

**Newsletter of the
Consulate General of Malaysia
in Frankfurt am Main**



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Welcome Your Excellency Ambassador!



The new Malaysian Ambassador His Excellency Datoq Zulkifli Adnan presented his Letter of Credentials to His Excellency Joachim Gauck, the President of the Federal Republic of Germany at Schloss Bellevue on 19 May 2015. His Excellency was accompanied by his wife, Datin Siti Hawa Othman as well as the Embassy's officials. His Excellency Ambassador was greeted by the Federal

Foreign Office officials at the historical Kempinski Hotel and escorted to Bellevue Palace. In keeping with tradition, a ceremonial guard of honour by the German Bundeswehr (Federal Defence Forces) was accorded upon arrival and departure at the Palace where the Malaysian flag was raised.



Prior to this assignment, His Excellency Ambassador was the Director-General of the Department of Maritime Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Putrajaya. His earlier diplomatic assignments include: Ambassador of Malaysia to Bosnia Herzegovina (2008 . 2011), Counsellor at the Embassy of Malaysia in the Netherlands (2001 . 2004), First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Malaysia in New York (1993 . 1998) and Second Secretary at the High Commission of Malaysia in Colombo (1986 . 1988). His Excellency joined the Diplomatic Service in 1983.

Bowling Tournament



The Consulate General of Malaysia in Frankfurt organized a bowling tournament on March 29th 2015 at the bowling center Rebstock in Frankfurt. The Malaysian diaspora met with family and friends for this fun day. First-timers competed against seasoned players. There was a lot of laughter, good company and interesting conversations. Top scorers were Mr. Ramesh Jackson and Mrs. Rosita Heilek.



Self-Development workshop 2015

The Education and Training Department (JPA) of the Consulate General office in Frankfurt organized a self-development program called *Selbstentwicklungs-Lager* Bil 1/2015 for JPA scholars on March 18-19 2015. It was held at the Consulate General of Malaysia for the purpose of enhancing students' motivation to achieve a higher goal in their studies. Adina Kamarudin, the Consul General officiated the opening of the program by sharing her experience of being a student abroad in the UK before. Four facilitators were chosen among excellent scholars to share their tips for outstanding results in their study in Germany. A total of 40 participants attended the two-day program and a lot of knowledge was shared among facilitators and participants.



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Tourism Road Show

Tan Sri Ng Yen Yen, Chairman of Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board visited Frankfurt for the Tourism Road Show organized by Tourism Malaysia on 27 April 2015. The road show provided an opportunity for discussion with travel agents and companies in Germany on different travel products offered by Malaysia.



UNESCO Charity Gala



Consul General Adina Kamarudin and husband Mahzan Abdul Samad attended the UNESCO Charity Gala in Heidelberg as guests of honor on 3 May 2015 at the invitation of Dr. H.C. Ute-Henriette Ohoven, the UNESCO Special Ambassador for Germany. This year's event bore the motto "Swing for Ramata: The Orphans of Dakar." The event was very successful, raising 32,000 EUR. Among the prominent guests were soccer manager Reiner Calmund, federal soccer coach Steffi Jones, actress Monika Peitsch and many more.



PERWAKILAN Ladies Participate in Taste of the World



Taste of the World was organized by the International School of Frankfurt (ISF) on 9 May 2015. It was an excellent opportunity for visitors to enjoy food from various countries while simultaneously raising donations for the project in Kenya and Nepal.



The Consul General and the PERWAKILAN ladies joined the event, decorated the booth and prepared delicious dishes such as *Roti Canai*, *Mee Goreng*, chicken curry, *Gobi Manchurian*, *Rice Pulao*, *Raita* and *Murukku*. Our stall was a hit!

Visit of HRH the Crown Prince of Johor

His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Johor was in Germany for a working visit to Dusseldorf and Dortmund from 4 to 10 May 2015. HRH the Crown Prince was accompanied by his lovely wife Che Puan Khaleeda Bustamam and a 10-member delegation. He was in Germany to announce the collaboration between Johor Darul Takzim (JDT) Football Club and Borussia Dortmund.



Visit of Tourism Malaysia Deputy Director General



Datoq Azizan Noordin, Deputy Director General of Tourism Malaysia visited the Consulate General of Malaysia on 20 May 2015. He was in Frankfurt to attend the IMEX Conference, a tradeshow and global industry event with 3,500 global exhibitors featuring tourist boards, international hotel companies, airlines, destination management companies, technology providers and many more. During his visit he discussed issues relating to tourism and travel products of Malaysia for the German market.



Malaysia - Moldova Badminton Tournament



The Badminton Tournament was organized by the Malaysian Consulate General office and took place on 22 May 2015 between the Moldovan and the Malaysian Consulates



General. It was an excellent opportunity to bond with diplomatic colleagues and compete in a friendly manner. Sport brings people together and the tournament was proof of that. Thank you, Mr. Anatol Stratulat and team for a great game. See you next time for a rematch!

Graduation Dinner for ALG 12 in Stuttgart



German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) organized a graduation dinner for JPA scholars who recently graduated at bachelor level in various universities in the state of Baden Wurttemberg on 23 May 2015. A total of 18 students were present during this event. The Consul General delivered a



speech at the event and presented the graduates their degree scrolls. Also present was Prof. Dr. Michael Pfeffer from the Ministry of Research, Science and Arts, Baden Wurttemberg, Syarqawi Muhammad Consul for Education and Training (JPA) and Rohana Mohd Yunus, Consul (Mara) in Frankfurt. All of the 18 graduates are currently pursuing their masters degree in Germany under JPA sponsorship.

Opening Ceremony of the 4th Conference at Goethe University



The opening ceremony of the 4th Conference on *Memperkasa Bahasa Melayu* was held at Goethe University, Frankfurt from 28 - 29 May 2015. It was a joint collaboration between University Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) and Goethe University and it was the first time the conference was held in Germany. All



previous conferences took place in Malaysia. Also present was Datuk Dr. Awang Sariyan, Director General of Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka.

A total of 47 participants were involved, originating from Malaysia, Germany, France, South Korea, Indonesia, Singapore, and Russia. Consul General Adina Kamarudin officiated the opening ceremony and later hosted dinner for the participants.



Visit to B. Braun

Consul General Kamarudin and Consuls from the Consulate visited the plant in Melsungen, Hesse, on 28 May 2015. The visit had been organized by Mr. S. Siva, Consul (Investment), MIDA Frankfurt.

B. Braun started in the year 1839 as a pharmacy in Melsungen, selling medical herbs by mail. Later, a manufacturing plant was built, where production of several medical products began. B. Braun and its subsidiaries currently employ more than 46,000 people in more than 50 countries. In 2009 the company was named best German employer. The biggest B. Braun plant in Malaysia is located in Bayan Lepas, Pulau Pinang.



Last MAS flight FRA-KL 2015

The Consul General, Consuls, area manager of MAS Frankfurt and the MAS station manager attended a short ceremony at Terminal 2 Frankfurt

Airport before the last flight departed for Kuala Lumpur on 29 May 2015. The ceremony was organized by FRAPORT in conjunction with the suspension of MH flights in Germany. MAS has been operating for nearly 38 years since October 1977 at Frankfurt Airport.



FRAPORT provided some light refreshments at the departure gate for everyone who attended as well as the passengers. A short photo session was also arranged for MAS office and the flight crew prior to departure.



The aircraft was given a water cannon salute before take-off as courtesy of FRAPORT. A water cannon salute is usually given for a new airline company operating out of an airport for the first time, the initiation of a new route or when the captain of an airplane is retiring.

Annual Dinner at HS Aalen

Mr. Syarqawi Muhammad, Consul for Education and Training (JPA), attended a dinner with students and the top management of *Hochschule Aalen* at *Eichenhof* Restaurant in Aalen on 9 June 2015. Also present were Datuk Dr. Helmut Baur, Honorary Consul General of Malaysia from Stuttgart, Prof. Dr. Gerhard Schneider, Rector of HS Aalen, tutor Professor Dip-Ing. Rupert Schempp, senior lecturers and the head of international relation office. In addition, 12 JPA scholars attended the event, which was helpful for discussions on ways of improving the cooperation in education for Malaysia and Germany.



Luncheon with Indonesian Ladies

The Consul General, together with Madam Wahyu Hersetia, Consul General of Indonesia and several Indonesian ladies who have been residing in Frankfurt for more than 20 years, attended a lunch hosted by Mrs. Dewi Kumar. The topic of the get-together was "Coping with Cancer". Mrs. Kumar shared her own experience fighting with cancer twice in her life. The event was well received and the discussion among the ladies that followed was an insightful one.



ACHEMA 2015

The Consul General delivered a speech and witnessed the signing ceremony between Dechema and DtMG at the sidelines of ACHEMA 2015 in Frankfurt on 15 June 2015. ACHEMA is one of the world's leading congress and trade shows on process technology.



DECHEMA is a non-profit professional society representing the fields of science, industry, politics and the general public. DECHEMA promotes scientific and technical exchange among experts from different disciplines, organisations and generations.

DtMG (Deutsch-Malaysische Gesellschaft e.V. Society) is a non-profit organisation founded in 1992 and has been perceived as the little sister of Malaysian-German-Society (MGS) in Penang (est. 1962). It was introduced by employees of German companies and institutions living and working in Malaysia. The mission of DTMG is to promote communication and cultural understanding between Malaysia / ASEAN and Germany / EU in the fields of business, politics, science, education, culture and leisure through seminars, briefings, exhibitions and networking activities.



Earlier in February 2015, Biotech Corp. Malaysia and Dechema signed a Memorandum of Understanding for technology developments and innovations in the chemical sector.

Diplomatic Dialogue

The Consul General was selected as one of the panelists for a session on Diplomatic Dialogue organised by the German-Asian Business Forum (Deutsch-Asiatischer Wirtschaftskreis e. V.) , which was held at one of the University Frankfurt premises in Sachsenhausen on 16 June 2015. In addition to Malaysia, the Consuls General of Thailand, India, Nigeria and Nepal also participated.



The dialogue helped raise the profile of the participating countries. The presentation was not only specific to the Consulate's role but also covered issues of bilateral relations and foreign policy for a better public understanding.

Ein Abend mit dem Botschafter (An evening with the Ambassador)



H.E. the Ambassador DatoqZulkifli Adnan met 31 students in Berlin during an open and candid session on 28 May 2015. The session started off with some remarks by H.E. Ambassador followed by a

question-and-answer-session. During this session the Ambassador explained his role and functions as Ambassador and explained government policies to the students. The session gave the students a unique opportunity to come up close and personal with the highest representative of Malaysian government in Germany.



The session was preceded by a motivational talk at the Embassy of Malaysia. Presenters were Mr. Syarqawi Muhammad, Consul for Education and Training (JPA) and Madam Rohana Mohd Yunus, Consul (MARA), Frankfurt. Amongst them, 18 were new students who arrived in Berlin in March 2015 and are currently undergoing a language course at the Institute for International Communication (IIK) Berlin. 13 others are pursuing bachelor and master degrees at three different learning institutions in Berlin i.e. Technical University Berlin,

Beuth Hochschule Berlin; or HTW Berlin. All students are majoring in various engineering fields such as mechanical and mechatronics. H.E. Ambassador later hosted Iftar for all students with a delicious feast of Aidilfitri dishes.

Heads of Department Meeting in Berlin

H.E. Ambassador of Malaysia chaired a meeting with heads of Malaysian agencies at the Embassy of Malaysia in Berlin on 29 June 2015. Consul General of Malaysia in Frankfurt as well as heads of departments of JPA, MARA, MATRADE, MIDA and Tourism Malaysia in Germany were present at the meeting. During the meeting, agencies exchanged information on respective initiatives and activities undertaken as well as discussed activities planned for the near future. A presentation on the German labour law was also made by Mr. Cord Vernunft, Senior Associate from Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft GmbH.



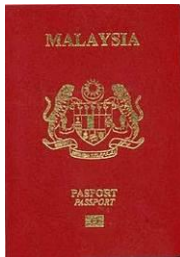
Birthday Celebration April 2015

A birthday celebration was organised on 24 April 2015 for all Consulate General employees born in the month of April. Among them were Mrs. Sarjit Kunert, (Administrative



Assistant), Ms. Sylvia Ergican, (Receptionist), Mr. Gafurr Durmishi, (Security) and Consul General Adina Kamarudin. PERWAKILAN ladies prepared some delicious dishes and everyone indulged in the exquisite birthday cakes. It was a great celebration for all!

Travel alert



To all travelers: Please be advised!

There have been many incidents lately of travel documents reported stolen. Please take special care when in public places. Do not leave luggage or bags unattended and be on the lookout for pickpocket activities, especially near central bus stations and on trains.

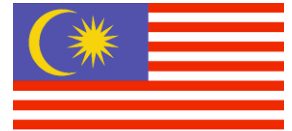
If you do fall victim and your travel documents are stolen, please contact the Consulate General at consular@malcg.de. We will assist in obtaining a new passport or an emergency certificate.

Trivia on Malaysia

1. Who first announced the date of Malaysia's independence and where?
2. When is Malaysia Day celebrated and what is the story behind it?
3. What is the name of the first German company established in Malaysia?

The correct answers from last issue are:

- 1) The Malaysian flag was adopted on 16 Sept 1963 and designed by Mr. Mohamed Hamzah. The 29-year old Public Works Department architect entered a design competition with two designs.



- 2) Sarawak Chamber in Gunung Mulu National Park in Sarawak is the name of the largest cave chamber in the world, which can easily accommodate a Boeing 747.
- 3) Malaysia has 18 ports: Bintulu, Kota Kinabalu, Kuantan, Kuching, Kudat, Labuan, Lahad Datu, Lumut, Miri, Pasir Gudang, George Town, Port Dickson, Port Kelang, Sandakan, Sibul, Tanjung Berhala, Tanjung Kidurong and Tawau.



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