsor in Bahrain.
 6. Invitation from host in Malaysia **and** multiple ticket and reservation (for Multiple Entry Visa).
 7. Visa fees (please bring exact amount in cash)
 - a. Single Entry – BHD 5.000
 - b. Multiple Entry – BHD 10.000
 8. Three (3) months Bank Statement.
 9. Visa approval letter (for student).
 10. Copy of CPR.
 11. Application form available at:
<https://www.imi.gov.my/images/borang/Visa/Borang%20Permohonan%20Visa.pdf>

Note:

- i. Visa application process is three (3) working days.
- ii. The Embassy encouraged to apply for e-visa at:
<https://www.windowmalaysia.my/index>

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Working Days: Sunday-Thursday (7.30 am to 2.30pm)

Consular hours: Application 8am – 10.30am; Collection 11am – 1pm

