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AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Malaysians in Kuwait,

I am delighted to introduce you to the inaugural issue of the Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait's e-newsletter, which covers the second quarter of 2015 (April-June).

The purpose of this e-newsletter is to share with the Malaysian community in Kuwait the activities of the Embassy, as well as other relevant information which the Malaysian community may find useful. I hope that the Malaysian community will find this e-newsletter beneficial.

Thank you and Ramadan Kareem.

Ambassador Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani

7 July 2015

THE AMBASSADOR & EMBASSY OFFICIALS

1. His Excellency
AHMAD ROZIAN
ABD. GHANI
Ambassador
Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
2. Mr. YAP WEI SIN
Counsellor
3. Mr. MUHAMMAD
RAFEEQ
MOHD RAZALI
Third Secretary
4. Mr. NOOR
HABIBOLLAH
MD. NASIR
Personal Assistant to
the Ambassador

HIGHLIGHTS APRIL-JUNE 2015

The months of April, May and June 2015 saw some key developments at the Embassy of Malaysia. For a start, Ambassador Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani arrived in Kuwait on 19 April 2015 to assume his post as the new Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait, taking over from his predecessor, Ambassador Dato' Adnan Othman who is now the Ambassador of Malaysia to Austria, Slovakia and Permanent Representative to United Nations in Vienna. Ambassador Ahmad Rozian is the 11th Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait, since the Embassy opened in 1974.

BIOGRAPHY OF THE NEW AMBASSADOR

Ambassador Ahmad Rozian began his diplomatic career at Wisma Putra, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia in 1994. Prior to his appointment as the Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait, he served in various positions at home and abroad. His overseas postings include Budapest, Hungary (1998-2001); Algiers, Algeria (2001-2003); Tokyo; Japan (2007-2011) and Medan, Indonesia (2012-2015).

Ambassador Ahmad Rozian graduated in 1992 from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (National University of Malaysia), Bangi, Malaysia with a Bachelor of Laws (Honours). In 2004, He obtained his Master in Public Policy from the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo, Japan.

A sports enthusiast, Ambassador Ahmad Rozian runs and plays badminton in his free time. His passions also include reading and travelling.



ARRIVAL OF THE NEW AMBASSADOR

Ambassador Ahmad Rozian arrives at Kuwait International Airport on 19 April 2015, received by the Ambassadors/Charge d'Affaires of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, as well as officials of the Embassy of Malaysia.

COURTESY CALL ON THE 1ST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER & MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



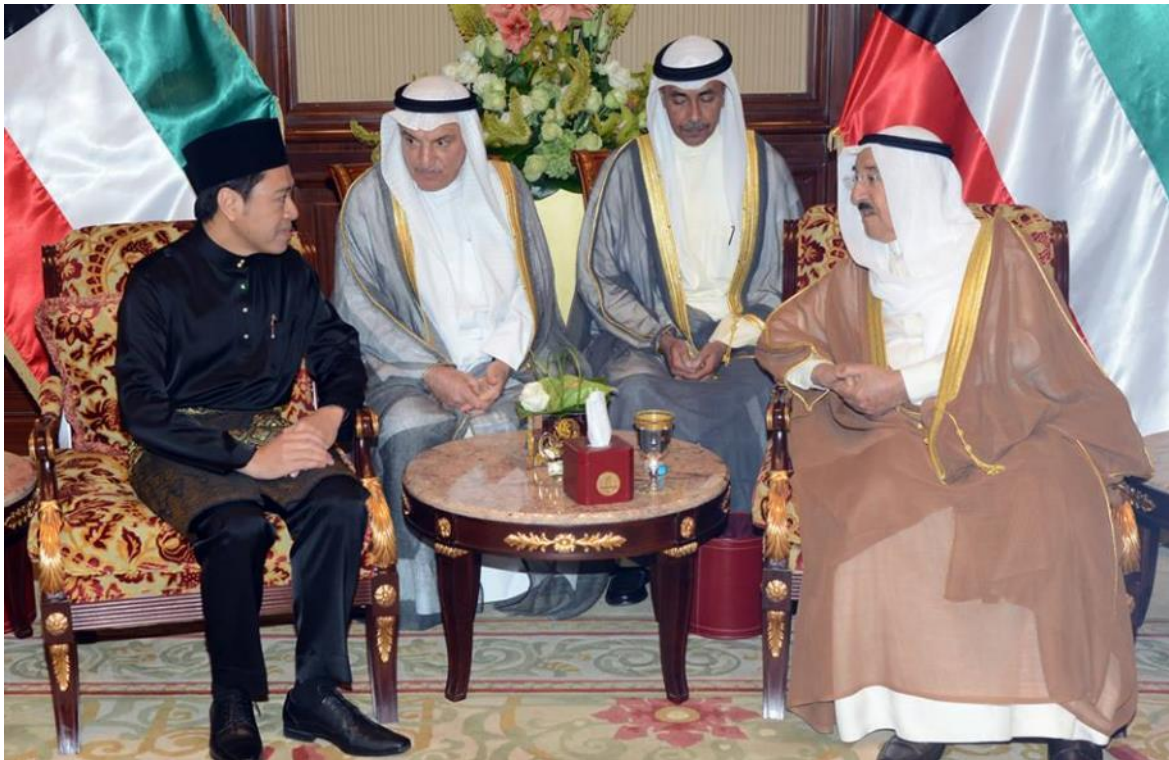
Shortly after his arrival in Kuwait, on 27 April 2015, Ambassador Ahmad Rozian made a courtesy call on His Excellency Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs to hand over a copy of his Letters of Credence.



PRESENTATION OF LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO THE AMIR



Subsequently on 17 June 2015, Ambassador Ahmad Rozian presented his Letters of Credence to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of Kuwait at the Bayan Palace, thus enabling him to officially carry out his duties as the Ambassador of Malaysia.

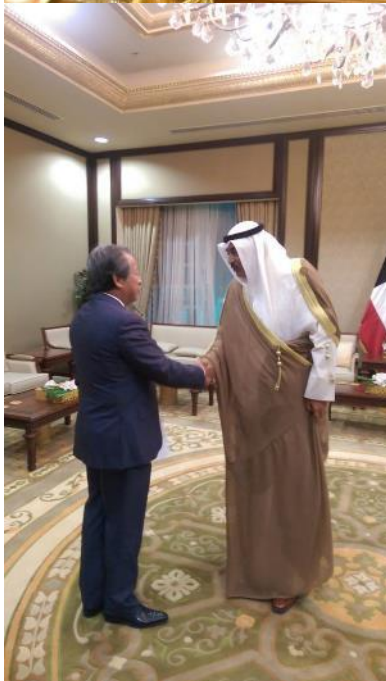


MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS VISITS KUWAIT

The Honourable Dato' Sri Anifah Hj. Aman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia undertook a working visit to Kuwait from 27 to 29 May 2015 to lead the Malaysian delegation to the 42nd OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) at Bayan Palace, Kuwait on 27 and 28 May 2015. The Foreign Minister also met with H.E. Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kuwait to discuss issues of mutual concern. The Foreign Minister also met with a number of other Foreign Ministers on the sideline of the meeting.

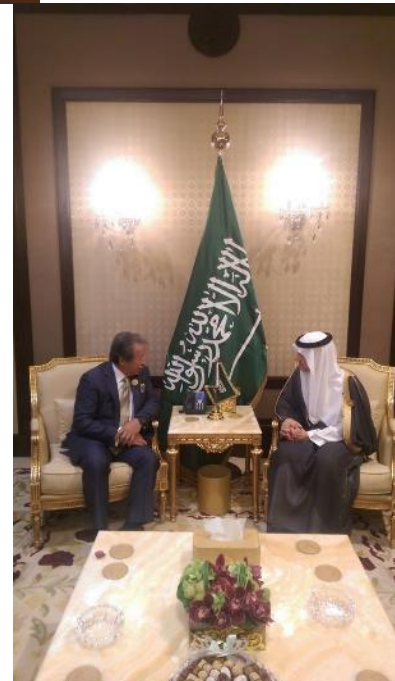


The Foreign Minister at the Plenary of the ICFM at Bayan Palace



Call on H.E. Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kuwait

Bilateral Meeting with H.E. Adel Al-Jubeir, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on the sideline of the ICFM



ASEAN ACTIVITIES IN KUWAIT

Ambassador Ahmad Rozian chairs the ASEAN Committee in Kuwait (ACK) for 2015. The ACK comprises the respective Ambassadors of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

3RD ACK FUTSAL TOURNAMENT, 10 APRIL 2015



On 10 April 2015, the ACK held its Third Futsal Tournament at the Al Arabi Sports Club. Three teams consisting of nine players each from the Embassies of Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam participated in the tournament. Family, friends and supporters from the various Embassies were also present to cheer on the players. After three round-robin games, the Red Team consisting of the Embassies of Cambodia, Thailand and the Philippines emerged as champion. The Blue Team comprising the Embassies of Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia came in first runners-up, with the Yellow Team made up of the Embassies of Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam as second runners-up.



ACK AMBASSADORS MEETING, 2 JUNE 2015



On 2 June 2015, Ambassador Ahmad Rozian chaired the third ACK Ambassadors meeting of 2015. The meeting took place at the Bunga Raya Meeting Room of the Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait. The meeting was attended by the Ambassadors (or their representatives) of all ASEAN Member States in Kuwait and was followed by lunch.

MALAYSIANS IN ACTION

MALAYSIA ICE HOCKEY TEAM CHALLENGES IN KUWAIT



The Malaysian National Ice Hockey Team participated in the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Challenge Cup of Asia (Division 1) at the Ice Skating Rink in Kuwait City from 18 to 24 April 2015. The Malaysian team gave a strong challenge to their Asian counterparts from Kyrgyzstan, Oman, Kuwait, Singapore and India.

Here, members of the team are pictured with Mr. Mikhail Harith, President of the Malaysian Association in Kuwait (MAK)

NICOL DAVID & THE MALAYSIAN SQUASH TEAM VISITS KUWAIT

An eight-member Malaysian delegation led by World No. 1 Nicol David participated at the 18th Individual Squash Championship on 1-5 May 2015 in Kuwait. Having missed the previous edition in 2013, Nicol David proved why she was the undisputed world best by beating the reigning champion, Annie Au of Hong Kong in the final. This was Nicol David's ninth Asian title. Another Malaysian player, Delia Arnold made it as far as the semi-finals but came short to making it an all-Malaysian final after a close defeat to Annie Au. The men's title was won by Hong Kong's Leo Au. Malaysia's best performance in the men's category was a quarterfinals appearance by Nafiizwan Adnan.



HIGHLIGHTS OF EVENTS WITH THE MALAYSIAN COMMUNITY



Isra' wal Mikraj event on 15 May 2015



*Iftar,
Maghrib,
Isya' and
Terawikh
Prayers on
19 June
2015*



*Iftar,
Maghrib,
Isya' and
Terawikh
Prayers on
26 June
2015*

MALAYSIAN STUDENTS IN KUWAIT



Courtesy call by Malaysian student representatives on 4 May 2015



Dialogue session and lunch with the Malaysian students on 15 May 2015

EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2015

NO	HOLIDAY	DATE	DAY	MALAYSIA / KUWAIT
1	New Year's Day	1 January	Thursday	Malaysia / Kuwait
2	Maulidur Rasul	3 January	Saturday	Malaysia / Kuwait
3	Chinese New Year	19 February	Thursday	Malaysia
4	Kuwait National Day	25 February	Wednesday	Kuwait
5	Kuwait Liberation Day	26 February	Thursday	Kuwait
6	Labour Day*	1 May	Friday	Malaysia / Kuwait
7	Wesak Day	3 May	Sunday	Malaysia
8	Isra' Mikraj**	16 May	Saturday	Kuwait
9	Birthday of SPB YDP Agong	6 June	Saturday	Malaysia
10	Hari Raya Aidil Fitri **	17 and 18 July	Friday and Saturday	Malaysia / Kuwait
11	National Day	31 August	Monday	Malaysia
12	Malaysia Day	16 September	Wednesday	Malaysia
13	Arafah Day **	23 September	Wednesday	Kuwait
14	Hari Raya Aidil Adha**	24 September	Thursday	Malaysia / Kuwait
15	Maal Hijrah	14 October	Wednesday	Malaysia / Kuwait
16	Deepavali	10 November	Tuesday	Malaysia
17	Maulidur Rasul	24 December	Thursday	Malaysia / Kuwait
18	Christmas*	25 December	Friday	Malaysia

Note:

1. Public holidays which fall on a Friday are not replaced by the next working day.
2. Public holidays which fall on a Saturday is carried forward to the next working day.
2. (*) Observed only
3. (**) Subject to declaration by local authorities