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The Consulate General of Malaysia in Dubai, UAE



Burj Al-Arab, Dubai



2<sup>nd</sup> Islamic Economy Award



10<sup>th</sup> WIEF, Dubai

# THE CONSULATE NEWS

## TAN SRI ZETI AKHTAR AZIZ HONOURED WITH LIFE-TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2015



The Governor of the Central Bank of Malaysia, YBhg. Tan Sri Zeti Akhtar Aziz was awarded with Life-time Achievement Award by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, the Vice- President and Prime Minister of the UAE and the Ruler of Dubai at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Islamic Economy Award in Dubai, UAE. The awards were presented to a cross-section of global and local business establishments for their innovative world-class business initiatives and ideas that are Sharia compliant and contribute to the social and economic welfare of the Muslim population.

Malaysia's collective efforts in developing Islamic finance will provide an important platform to unlock the potential opportunities that lie therein to benefit every segment of the society and the business community that now extends beyond Malaysia's domestic borders. With this recognition, it is evidently clear that the world is recognizing the contribution of Malaysian in Islamic banking sector.

## SEMINAR ON RUBBER PRODUCTS IN DUBAI, UAE

The Society of Engineers in Dubai, UAE and Malaysia Rubber Export Promotion Council (MREPC) co-hosted a seminar related to engineered rubber products on 21 January 2015 at the Society of Engineers' Building, UAE. The theme for the seminar is "Rubber: Your Partner in the Construction Industry". The event was attended by more than 40 participants comprised of renowned engineers, industrialists and key players in the rubber related industry.

Three speakers from Malaysia namely Mr. Brandon Chan, Deputy CEO of Malaysia Rubber Export Promotion Council (MREPC), Dr. Kamaruddin Abdul Malek, CEO of Tun Abdul Razak Research Centre (TARRC) and Mr. Or Tan Eng, Director of Doshin Rubber Products Sdn. Bhd presented their views and some case studies on rubber products and rubber related technology. The Consulate General of Malaysia was represented by YBhg. Dato' Ahmad Fadil Shamsuddin, the Consul General of Malaysia in Dubai. Representatives from MATRADE, Agriculture Office and MIDA also attended the session.



## CONSULATE GENERAL MALAYSIA, DUBAI - "OPEN DAY"

On 6 February 2015, the Consulate General of Malaysia, Dubai organized an "Open Day with Bazaar concept" in the compound of the Chancery. The event was attended by more than 200 food lovers especially foreigner and Malaysians residing in Dubai. More than 10 different stalls selling various types of cuisines were operated by Malaysians residing in Dubai.

Among food items served were nasi lemak, satay, fried noodles, traditional cakes and drinks. Visitors who came to the bazaar hoped that such event will become a monthly occasion so that the demand for Malaysian delicacies in Dubai could be met. Meanwhile, the main purpose of this event is to strengthen the relationship among Malaysians through public diplomacy. The event began at 4.00pm and ended at 8.30pm.



## MOUs SIGNED DURING GULF FOOD FESTIVAL, FEBRUARY 2015



In conjunction the Dubai Food Festival (DFF) 2015, Agriculture Office (MOA) Dubai organised business networking dinner and MOU signing ceremony. The event was held at the Latitude Restaurant, Jumeirah Beach Hotel. Two Malaysian companies signed MOU with UAE companies here and struck deals worth USD 1.55 million. These deals showed that Malaysian agriculture products are sought after in Dubai, UAE and there are more business opportunities to be grabbed by Malaysian companies in Dubai.

## PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND DISCUSSION ON CURRENT ISSUES PROGRAMME WITH MALAYSIAN COMMUNITY



The Consulate General of Malaysia, Dubai in collaboration with all government agencies and Perwakilan organized a Public Diplomacy and Discussion on Current Issues Programme with Malaysia Community at Rumah Malaysia on 19 February 2015. This event was attended by more than 150 Malaysians residing in Dubai. Also present during the programme were HE Ambassador of Malaysia, HBS Dubai and Abu Dhabi, representatives from all Government agencies and members of Perwakilan Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

Explanations on current issues that are often played by the local and international media on Malaysia were given by HE Ambassador and HE Consul General. The event also gave opportunity for all government agencies based in Dubai to further discuss issues regarding SPKM informally. Based on the feedbacks received, the program was considered a success and it managed to embed the spirit of patriotism among Malaysians.

## VISIT BY PUSPANITA KEDAH TO CONSULATE GENERAL MALAYSIA, DUBAI

A group of eight ladies (members of Puspanita Kedah) and three men are on a working visit to Dubai, UAE from 12 to 16 March 2015. The group is headed by YBhg. Dato' Hajah Che Barni Mohd Noor. The latter is the spouse to the Kedah State Secretary and also the incumbent Director of Land and Resources for Kedah State.

The group had a small introduction meeting with YBhg. Dato' Ahmad Fadil Shamsuddin, Consul General of Malaysia to Dubai, UAE. They were delighted to be welcomed to the Consulate office and not to forget the Malaysian delicacies which were served certainly made their day. Perwakilan Dubai is headed by YBhg. Datin Roslina Md Rawi.



## WORKING VISIT BY THE CHIEF CORPORATE OFFICER TENAGA NASIONAL BERHAD TO DUBAI, UAE FROM 18 – 19 MARCH 2015



A group of 8 representatives from Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) led by YBhg. Datuk Wira Roslan Abdul Rahman made a working visit to Dubai, UAE from 18 - 19 March 2015. The visit was intended to conduct technical studies from subject matter experts in Dubai.

On 18 March 2015, the group paid a courtesy call on H.E Ahmad Thani Rashid Al Matrooshi, the Managing Director of EMAAR. The group were introduced to the latter by H.E. Dato' Ahmad Fadil Shamsuddin, the Consul General of Malaysia.

In the evening the delegation went to Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) to meet H.E. Saleh Al Akrabi, the Deputy CEO. The DIFC officials presented the master plan of the construction of buildings around the 110 acres of land given to them by the Dubai Government.



On 19 March 2015, a meeting with H.E. Saeed Al Tayer, CEO and MD of DEWA (Dubai Electricity and Water Authority) was held. The meeting discussed about the possibility of a joint venture between TNB and DEWA in their upcoming projects.

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## UMP VISITS ARABIC COLLEGE IN DUBAI

Last 22<sup>nd</sup> February, we, Education Malaysia – Dubai, received a delegation from University Malaysia Pahang. The delegation composed of three lecturers, two student leaders and thirteen undergraduate students.

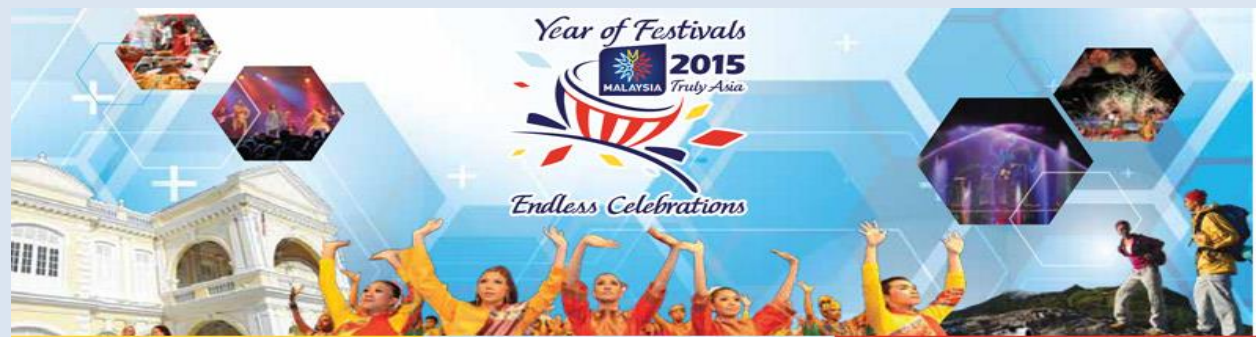
Education Malaysia – Dubai arranged few activities for the visiting delegates and most prominent was the Visit to the College of Islamic & Arabic Studies in Dubai. College of Islamic & Arabic Studies (CIAS) organized an interactive session between UMP delegates and CIAS.



During this interactive session, both CIAS and UMP discussed various collaborations arrangements between them. Both sides interested to start working on student exchange as the first joint event.



## MALAYSIA YEAR OF FESTIVAL 2015



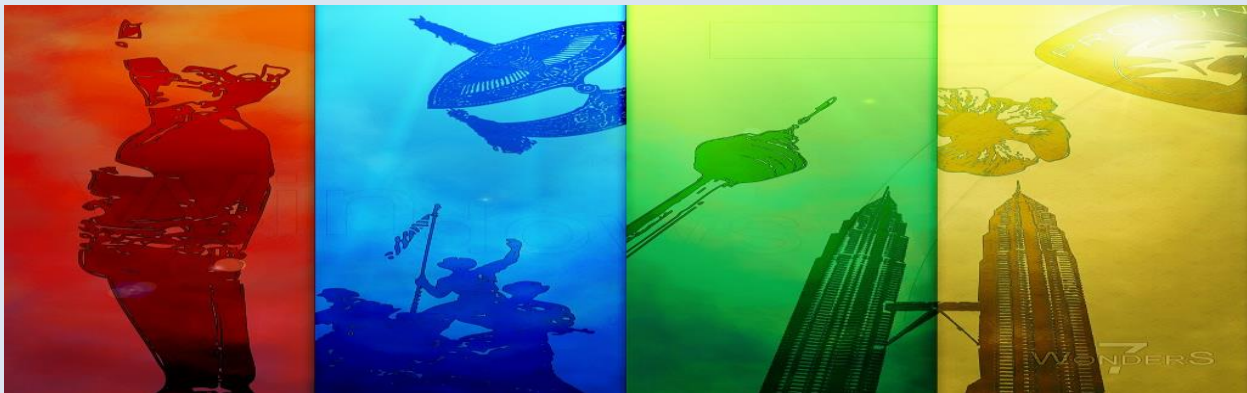
## ARAB HEALTH 2015

In conjunction with the Arab Health 2015 held from 26 to 29 January 2015 at the Dubai World Trade Centre, MATRADE has organised the participation of 14 Malaysian companies promoting products and services for the healthcare industry such as hospital beds, orthopaedic implants, medical disposables, medical gloves, intravenous solutions and stem cell medical treatment, among others.



Dubbed as the Middle East's largest healthcare industry event, MATRADE has recognised the event as a platform for Malaysian companies to explore burgeoning healthcare market opportunities in the UAE, the Gulf countries, Middle East and beyond.

## ICONS OF MALAYSIA



## GULFOOD 2015 INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

Reaching its 20<sup>th</sup> edition, the Gulf Food 2015 has witnessed the participation as many as 80 Malaysian companies, showcasing the variety of Halal food and beverages under the coordination of the national trade promotion agency of Malaysia, MATRADE. Among the F&B products promoted include confectionery, snacks, beverages, ready to eat meals, nutritional meals, palm oil based products, chocolate products and frozen foods, among others.



The UAE remains Malaysia's principal export market for processed foods (excluding palm oil and beverages) among the Gulf countries, worth US\$156.18 million worth of processed foods, followed by Saudi Arabia with over US\$85 million.

## UNSEEN WONDERS OF MALAYSIA



# ACTIVITIES



Tourism Malaysia arranged Winter Golf Championship Sharjah @ 22.03.2015



Tourism Malaysia promoting Malaysia Islands , sail and cruise in Dubai International Boat Show (3-7 March)



MYUAE members attended special prayers function at Surau on 20 February 2015



Dubai Ryder Cup competition between Malaysia and Singapore diaspora residing in Dubai, January 2015

## LIST OF VISITS TO DUBAI, UAE

NO	VISIT	DATE
1	Working Visit of MRECP Visit to Dubai	19 Jan
2	Transit by YAB Prime Minister	21 Jan
3	Transit by Malaysian Parliamentarians	24 Jan
4	Transit by YAB Prime Minister	27 Jan
5	Visit by HM Tengku Muda Pahang	9-12 Feb
6	Visit by HM Tengku Puteri Seri Kemala Pahang	18-21 Feb
7	Working Visit by the Auditor General of Malaysia	31-1 March
8	Transit by Auditor General of Malaysia	6-7 March
9	Transit by HM Tengku Mahkota Pahang	7-8 March
10	Visit by HM Tengku Mahkota Pahang	10-12 March
11	Working Visit by PUSPANITA Kedah	15 March
12	Working Visit by YBhg. Datuk Wira Roslan Abdul Rahman, Chief Corporate Officer TNB	18-19 March
13	Visit by HM Tengku Mahkota Pahang	17-20 March
14	Working Visit by Selangor State Executive Councilor	30 March

## NEW HBS

1	Mr. Neermal Shunmugam	Consul MW Dubai
2	Mr. Sufian Zainuddin	Deputy Director Tourism Malaysia

## OUTGOING HBS

1	Mr. Hafiz Hazin	Deputy Director Tourism Malaysia
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