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## ABOUT US

Malaysia opened its Mission in Windhoek on 21 March 1996 to reciprocate the establishment of the High Commission of the Republic of Namibia in Kuala Lumpur in 1995. Namibia has only 4 resident Missions in the Asian region namely China, India, Japan and Malaysia. This year marks the 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2020

### FAREWELL VISIT, 23 JUNE 2020



His Excellency Drs. Eddy Basuki, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Republic of Namibia visited His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia at the chancery on 23 June 2020. His Excellency Drs. Eddy Basuki will end his tour of duty on 31 July 2020 after heading the Indonesian Mission in the Republic of Namibia for 4 years.

## FAREWELL DINNER, 7 JULY 2020



His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim and spouse attended a farewell dinner hosted by His Excellency Hideaki Harada, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Namibia at the Japanese Residence. The farewell dinner was hosted in honour of His Excellency Drs. Eddy Basuki, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Republic of Namibia who will end his tour of duty on 31 July 2020.

## FAREWELL LUNCH, 16 JULY 2020



His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim hosted a farewell lunch at Rumah Malaysia for His Excellency Drs. Eddy Basuki, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Republic of Namibia who will end his tour of duty on 31 July 2020. The farewell lunch was also attended by His Excellency Hideaki Harada, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Namibia and spouse.

## FAREWELL VISIT, 19 AUGUST 2020



His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim and several Ambassadors on behalf of the Diplomatic Corps visited Her Excellency Claire Bodonyi, Ambassador of the French Republic to the Republic of Namibia at her residence to bid farewell.

## FAREWELL VISIT, 22 SEPTEMBER 2020

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His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, Dean of the Commonwealth Heads of Mission Group in the Republic of Namibia and several High Commissioners visited Her Excellency Elizabeth Salamatu E. Forgor, High Commissioner of the Republic of Ghana to the Republic of Namibia at her residence to bid farewell.

### **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY HISHAMUDDIN IBRAHIM, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF MALAYSIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE 63<sup>rd</sup> NATIONAL DAY OF MALAYSIA, THE NAMIBIAN SUN, 31 AUGUST 2020**

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Malaysia celebrates its National Day on 31 August 2020 and the theme chosen for this year is '*Malaysia Prihatin*' (Malaysia Cares). The theme was chosen in recognition of the caring nature of Malaysians in helping one another during difficult times, and the determination and perseverance displayed by Malaysian frontliners who worked tirelessly in facing the trials and tribulations posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has swept across the world, and Malaysia has not been excluded from its impact. This unprecedented global health crisis has pushed us to embrace a new normal – a world where borders are closed, international trade slowed down to a halt and healthcare systems pushed to the brim.

In the early stages of the pandemic, Malaysia swiftly implemented the Movement Control Order (MCO) on 18 March 2020 as a preventive measure to limit the spread of COVID-19. Since then, virus hotspots have been quarantined under enhanced lockdowns and mobile testing deployed to test citizens and non-citizens regardless of symptoms. Clear and factual public messaging has been synchronised by the Ministry of Health in all 13 States and 3 Federal Territories, and made accessible through the mass media. Other measures taken include extensive contact tracing, full sample population testing, strict implementation of the usage of mask and physical distancing, pragmatic and humane approach to foreign nationals, as well as close coordination with various countries, private companies and civil society.

Malaysia has been learning about the pandemic on a case to case basis and the firm prioritisation on health have suppressed the outbreak in the country. To date, Malaysia has managed to stay on track, flattening the pandemic curve through relentless effort by frontliners and cooperation from citizens and non-citizens alike. Malaysians are determined to defeat COVID-19 entirely.

#### Malaysia-Namibia Relations

Malaysia shared similar socio-economic challenges with Namibia when we first gained our independence in 1957 such as poverty, income inequality, land issues and racial segregation. After 63 years of independence, we have managed to steer the country out from poverty, increase the standard of living of its people, eliminate racial segregation and distribute the country's wealth equally to all levels of societies.

Bilateral ties between Malaysia and Namibia has grown from strength-to-strength since the inception of diplomatic relations in 1990. Malaysia continues to play its role in assisting Namibia's socio-economic development in the context of South-South Cooperation through the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP).

On this auspicious occasion, I would like to thank President Hage Geingob and his administration for their support and continued efforts in expanding bilateral cooperation with Malaysia in this unprecedented times.

Namibia had just celebrated its Heroes Day on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020. In this connection, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of more than 800 military personnel from the Malaysian Armed Forces who served in Namibia as peacekeeping force under the United Nations Transition Assistance Group from 1989 until 1990. This is a testimony that bilateral relations between Malaysia and Namibia had existed before 1990 and Malaysia had always been a strong political supporter of Namibia, since her struggle for independence.

#### Malaysia Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP)

The Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) was first initiated at the First Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Sydney in February 1978.

In line with the spirit of South-South Cooperation, Malaysia through MTCP, shares its development experiences and expertise with other developing countries through technical cooperation programmes. These programmes constitute a commitment by the Malaysian Government towards promoting technical cooperation among developing countries, strengthening of regional and sub-regional cooperation, as well as nurturing collective self-reliance among developing countries.

MTCP emphasises on the development of human capital through trainings in various areas such as agriculture, economy, finance and trade, education, environment, industrial technical training, diplomacy, public management and administration, professional services, social development and science, technology and ICT. To date Malaysia has extended trainings to 143 recipient countries and has trained more than 32,000 participants.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 54 MTCP courses planned for the year 2020 had to be cancelled. Nevertheless, I believe that once the pandemic subsides, Malaysia will continue to offer courses to eligible Namibians next year to share our development experience and strengthen bilateral relations between both countries.

#### Conclusion

I wish to reiterate that Malaysia will continue to work closely with the Namibian government, State Owned Enterprises (SOEs), private sectors, non-profit organisation, academic institution, the media and various individuals to further advance our friendship and cooperation to mutually benefit our two countries. Although we are in an unprecedented global situation, I look forward to establish beneficial new norm cooperation in the years to come to maintain our good bilateral relations.

## **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY HISHAMUDDIN IBRAHIM, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF MALAYSIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE 57<sup>th</sup> MALAYSIA DAY, THE NAMIBIAN SUN, 16 SEPTEMBER 2020**

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Malaysia Day is celebrated on 16 September each year to commemorate the establishment of the Federation of Malaysia. 57 years ago, the Federation of Malaya (now Peninsular Malaysia), North Borneo (now Sabah), Sarawak and Singapore with its 10 million population decided to come together as one nation.

The Malaysia Agreement was signed by the British, Malaya, North Borneo, Sarawak and Singapore on 9 July 1963 and Malaya's Parliament passed the Malaysia Act on 20 August 1963. Malaysia officially notified the United Nations on 16 September 1963 of its formation and provided the new national flag for it to be flown together with the flags of 110 United Nations Member States. However, Singapore left the federation two years later.

Malaysia has grown immensely from the initial years of hardship, celebrating instead the rising standard of living and quality of life of her people, eliminating racial segregation and ensuring an equal distribution of the country's wealth to all levels of societies since its inception 57 years ago.

### Malaysia's Economic Development and Achievements

Malaysia has had a relatively open, market-oriented economy. It has successfully diversified its economy from one that was primarily agriculture and commodity-based, to one with a robust manufacturing and services sector, which has propelled the country to become one of the leading exporters of electrical appliances, electronic parts and components.

In the 1980s, Malaysia had set its goal to transition from its agro-commodities based economy to become an industrial economy by the end of the 1990s. This was very much attributed to the growing manufacturing sector and driven by foreign investments in the country. The vibrant investment ecosystem in Malaysia fuelled by its pro-business policies and skilled manpower has further transformed the nation. This was a main catalyst to a strong entrepreneurial spirit among Malaysians and this saw a boom in the birth of local Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) that have benefitted from the knowledge transfer from various foreign Multi-National Companies in the country. Today, more than 98% of Malaysian business establishments are SMEs, with some growing to become Mid-Tier Companies.

By 1990s, Malaysia's performance for trade and investment grew exponentially and is still growing today. In 2019, total trade of goods and services recorded a value of RM 1.85 trillion (N\$ 7.52 trillion) and investment posted a staggering figure of RM 346.84 billion (N\$ 1.43 trillion). All these achievements have contributed to the increase in Malaysia's GDP value which was RM5.87 billion (N\$ 24.2 billion) in 1960 and in 2019, this figure has reached RM 1.51 trillion or RM1,510.7 billion (N\$ 6.22 trillion). Similarly, GDP per capita had also increased from RM723 (N\$ 2,979) in 1960 to RM46,367 (N\$ 191,047) in 2019.

As an open economy, Malaysia is of course vulnerable to the changes in market sentiment and the global economy including the economies of its major trading partners, for example China, USA and Japan. Despite events such as the financial crisis in 2008, the ongoing China-US trade disputes and the current Covid-19 pandemic, Malaysia continues to maintain its rankings in the top-30 nations on international global rankings on competitiveness (WEF's GCR 2019, No 27; IMD's WCY No. 22) and Ease of Doing Business (WB's Doing Business 2020, No 12) from international organisations.

### The Challenge of Covid-19

Like in most parts of the world, the Covid-19 pandemic has not spared its effects on Malaysia's economy in 2020. In order to face the issue head-on, the government has taken numerous initiatives to assist industries and workers during this period through two Economic Stimulus Packages. These RM295 billion (N\$ 1.22 trillion) stimulus packages were rolled out as a mechanism to address key issues faced by Malaysian businesses particularly on cash flow and jobs placement.

To date, almost all economic sectors in Malaysia have resumed operations under the Recovery Movement Control Order. Ministry of International Trade & Industry (MITI) of Malaysia, as the key Ministry overseeing the economic activities in Malaysia, continues to monitor Malaysian industries and engage with industry players including foreign investors and global buyers in order to keep abreast with the challenges faced by their businesses.

The new tax incentive scheme in the stimulus package is expected to attract more investments and bring better high technology employment opportunities. A full 10-year tax exemption will be granted for new investments in manufacturing sectors with capital investment valued between RM300 million (N\$ 1.24 billion) and RM500 million (N\$ 2.06 billion). New investments in manufacturing sectors with capitals exceeding RM500 million (N\$ 2.06 billion) will enjoy full tax exemption for 15 years. A Special Incentive Allowance for Reinvestment for manufacturing and selected agriculture activities will be provided for the 2020 to 2021 assessment years.

The Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA), an agency under MITI, will also establish a new unit, namely, the Project Acceleration and Coordination Unit (PACU) to facilitate approvals and speed up the implementation of approved manufacturing projects. The manufacturer's license approval process for non-sensitive industries will be shortened to only 2 business days.

MITI is confident that this latest recovery plan together with the easing of the movement restrictions will provide the necessary impetus to further jumpstart and revitalise the economy and ensure that Malaysia remains on the right path to full recovery.

Globally, Malaysia is also a strong and an active member in global organisations such as the UN, OIC, ASEAN and APEC. Some of the recent accolades that Malaysia has received include hosting the first virtual APEC 2020 conference, placed in the top 30 in the ranking of world's competitive nations and amongst world's best in managing the Covid-19 pandemic.

### Conclusion

Malaysia's forefathers formed Malaysia post colonialisation and after many difficulties during a long period of national Emergency, yet its multiracial society emerged, endured and survived as a successful and progressive nation, a true democracy and an example to the world of harmony and tolerance. Although many industries and sectors are halted and affected during this unprecedented period of the COVID-19 pandemic, I earnestly hope that Malaysia will be able to beat the pandemic to ensure the nation will continue to be a land of prosperity and peace.

## CONSULAR INFORMATION

### Certificate of Good Conduct Application

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](http://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:

- Full name;
- Passport number; and
- 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.

### Renunciation of Malaysian Citizenship Application

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).

## HIGH COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA

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