



# *SABAIDEE*

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**Embassy of Malaysia, Vientiane**



## ***HIGHLIGHT***

In the second quarter of 2020, the Embassy of Malaysia in Vientiane has assisted and organised two charter flights from Vientiane to Kuala Lumpur. A total of 104 Malaysians stranded in Laos have returned to Malaysia in April and May 2020.

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## AMBASSADOR'S NOTE



*Assalamualaikum WBT, Sabaidee*

*The Embassy of Malaysia in Vientiane, Lao PDR is pleased to issue our second edition of e-Newsletter for the year 2020.*

*The second quarter of this year has been quite difficult and distinctly memorable to all of us when many countries, Malaysia and Lao PDR included, have imposed restriction of movements to curb the spread of COVID-19.*

*Tough as it may be, Lao PDR has managed to curb the spreading of the virus, with only 19 cases were reported as of end of June 2020.*

*Between April and June 2020, the Embassy has assisted and facilitated two repatriation flights, flying our fellow Malaysians from Vientiane to Kuala Lumpur who were in need of medical attention and were stranded following the MCO announcement in Malaysia on 18 March and subsequently in Laos on 30 March 2020.*

*The Embassy will continue to render our assistance to fellow Malaysians, in whatever ways that is possible within our means. In the meantime, stay safe and stay healthy.*

*Kob Chai Lai Lai and Thank you very much.*

*Mohd Aini Atan*

## REPATRIATION FLIGHTS - 28 APRIL 2020, with edotco Group



On 26 April 2020, the edotco Group chartered a private jet to bring home its staff based in Vientiane for an urgent medical treatment. With their assistance, the Embassy of Malaysia in Vientiane managed to assist 11 other stranded Malaysians to fly back on this specially arranged flight back to Kuala Lumpur. The Embassy wishes to thank the edotco Group for their assistance and cooperation in assisting fellow Malaysians stranded in Laos.



## Repatriation Flight— 28 May 2020 with AirAsia



On 28 May 2020, the Embassy of Malaysia in Vientiane, together with the Embassy of Lao PDR in Kuala Lumpur have facilitated the repatriation of 92 Malaysians and Laotian family members back to Malaysia and 143 Laotians with 7 Malaysians and 1 Indonesian back to Lao PDR, with AirAsia charter flight.



This 28 May AirAsia charter flight also repatriated 10 Spanish, 2 Dutch, 7 Singaporeans and 1 Malaysian transiting in KLIA heading to their next destinations.



# HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI 2020



## SELAMAT HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI

Muslims in Laos celebrated Aidil Fitri on 24 May 2020.

Due to COVID-19 restriction imposed by the Government of Lao PDR, the Embassy of Malaysia in Vientiane hosted the Aidil Fitri prayers and feast at Rumah Malaysia. All HBS and only few LRS attended the gathering.



## MALAWAKIL VIENTIANE ACTIVITIES



On 25 May 2020, the Embassy of Malaysia in Vientiane received 15 boxes containing 30,000 facial masks from the OHP Group. Mr Louis Tan and Mr. Hiew Thoong Loy represented the OHP Group.

Eight (8) boxes had been donated to Huaphan Province and the rest will be distributed to government agencies in the Lao PDR.



The Embassy of Malaysia in Vientiane and the Malaysian Business Chamber Lao PDR had its second quarterly meeting for the year 2020 on 3 June 2020.

The meeting discussed on the current situation of Malaysian businesses in Lao PDR post-COVID19 lockdown in the country and the way forward.



On 25 June 2020, HE Ambassador Mohd Aini Atan called on Mr. Phonpasit Phissamay, Director General, Department of Post, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications, Lao PDR.

The purpose of the call was to discuss on the elections of the Council of Administration (CA) and the Postal Operations Council (POC) of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) at the Universal Postal Union (UPU) Congress, scheduled to be held in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Malaysia wishes to thank the Lao PDR for its support on Malaysia's candidatures.

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On 25 June 2020, HE Ambassador was invited as the Patron, to the first AGM of the Malaysian Business Chamber of Lao PDR (MBCL) that was held at the New Rose Hotel, Vientiane.

Ms. Rafiq Hazura Ridzuan, Counsellor and Colonel Nadzri Che Lah, Defence Attache at the Embassy of Malaysia, Vientiane were accorded Honorary Membership to MBCL. The Honorary Membership was also accorded to Mr. Raphy Radzi, Malaysian Trade Commissioner, based in the Consulate General of Malaysia in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.



On 29 June 2020, HE Ambassador Mohd Aini Atan called on Mr. Maythong Thammavongsa, Director General of the International Organisation Department, MFA of Lao PDR.

The purpose of the call was to discuss on the elections of the Council of Administration (CA) and the Postal Operations Council (POC) of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) at the Universal Postal Union (UPU) Congress, scheduled to be held in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.



**COVID-19 ALERT**  
**ADVISORY FOR MALAYSIANS RESIDING IN THE LAO PDR**

**For Malaysians residing in the Lao PDR**

- Malaysians residing in the Lao PDR are advised to immediately register with the Embassy of Malaysia, Vientiane, Lao PDR.
- To register, e-mail your particulars NAME, GENDER, IC/PASSPORT NUMBER, PHONE NUMBER (WHATSAPP & CALL) & LOCATION to [mwvientiane@kln.gov.my](mailto:mwvientiane@kln.gov.my)
- Registration is critical to ensure that relevant information and updates from the Embassy / Government of Malaysia and updates on the regulations of the host country could be communicated as effectively and efficiently as possible.

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