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GREETINGS FROM THE EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA!

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The Embassy of Malaysia in Ashgabat is proud to publish our Newsletter Issue 1/2017 with the news and activities from 1 January to 30 June 2017.

The two highlights of this issue are the coronation of *Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong (KDYMM SPB YDP) Sultan Muhammad V*, the new King of Malaysia, and *2050 National Transformation*, a new initiative introduced by the Honourable Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia.

Besides that, as usual we will share with you the photos of the activities organized or participated by the Embassy. There are also special features about *Negaraku Expression Programme* and *Visit Pahang Year 2017!*

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Roseli Abdul



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First Secretary &  
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Rozalah Hashim  
First Secretary



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# Sultan Muhammad V, the New King of Malaysia



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-Pertua 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 rotated among the nine Sultans in Malaysia. The decision of which of the nine will be the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is made 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 15<sup>th</sup> Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, corresponding with 60 years of Malaysia's independence. The last time a Sultan of Kelantan was the Yang di-Pertuan Agong was in 1975, in the form of Sultan Muhammad V's grandfather.

## 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 Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah (bottom right photo), was officially appointed as the Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong at the same ceremony.

All Malaysian  
Ambassadors will  
henceforth receive  
their credentials  
from Sultan  
Muhammad V.



# 2050 National Transformation / Transformasi Nasional 2050 (TN50)

## BACKGROUND



Introduced by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak during Budget 2017



A series of national discourses determine the country's direction

Going beyond the processes & movements for 3 decades after 2020



Putting Malaysia among the top 20 countries in the world

Creating a credible and superior nation country formed by the generation of 'khaira ummah'



Initiative based on the grass roots as a whole

Building a nation progressively according to the people's aspirations



## WHAT IS TN50?

The 2050 National Transformation or *Transformasi Nasional* (TN50) is a new 30-year transformation plan for Malaysia. It is a new vision for Malaysia, announced by the Prime Minister of Malaysia during the 2017 Budget. TN50 aims to transform Malaysia into a nation of caliber with a new mindset. TN50 will span three decades, and the youths of all races will form the core of this new transformation plan.

On 19 January 2017, the Malaysian Prime Minister, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Razak, launched the first series of national discourse to chart the nation's direction on a new canvas as the 2050 National Transformation with some 500 youth leaders at Dewan Tunku Canselor, University Malaya. The general goal for TN50 is for Malaysia to become a top 20 country in the world by the year 2050.

In the run up to the unveiling of TN50 in 2019, there will be a series of discussions on what the Malaysian identity should be by 2050 – in terms of how Malaysians view themselves as diverse Malaysians.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports is tasked to collect views from youths in the first few months of this year, before moving on to other groups. The year 2017 will be spent collecting views from public with 2018 the year for the Government to have more focused discussions with experts to see whether the views and suggestions are realistic. Near the end of the next year or early 2019, the Government will form a policy document on TN50 to be announced by the Prime Minister.

*“Let TN50 bear witness; (let it) be recorded in history that we are responsible citizens and forefathers, to leave behind the best and the greatest legacy to be inherited by future generations. “From now on, TN50 is our lucky charm. Let the old legacy pass. The future of Malaysia, we will recreate,” - Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, 21 October 2016.*

TN50 will be the roadmap, after Vision 2020 that will transform the country's economy, citizen well-being, environment, technology, social interaction, governance and public administration.

# 2050 NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION

# TN50

“MAKE OUR FUTURE”

Long-term collective initiative to progressively shape Malaysia into the country of its citizens' aspirations

Source : Ministry of Youth and Sports  
Bernama Infographics

**01 My TN50**  
 "Malaysians' TN50 expressions, via multi-formats, that reflect the message of greater Hope, Pride and Leadership to inspire all Malaysians"

**02 TN50 Townhalls**  
 "Public engagements, discourse and debate on key themes, issues and solutions for TN50 that carry a message of greater Hope, Pride and Leadership"

## 4 INITIATIVES TO GATHER ASPIRATION OF MALAYSIANS

**TARGET:**  
 to engage 1.5 million youths across Malaysia

**03 TN50 e-Engagement**  
 "Leverage digital data collection systems to collate and analyse live data as inputs for the formulation of TN50"

**04 TN50 Circle on the Future of Malaysia**  
 "Hand-picked group of young, intelligent, successful Malaysians from different backgrounds to represent "brand Malaysia", our values and a glimpse of what youth can aspire to"

Announcement of TN50 in Budget 2017

**Jan 19**  
 Launch TN50 Dialog Perdana with PM



End 2019/ begin 2020:  
 Publish TN50 policy document



- Kick-start with national youth discourse (TN50 Conversations); and later discourse with other segments to:
  - define areas to transform and future aspirations to achieve
  - encourage expressions of hope and ambition via engagement activities
- Syndication with ministries on existing views of the future plan for Malaysia
- Potentially, launch initiatives on transformation areas to demonstrate innovative grassroots action
- End 2017:  
 Initial 2017 National Youth Report

- Refine the areas and aspirations
- Engagement with domain experts, leaders and ministries on feasibility and structural and/or policy-related actions
- Launch further grassroots initiatives
- Take stock of V2020 and formalise roadmap for next phase to 2050



- Regular review of areas, aspirations and initiatives
- Institutionalise TN50

Source : Ministry of Youth and Sports  
Bernama Infographics

## Official address by Ambassador Roseli Abdul to the Government of Turkmenistan on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Malaysia and Turkmenistan on 17 May 2017

*Diplomatic relations between Malaysia and Turkmenistan were established in 1992 and over these years, we have established strong bilateral ties in the areas of trade, investment, education, sports and many others. Our relations began to develop even more with the opening of the Embassy of Malaysia in Turkmenistan in December 2011 and the Embassy of Turkmenistan in Malaysia in October 2013.*

2. *Regular exchange of bilateral visits between Malaysia and Turkmenistan have continued to take place over the years. The latest high level visit from Turkmenistan to Malaysia was the Official Visit by President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on 8 November 2016. It was his second visit since his first State Visit to Malaysia in December 2011. Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Seri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak last visited Turkmenistan on 9 - 10 June 2014, his second visit after his first visit in July 2011. The officials from Malaysia and Turkmenistan also met for the 1st Bilateral Consultation in Ashgabat on 7 November 2012 and the 2nd Bilateral Consultation in Kuala Lumpur on 19 April 2016.*

3. *For the period of 2016, Malaysia's total trade with Turkmenistan expanded by 73.1% to USD21.8 million compared to USD12.6 million in the corresponding period of 2015. Total exports to Turkmenistan for 2016 rose by 67.7% to USD20.9 million, while imports from Turkmenistan increased by 505.5% to USD0.95 million compared to USD12.4 million and USD0.16 million respectively in the corresponding period of 2015. Malaysia exports items such as machinery, appliances, chemical products, electrical products, processed food and scientific equipment to Turkmenistan and imports agriculture products, textiles, clothing and footwear from Turkmenistan.*

4. *The Government of Malaysia is thankful to the Turkmen government for the opportunity given to PETRONAS Carigali Turkmenistan, Malaysian government-owned company, as the first foreign company to participate in the development of the oil and gas sector in Turkmenistan. PETRONAS Carigali signed a Production Sharing Agreement (PSA) for Block 1 with the relevant government agency of Turkmenistan on 2 July 1996 where PETRONAS acts as the Operator with the first gas found in 2011. The PSA would be in effect for 32 years until 2028. So far, PETRONAS has invested about USD10 billion in Turkmenistan and is committed to assist Turkmenistan in developing its oil and gas sector in the years to come.*

5. Cooperation in the areas of human capital development has been expanding, driven by Malaysia's growing popularity as one of the major destinations for higher education and professional training amongst the Turkmen. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on co-operation in the field of Higher Education between Malaysia and Turkmenistan was signed in Ashgabat during the Official Visit by YAB Prime Minister to Turkmenistan on 10 June 2014. There are currently about 300 Turkmenistan students studying in Malaysian higher education institutions. PETRONAS also offers about 10 to 15 scholarships every year to Turkmenistan students to pursue their studies in Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP) at the level of Bachelor Degree.

6. Malaysia also continues to offer Malaysia Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) courses to Turkmenistan. Under this programme, Turkmenistan has received training in the areas of diplomacy, planning and development, privatisation, development of food processing industry, banking, promoting foreign investment and the management of oil and gas.

7. Approaching the 5th Asian Indoor and Martial Games (AIMAG) in September 2017, Malaysia has confirmed its participation in a number of games and is truly looking forward to participating in the AIMAG.

8. Taking this opportunity, I would like to congratulate His Excellency Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, President of Turkmenistan and the brotherly people of Turkmenistan on this significant occasion and I sincerely hope that the friendly ties between our two peoples will continue to be strengthened for the benefit of our countries and peoples.



**H.E. AMBASSADOR ROSELI ABDUL**

# Exhibition by the Embassy of Malaysia on Turkmenistan Day of Diplomats 18 February 2017

The Embassy of Malaysia in Ashgabat participated in the exhibition organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan in conjunction with the celebration of the Day of Diplomats on 18 February 2017. The Malaysian booth displayed traditional Malay costumes, pictures of tourist destinations in Malaysia as well as books and brochure on Malaysia. The Malaysian booth managed to attract a huge number of people who were especially attracted to the Malaysian snacks, 'jemput-jemput pisang' and 'keropok udang', as well as the lucky draw gifts.



Mrs. Nur Diyana Badarudin, First Secretary, was interviewed by the local television channel.

His Excellency Rashid Meredov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, had the honour to visit the Malaysian booth.



Local visitors tested their luck on the lucky draw.



Turkmen ladies flocked to the Malaysian booth.

# International Food Festival

## 22 April 2017

The Embassy of Malaysia together with the Malaysian community in Ashgabat took part in the International Food Festival organised by Ashgabat International School on 22 April 2017. All Malaysian families played their part to cook various Malaysian food to be served to the festival visitors comprising the locals as well as foreign expatriates. Among the Malaysian food served were satay and peanut sauce, fried rice, fried vermicelli, curry puff, fried banana balls, baked *pandan* flan and sweet *mung* beans dessert. The Malaysian booth received an overwhelming response from visitors from all around Ashgabat.



# Interview by BERNAMA Journalists

## 25 April 2017

Ambassador Roseli Abdul was interviewed at the Embassy by BERNAMA journalists, Ms Nur Ashikin Abdul Aziz and Mr Ahmad Azmai Awang (photographer), who came to Ashgabat to attend the festive events hosted by the Government of Turkmenistan in conjunction with the Day of Turkmen Horse on 26 – 30 April 2017.



# International Summer Festival

## 21 May 2017

The Embassy of Malaysia took part in the International Summer Festival organised by the Embassy of Turkey in Ashgabat on 21 May 2017. Among the Malaysian food prepared and sold were rice cube and peanut sauce, fried vermicelli, curry puff, fried banana balls and baked pandan flan. The proceeds from the sales were then donated to charities. The Malaysian stall received a good response from visitors to the Festival, which consist of mainly diplomats and expatriates in Ashgabat.



*From left: Mrs Rozalah Hashim, Mrs Lim Su-Kyong (wife of the Ambassador of South Korea), Mdm Khadijah Kok Abdullah and Mrs Nur Diyana Badarudin*



*The Summer Festival was held in the compound of the Official Residence of the Ambassador of Turkey to Turkmenistan.*

# Iftar hosted by His Excellency Ambassador Roseli Abdul

## 13 June 2017

On 13 June 2017, His Excellency Ambassador Roseli Abdul hosted an *Iftar* involving all Malaysians residing in Ashgabat. There are about 70 Malaysians (including family members) in Ashgabat, which consist of those working with the Embassy, PETRONAS Carigali Turkmenistan, Scomi Oiltools, UMW Oilpipe Services and Weatherford. It served as another opportunity for all Malaysians in Ashgabat to get together as well as to share and eat home-made Malaysian food. The Malaysians in Ashgabat are very close with one another and always meet on a regular basis. It has been a regular practice that during the month of Ramadan, Malay families take turns to host *Majlis Berbuka Puasa* for all Malaysians in Ashgabat.



After breaking fast with light food and drinks, Malaysian Muslims performed their *Maghrib* prayer in congregation.

Heavy dinner was served for everyone to enjoy after performing *Maghrib* prayer.



All Malaysians in Ashgabat in a group photo following an *Iftar*

# The Launching of *Negaraku* Expression Programme



On 18 March 2017, Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak launched the "*Ekspresi Negaraku*" (*Negaraku* Expression) programme at Dataran Putrajaya. The programme, aimed at showcasing Malaysia's multiracial, multiethnic and multi-religious unity will allow Malaysians to demonstrate their feelings and expression for the country.

The Prime Minister, in launching the programme said, "*Patriotism is the foundation and main element for a strong identity which we need to foster if we want to be a nation that is peaceful, harmonious and united,*".... "*This is the country of our birth, the place where we toddled when we were small, were schooled and grew up in, earn a living as adults and when the time comes, we will be laid to rest here, where we were born,*".

Among the initiatives under the *Negaraku* programme include a national arts competition, contribution of story, poster competition, art exhibition and using *Negaraku* logo in all the official government correspondence. If you have an interesting and patriotic story to share, about a Malaysian experience, encounter or interaction, you can share at <http://www.negaraku.com>.

In this regard, the "*Ekspresi Negaraku*" campaign should be supported by all Malaysians, irrespective of race, since its main objective is to help inculcate the spirit of patriotism, including Malaysians abroad. In conjunction with this year's National Day, *Ekspresi Negaraku* is an appropriate platform to promote the "*Negaraku*" initiative.

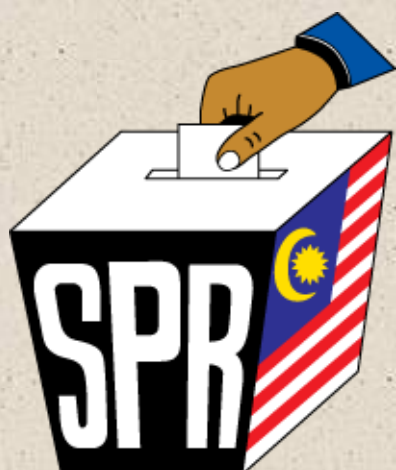
# Visit Pahang Year 2017

This year the Pahang state government has launched Visit Pahang Year 2017 and has lined up events and festivals galore. As the largest state in the Peninsular of Malaysia with a whopping 36,137 km<sup>2</sup> of total area, the state offers some of the more 'touristy' spots in Malaysia.

Some of Malaysia's famous highlands, recreational places, beaches and islands are located in Pahang: Cameron Highlands, Genting Highlands, Bukit Tinggi and Fraser's Hill for people who just love to be one with nature; Gunung Tahan which rises 2,187 meters above sea level; Taman Negara with activities such as rapid shooting, canopy walk and cave exploration; Kuala Gandah Elephant Sanctuary where you can interact with elephants; Cherating and Teluk Cempedak which are among the popular beach resort areas; and Tioman island, dubbed as 'one of the 10 most famous islands in the world'.

Pahang's uniquely eclectic mix of Malay, Chinese, Indian and Indigenous Peoples makes it an even bigger draw for foreign tourists. Domestic and foreign tourists are welcomed to visit Pahang and for more information regarding travel info, destination, things to do and calendar of events, go to [www.visitpahang.com](http://www.visitpahang.com) or [www.pahangtourism.org.my](http://www.pahangtourism.org.my).





Adakan anda memenuhi syarat-syarat kelayakan sebagai **Pengundi Pos Luar Negara?**

Sila semak syarat-syarat kelayakan dalam rajah di bawah.

## PENGUNDI POS DALAM NEGARA



### ANGGOTA MEDIA

Bertugas sewaktu pilihan raya. Membuat permohonan melalui majukan masing-masing.



### ANGGOTA PILIHAN RAYA

Petugas-petugas pilihan raya yang dilantik oleh SPR bagi membantu melaksanakan pilihan raya.

## PENGUNDI POS LUAR NEGARA



### PTH PENJAWAT AWAM DI LUAR NEGARA & PASANGAN

Telah mendaftar sebagai pengundi dan bertugas di luar negara.



### WARGANEGARA DI LUAR NEGARA

Mendaftar dan layak mengundi tetapi berada di luar negara dan tidak berkesempatan untuk pulang mengundi di Malaysia.

\* memenuhi syarat yang ditetapkan

### SYARAT UNDI POS LUAR NEGARA

Warganegara Malaysia **21** ke atas

Rakyat Malaysia di Luar Negara hendaklah balik sekurang-kurangnya **30 hari dalam tempoh 5 tahun.**



### PTH PELAJAR DI LUAR NEGARA & PASANGAN

Telah mendaftar sebagai pengundi dan menuntut sepenuh masa di luar negara.

\* memenuhi syarat yang ditetapkan

Maklumat lanjut mengenai proses pengundian secara pos luar negara akan dimaklumkan dari semasa ke semasa oleh Pejabat Kedutaan.



## Door to Hell, Darwaza, Turkmenistan



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