



NEWSLETTER OF THE EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN



KHABAR ASTANA

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From the Ambassador's Desk

Assalamualaikum

Welcome to "KHABAR ASTANA".

I have been in Astana since late March when it was still cold and without knowing it, the new winter season is already knocking on the door.

Time flies as the Mission has been very busy with the Astana World Expo 2017, first during the preparation part, and since 10 June 2017 the actual running of it.

The Malaysia Pavilion is one of the most active. Themes ranging from Green Energy, to Islamic Banking to Education, change weekly.

Various delegations headed by YB Ministers, YB Deputy Ministers, KSUs, Mayors have come and gone. Results are aplenty. Potential trade and investment value derived from various B2B MoUs signed is estimated to exceed US\$2 billion. For the next year or so, Mission will work closely with relevant government agencies and those business entities to translate words in the MoUs into actions on the ground.



We hope information contained in this newsletter will be beneficial to you and we welcome suggestions for improvements in our future editions.

Надеюсь, вам понравится это случайное чтение!

Syed Bakri Syed Abd Rahman

AMBASSADOR

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Opening of the Malaysia Pavilion at the Astana EXPO 2017



ASTANA, 10 June 2017: Malaysia Pavilion at the Astana EXPO 2017 has been officially launched and officiated by YB Datuk Seri Dr. Maximus Johnity Ongkili, Minister of Energy, Green Technology and Water (KeTTHA) together with the Astana EXPO 2017 Commissioner, His Excellency Mr. Rapol Zhoshybayev on Saturday, 10 June 2017 at 1100 hours. Also present were the Ambassador of Malaysia; Datuk Seri Ir. Zaini Ujang, Secretary General of KeTTHA as the Commissioner of Malaysia Pavilion; Tan Seri Peter Chin Fah Kui; Datuk Loo Took Gee, Deputy Commissioner of Malaysia Pavilion; as well as other VIPs from the various Government departments and the sponsors for the Malaysia Pavilion.

Through its participation at Astana Expo 2017, Malaysia intends to seal deals on trade and investment worth RM1 billion. Malaysia has an unprecedented opportunity over the next three months to prove to the world that green growth is in its nature, and that the best way to create a green future is with Malaysia.



Sandwiched between two biggest participating countries, China and India, Malaysia Pavilion spans about 727 square meters within the 25-hectare futuristic EXPO site in Astana. Malaysia Pavilion in the Astana Expo 2017 flaunts its visitors with a walk through the 3-D tropical rainforest, information about Malaysia's energy mix and the move towards greater use of renewable energy, natural attractions, unique cultural performances, demonstration of cultural items as well as authentic and sumptuous cuisine served at Malaysia café.

Malaysia also hosted an iftaar session with the Grand Mufti at Khazret Sultan Mosque (*the largest mosque in Central Asia*) in conjunction with Astana Expo 2017 on the same day.



Week 3 of the Malaysia Pavilion at the Astana Expo



ASTANA, 24 June 2017: Week 3 of the Expo, themed “Green Innovation: Powering Your Future”, 26 - 30 June, 2017, falls under the care of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI). MOSTI is tasked to promote the nation’s green technology at the Expo, as well as to seek potential outward investments in the area of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) in Kazakhstan and beyond. This is in line with Malaysia’s goal to be one of the emerging market leaders in bioeconomy

YB Datuk Seri Panglima Wilfred Madius Tangau, Minister of MOSTI together with Datin Seri Dr. Jaina Sintian were in Astana from 24 to 26 June, 2017 to officiate the opening ceremony of the week three’s theme on Monday, 26 June, 2017. The opening ceremony was followed by exchanges of MoUs between several Malaysian companies and their counterparts from Kazakhstan, China, and India.

Ambassador Syed Bakri also hosted an Eid-al-Fitr Celebration at the Rumah Malaysia on Sunday, 25 June, 2017. Minister of MOSTI and wife, Ambassador of Indonesia to Kazakhstan, Malaysian delegates to the Expo, as well as Malaysians living in Kazakhstan attended the event to celebrate the joyful festive season.



10th ASTANA ECONOMIC FORUM



The Astana Economic Forum (AEF) is a non-profit organization headquartered in Astana, Kazakhstan. The AEF has been providing a platform for dialogue on many regional and international issues of concern to countries as well as private sector companies in the Central Asian region. The Government of Kazakhstan has been organizing this event annually since 2008 together with Eurasian Economic Club of Scientists Association, the National Bank of Kazakhstan and several different organizations such as the United Nations (UN), the OECD, the World Bank, and so on as its co-organizers. Attendees and speakers for the Forum normally include current and former Heads of State, CEOs, politicians, journalists, scientists, and Nobel Prize laureates.

This year's 10th AEF with the theme "New Energy-New Economy" was held at the Palace of Independence in Astana from 15 to 16 June 2017. Malaysia has been regularly participating in the AEF. The Ambassador of Malaysia to Kazakhstan, together with Second Secretary and representatives of Matrade and Tourism Malaysia, participated in the 10th AEF this year. The Deputy CEO of SME Corp. Malaysia, Mr. Mohd Rithaudeen Makip as well as Mr. Ku Kok Peng of PEMANDU, Jabatan Perdana Menteri have been invited as guest speakers from Malaysia this year. Mr. Rithaudeen spoke on the "New Opportunities for Competitive Growth in Business" session while Mr. Ku spoke on "Malaysia's National Transformation Story".



In and Around..



Visit by Tunku Nooruddin, the Honorary Consul of Kazakhstan

The Embassy received a visit from the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Malaysia, YM Tunku Datuk Nooruddin bin Tunku Dato' Sri Shahabuddin on 12 May 2017. He was in Astana for a working visit to the Expo 2017 site. Tunku has been the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Malaysia since 2012.



Visit by Datuk Loo Took Gee

Datuk Loo Took Gee, Deputy Commissioner of Malaysia Pavilion paid a courtesy visit to the Embassy on 24 May to update on the progress for the Expo 2017.



Visit by Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Michael Yeoh

The Chief Executive Officer of the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (ASLI) paid a courtesy visit to the Embassy on 28 June 2017.

Malaysia's Boxing Team in Astana



ASTANA, 22 May 2017: Malaysian boxers as well as boxers from five Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Mongolia and Uzbekistan) participated at the "International Boxing Tournament" devoted to the memory of Sagadat Nurmagambetov, General of the Army and the first Kazakh Minister of Defense, from 19 to 23 May 2017. The competition was held at Nurmagambetov Military School, Astana. The Ambassador of Malaysia together with Embassy officials attended the event to support the Malaysian team. Prior to this event, the team also participated in the ASBC Asian Confederation Boxing Championships held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 27 April to 8 May 2017 and the 4th Islamic Solidarity Games held in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 12 to 22 May 2017.

They were invited for hi-tea at Ambassador's Residence on 22 May 2017. They later departed Astana for Almaty by train. In Almaty, they trained under Kazakh coaches to prepare themselves for the August 2017 SEA Games in Kuala Lumpur.



The Embassy welcomes its new Ambassador, Syed Bakri to Astana!!!

Ambassador Syed Bakri Syed Abdul Rahman started his service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1994. He was the Director of Training at the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Kuala Lumpur since 2014 prior to his appointment as Ambassador of Malaysia to Kazakhstan (since 28 March 2017).

He was previously the Consul General of Malaysia in New York, from 2011 to 2014, Consul General of Malaysia in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia and Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) at the Embassy of Malaysia in Bangkok, Thailand from 2007 to 2011.

Ambassador had also served as Second Secretary at the Embassy of Malaysia in Rome, Italy from 1999 to 2002 and as Second Secretary at the Embassy of Malaysia in Harare, Zimbabwe from 1997 to 1999.

He is married to Puan Sharifah Fadzlina with 9 children.



11 April 2017: Presentation of Credentials

Ambassador Syed Bakri presented the credentials to H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev, the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan together with Ambassadors from the Republic of South Africa, the United Arab Emirates, Georgia, Mongolia, the Kingdom of Morocco, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

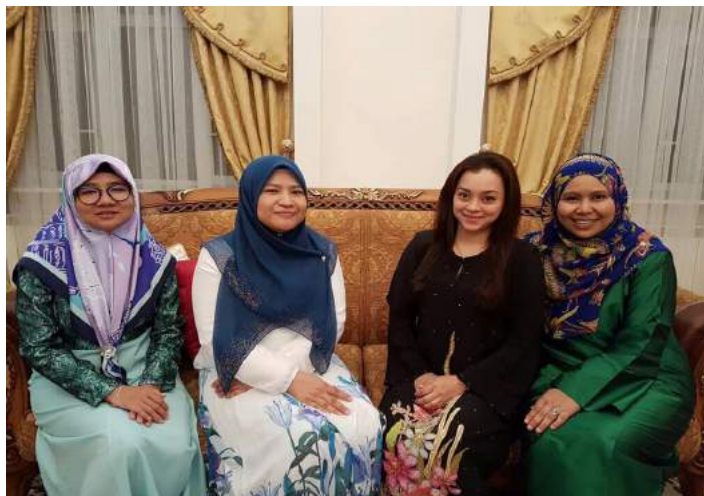
News from PERWAKILAN Astana



ASTANA, 19 May 2017 : The first meeting of PERWAKILAN was held at the meeting room of the Embassy. The meeting was chaired by its new Chairman of PERWAKILAN. The meeting discussed the activities and programs for the year and welcomed its new Chairman, Puan Sharifah Fadzlina to Astana.

Persatuan Wanita Kementerian Luar Negeri (PERWAKILAN) Astana 2017

PENGERUSI : Puan Sharifah Fadzlina Syed Abdullah
SETIAUSAHA : Puan Suryati Tampit
BENDAHARI : Puan Noor Atika Buang
JURUAUDIT : Puan Farah Fazarina Mohamad



ASTANA, 27 May 2017 : The Iftar and Yassin recital were successfully held on 27 May 2017 on 1 Ramadhan 1438H at Rumah Malaysia. The ceremony was attended by HBS officers and LRS Malaysian Embassy in Kazakhstan with their families. The purpose of the event is to strengthen the friendship among officers and staff. Also present were some Malaysians living in Astana.



The 15th Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia

Sultan Muhammad V was installed as the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong at the throne room of Istana Negara here on Monday.

The Grand Chamberlain presented Sultan Muhammad V with a copy of the Quran as a symbolic gesture depicting the role of the King as head of the Islamic religion of the Federation and states that do not have a Ruler.

His Majesty also received the *Keris Panjang Diraja*, which symbolizes his willingness to assume the role as head of state.

Sultan Muhammad V also read out his pledge after receiving the Keris.

Earlier, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak made a proclamation that Sultan Muhammad V had been chosen by the Conference of Rulers as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

His Majesty is the second Sultan of Kelantan to reign as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong after his grandfather Sultan Yahya Petra Sultan Ibrahim, who was the sixth Yang di-Pertuan Agong and reigned from 1975 to 1979.

Sultan Muhammad V was born Tengku Muhammad Faris Petra on Oct 6, 1969 in Kota Baru, to Sultan Ismail Petra and Tengku Anis Tengku Abdul Hamid.

His Majesty used the name Sultan Muhammad V after he was installed as the 29th Sultan of Kelantan in 2010.



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.

HIS MAJESTY YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG SULTAN MUHAMMAD V

YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG (1957-present)

<p>1 NEGERI SEMBILAN</p> <p>Yang di-Pertuan Agong Almarhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman ibni Almarhum Tuanku Muhammad</p> <p>31/08/1957 - 1/04/1960</p>	<p>2 SELANGOR</p> <p>Yang di-Pertuan Agong Almarhum Sultan Hisamuddin Alam Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Alaliddin Sulaiman Shah</p> <p>14/04/1960 - 1/09/1960</p>	<p>3 PERLIS</p> <p>Yang di-Pertuan Agong Almarhum Tuanku Syed Putra Al-Haj ibni Almarhum Syed Hassan Jamalullail</p> <p>21/09/1960 - 20/09/1965</p>	<p>4 TERENGGANU</p> <p>Yang di-Pertuan Agong Almarhum Tuanku Ismail Nasiruddin Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Zainal Abidin</p> <p>21/09/1965 - 20/09/1970</p>
<p>5 KEDAH</p> <p>Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Almu'tasimu Billah Muhibbuddin Tuanku Al-Haj Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah</p> <p>21/09/1970 - 20/09/1975</p>	<p>6 KELANTAN</p> <p>Yang di-Pertuan Agong Almarhum Tengku Yahya Petra ibni Almarhum Sultan Ibrahim</p> <p>21/09/1975 - 29/03/1979</p>	<p>7 PAHANG</p> <p>Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah ibni Almarhum Sultan Abu Bakar Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mu'adzam Shah</p> <p>26/04/1979 - 25/04/1984</p>	<p>8 JOHOR</p> <p>Yang di-Pertuan Agong Almarhum Sultan Iskandar ibni Almarhum Sultan Ismail</p> <p>26/04/1984 - 25/04/1989</p>
<p>9 PERAK</p> <p>Yang di-Pertuan Agong Almarhum Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Yusef Izzuddin Ghafarullahu-lah</p> <p>26/04/1989 - 25/04/1994</p>	<p>10 NEGERI SEMBILAN</p> <p>Yang di-Pertuan Agong Almarhum Tuanku Ja'afar ibni Almarhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman</p> <p>26/04/1994 - 25/04/1999</p>	<p>11 SELANGOR</p> <p>Yang di-Pertuan Agong Almarhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Al-Haj ibni Almarhum Sultan Hisamuddin Alam Shah Al-Haj</p> <p>26/04/1999 - 21/11/2001</p>	<p>15 KELANTAN</p> <p>Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Muhammad V</p> <p>13/12/2016 - 12/12/2021</p>
<p>12 PERLIS</p> <p>Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin ibni Almarhum Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail</p> <p>13/12/2001 - 12/12/2006</p>	<p>13 TERENGGANU</p> <p>Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Wathiqu Billah Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin ibni Almarhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah</p> <p>13/12/2006 - 12/12/2011</p>	<p>14 KEDAH</p> <p>Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Almu'tasimu Billah Muhibbuddin Tuanku Al-Haj Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah</p> <p>13/12/2011 - 12/12/2016</p>	

Source: Istana Negara

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2050 National Transformation



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.

Malaysia to host the 29th SEA Games

KUALA LUMPUR 2017



29TH SEA GAMES

The 2017 Southeast Asian Games, officially known as the 29th Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) and commonly known as Kuala Lumpur 2017 is a Southeast Asian multi-sport event that will take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia **from 19 to 30 August 2017**, with 405 events in 38 sports to be featured in the games.

This will be the sixth time Malaysia host the games and its first time since 2001. Previously, it also hosted the 1965 games, 1971 games, 1977 games and the 1989 games.



Kelayakan sebagai Pengundi Pos Luar Negara



KATEGORI PENGUNDI POS LUAR NEGARA

- 1** **WARGANEGARA MALAYSIA DI LUAR NEGARA**
WARGANERA DI LUAR NEGARA
Warganegara Malaysia yang telah mendaftar sebagai pemilih tetapi berada di luar negara serta tidak berkesempatan untuk pulang mengundi di Malaysia, dibenarkan untuk memohon mengundi secara pos. Walau bagaimanapun mereka diminta memenuhi beberapa syarat yang telah ditetapkan.
- 2** **PELAJAR DI LUAR NEGARA & PASANGAN**
PTH PELAJAR DI LUAR NEGARA & PASANGAN
Pelajar Malaysia yang telah mendaftar sebagai pemilih tetapi berada di luar negara kerana menuntut sepenuh masa serta pasangannya telah dikategorikan sebagai Pengundi Tidak Hadir. Mereka layak mengundi secara pos.
- 3** **PENJAWAT AWAM DI LUAR NEGARA & PASANGAN**
PTH PENJAWAT AWAM DI LUAR NEGARA & PASANGAN
Kelayakan ini juga diperuntukkan kepada penjawat awam yang bertugas di luar negara serta pasangannya.

The Launching of Negaraku Expression Programme

On 18 March 2017, Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri 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.



NEGARAKU



Upcoming Public Holidays 2017

NO	HOLIDAY	DATE	DAY	MALAYSIA / KAZAKHSTAN
1	Malaysia National Day	31 August	Thursday	Malaysia
2	Eid-ul Adha *	1 September	Friday	Malaysia / Kazakhstan
3	Malaysia Day	16 September	Saturday	Malaysia
4	Awal Muharram	21 September	Thursday	Malaysia
5	First President Day / Birthday of Prophet Muhammad	01 December	Friday	Malaysia / Kazakhstan
6	Kazakhstan Independence Day	16 December	Saturday	Kazakhstan
7	Christmas Day	25 December	Monday	Malaysia / Kazakhstan

EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN ASTANA REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



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Syed Bakri Syed Abd Rahman

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Puan Farah Fazarina Mohamad

Setiausaha Ketiga

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Puan Suryati Tampit

Visa Application/ Consular Section

Applying for Malaysia Visa

Holders of Kazakhstan passports do not require a visa to enter Malaysia for tourism purpose for a stay of up to one (1) month, provided your passport is valid for more than six (6) months upon arrival. For other nationalities, the information on visa requirement can be found at www.imi.gov.my.

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