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From the Editorial Team:

We present the first "Dili Post" for the year 2017 which provides updates on the activities undertaken by the Embassy of Malaysia in Dili, Timor-Leste, ranging from official engagements, social activities and all other matters of interest.

Should you have any enquiries or would like to contribute in our e-Newsletter, please email at khairulnazri@kln.gov.my.
Thank you and have pleasant read!

THE EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA, DILI, TIMOR-LESTE

HIS MAJESTY THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG XV SULTAN MUHAMMAD V



SULTAN MUHAMMAD V OF KELANTAN IS THE 15TH AND THE CURRENT YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG. HIS REIGN BEGAN ON 13 DECEMBER 2016

SPECIAL REPORT: NEW KING FOR MALAYSIA



ABOUT SULTAN MUHAMMAD V:

Date of birth : 6 October 1969

Education : Sultan Ismail School (76-81)

Alice Smith School (83)

Oakham School UK (89)

Oxford University (89-91)

Courses at Huron University

College, Deutsche Stiftung

Internationale Entwicklung,

European Business School

London.

Hobbies : Horse-riding, reading,
golfing, shooting, badminton,
bowling, football, 4WD
expeditions.

The new Yang di-Pertuan Agong (King) of Malaysia, Sultan Muhammad V, took his oath of office on 13 December 2016 in a simple yet highly symbolic ceremony at the Istana Negara (National Palace).

Also in attendance were the Conference of Rulers or their representatives, i.e. the Sultans and the Yang di-Pertuan Negeri (rulers) of the other states in Malaysia. The ceremony itself was chaired by the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

Malaysia practices a constitutional monarchy system, with the post of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong being rotated among the nine Sultans in Malaysia. The decision of which of the nine Sultans would be the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is decided by the Conference of Rulers, taking into account a number of factors including the principle of geographical rotation.

Once appointed, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong presides over all federal ceremonies involving the monarchy and resides at the National Palace in Kuala Lumpur. In his own home state, a Regent will be appointed to oversee state ceremonial matters.

Sultan Muhammad V becomes the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, corresponding with 60 years of Malaysia's independence.

The Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah was officially appointed as the Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong at the same ceremony.

COURTESY CALL ON THE GENERAL CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES (F-FDTL)



Courtesy Call on the General Chief of Defense Force of the Armed Forces (Falintil-FDTL) of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (DRTL), H.E. Major-General Lere Anan Timur on 13 January 2017 at his office at the F-FDTL Headquarter in Dili, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.



COURTESY CALL BY JOAN EVANGELISTA, DESK OFFICER FOR MALAYSIA OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE



Courtesy Call by Joan Evangelista, Desk Officer for Malaysia of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MFAC) of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (DRTL) on 20 January 2017 at the Embassy of Malaysia in Dili.

OUTREACH PROGRAM BY H.E. AMB. CHITRA DEVI RAMIAH AT LOCAL ALDEIA (HAMLET)



The Embassy of Malaysia as part of the outreach program visited the Aldeia (hamlet) of Baixo Balide which is a part of Suku (Village) of Mascarenhas in the Municipality Of Dili, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on 24 January 2017. H.E. Amb.

Chitra Devi Ramiah took the opportunity to donate basic food items such as rice, cooking oil, noodles and milk to poor families living in this Aldeia. This Aldeia, with a population of 868 lies on the foothill of Baixo Balide and is prone to severe flooding during the rainy season. The Aldeia Chief, Mr. Antonio Soares had identified the most underprivileged families for H.E. Ambassador's personal contribution. The villagers were very hospitable and warmly welcomed the team from the embassy.



CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER AT RUMAH MALAYSIA



Chinese New Year gathering was hosted by H.E. Amb. Chitra Devi Ramiah on 28 January 2017. The gathering was held in a simple manner for Malaysians who celebrated the festive season in Dili.



INDIAN 68th REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



The Ambassador of India, Mrs. Nengcha Lhouvum who is based in Jakarta, hosted the 68th Republic Day Celebration Reception at Timor Plaza Hotel in Dili, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on 25 January 2017, attended by H.E. Amb. Chitra Devi Ramiah.

LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR OF NEW ZEALAND



On Friday, 27 January 2017, H.E. Ambassador Mrs. Vicki Poole hosted the monthly Ambassadors' luncheon gathering at her Residence. The luncheon was attended by all the Ambassadors based in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

SECURITY BRIEFING ON PRESIDENTIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION 2017



On 31 January 2017, H.E. Amb. Chitra Devi Ramiah attended the security briefing presented by the Commander of Operations, Chief Superintendent of Police Mr. Henrique Da Costa and the General Commander, Commissioner Julio Hornay of the National Police of Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (PNTL).



The briefing was on the security measures that will be implemented during the forthcoming Presidential and Parliamentary elections scheduled for 20 March and July 2017 respectively. The briefing was held for the members of the diplomatic corps, international organizations and government agencies.

PREPATORY MEETING FOR THE 29th SEA GAMES AND 9TH ASEAN PARA GAMES “RISING TOGETHER BATON RUN” IN DILI, DRTL

On 15th February 2017, Under-Secretary from the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Malaysia (KBS), Mr. Ajitpal Sing Santokh Singh with the representative from the Embassy of Malaysia to DRTL in Dili held a meeting on the Rising Together Baton Run with the Secretary of State of Youth and Sport (SEJD) of DRTL at Sional in Dili. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss on the preparation by DRTL in organizing the Baton Run in Dili in conjunction with the 29th SEA Games and 9th ASEAN PARA Games in Kuala Lumpur 2017. The meeting was attended by the Director General of the SEJD, Mr. Metodio Caetano Moniz, President of National Sports Confederation Mr. Afrânio Xavier Amaral, Secretary General for National Olympic, Mr. Mateus da Cruz, President of Olympic Committee Mr. Julio Sarmiento Lopes, Chief of Department of Sports School, Mr. Alfonso Malikias, Chief of Department of High Competition Mr. Vasco Ribeiro, Secretary to the Director General, Ms. Augustinha Dias Cabral and Staff of Athletics Federation Mr. Elias de Deus and Secretary to the Secretary of State Ms. Nelía Menezes.



FAREWELL RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF DRTL AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE

On 17th February 2017, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, H.E. Mr. Taur Matan Ruak and First Lady of Timor-Leste Isabel da Costa Ferreira hosted a farewell dinner for the diplomatic corps based in Dili. The friendship dinner was held at the Presidential Palace "Aitarak Laran". The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Timor-Leste, H.E. Mr. Hernani Coelho and his Vice Minister, H.E. Mr. Roberto Soares attended the dinner. The occasion was also graced by newly appointed Non-Resident Ambassadors who were in Dili to present their credentials.



The President thanked the diplomatic corps for giving him the support during his term as the President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. He further thanked the diplomatic corps for all the assistance extended to help develop Timor-Leste in term of financial support and human capital support.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES DEBATE (2017-2022), CNE OFFICE

The Presidential election candidate debate was held at the National Election Commission (CNE) on 17 March 2017. The debate was held at the end of the campaign period which was from 3 March until 17 March 2017. The debate was telecasted live on radio and television of Timor-Leste.

All eight candidates participated in the debate. The topics for the debate was focused on four (4) specific questions namely vision and mission of the candidates, national sovereignty, sustainable economy and reduction of taxations, and external relations.



The National Elections Commission (CNE) played an important role to host this debate, which was intended primarily to educate the voters on the role of the president they would be electing on Monday, 20 March 2017. The debate also gave the opportunity for the candidates to explain their position on important policies and issues that are of concern to the Timorese people.

CNE wanted to ensure that voters appreciated the role of a president in a parliamentary form of government as opposed to the role that same position plays in a presidential form of government.



LORON VOTASAUN (VOTING DAY) OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION FOR TERM OF 2017-2022 ON 20 MARCH 2017

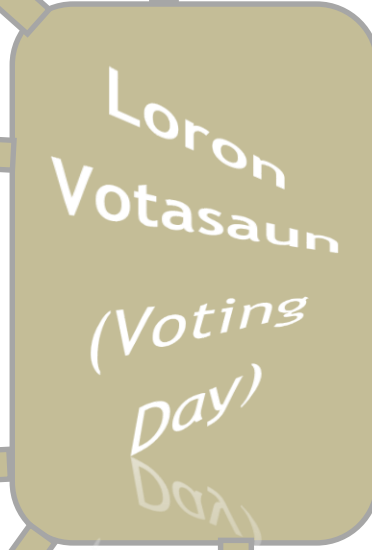


2017 will be a busy year for Timor-Leste as happens every five years; two elections are scheduled for the year. On 20 March 2017, the Presidential election was conducted in a very peaceful manner.



The President is elected by an absolute majority to serve a five year term via a two round system. The Presidency of the Republic is a ceremonial position. The President is the Head of State of the country and the Commander-in-Chief of the Military Force (F-FDTL).

Total registered voters were 743,150 in all the Districts in DRTL.



Photographs taken during voting day of the Presidential election on 20th March 2017 from various sources.



ASEAN AMBASSADORS' LUNCHEON



The monthly ASEAN Ambassadors' luncheon was held on 11 January 2017 at the Asian Thai Restaurant in Dili.

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