



## HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI CELEBRATION IN BERLIN

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## *Aidilfitri Celebration at Rumah Malaysia*

In Germany first Syawal was celebrated on 25 June 2017. This year H.E Ambassador and his wife hosted the celebration at their residence, Rumah Malaysia .

Malaysians in and around Berlin as well as cities and states near Berlin arrived at Rumah Malaysia as early as 8am to join The Ambassador and other members of the Embassy to perform the Aidilfitri Solat at 8.30am. led by Imam Haji Bakar Idris. This was followed by brunch.



Malaysians were served with arrays of food including nasi hujan panas, rendang, soto, lontong, satay, leman and many others.

Aidilfitri was made more meaningful with presence of children. Datin Siti Hawa, wife to the Ambassador presented some "duit raya" to the children.



## *Berlin ASEAN Committee Participates in the Embassy Day*



As part of the 2017 Embassy Day Asia-Pacific (an event under the framework of the Asia-Pacific Weeks Berlin), the Embassy of Malaysia, together with other ASEAN embassies organized a seminar “ASEAN@50: Moving to the Future” at Palais am Festungsgraben, Berlin on 16 May 2017. Present to open the seminar was the President of APFB, Prof. Gert Bruche, who delivered a short keynote address that touched on ASEAN’s future as single market.

The event featured 3 presentations, the first of which was Ambassador of the Philippines and Chairperson of the Berlin ASEAN Committee, H.E. Melita Sta Maria-Thomeczek, delivered a presentation on ASEAN. Thereafter, Deputy Governor for Industry, Trade and Transportation of Jakarta, Prof. Dr. Ir. Sutanto Soehodho, delivered a presentation titled “Smart Cities”, which highlights initiatives that have been taken in making Jakarta a smart city.

The third speaker, Executive Director of Export Development Council at the Department of Trade and Industry of the Philippines Mr. Senen M. Perlada, presented on the topic “Doing Business in Free Trade Area”.

The Ambassador of Malaysia participated in the interactive dialogue session after the presentations. He spoke on a number of issues in response to questions/remarks by some of the Seminar participants, which includes the progress of free trade agreement between EU and ASEAN, the impact of China’s “one belt, one road” initiative towards ASEAN, and ASEAN’s free trade outlook following the withdrawal of the US from the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement.

## Berlin ASEAN Committee Engages Business Community at the Diplomatic Soiree

The ASEAN ambassadors attended a Diplomatic Soiree organized by the Diplomatic Council at Hotel de Rome, Berlin on 3 May 2017. The event was an initiative of the Diplomatic Council to promote interaction between the diplomatic corps, in this case the ASEAN diplomats, with the business community.



The event provided an opportunity for the Berlin ASEAN Committee to introduce ASEAN and its potentials to the business community, as well as opportunity for the business community to obtain information on ASEAN from the ambassadors. Many of the participants were interested in getting a clearer picture on where ASEAN stands on prominent issues such as the Free Trade Agreements, North Korean nuclear programme, territorial dispute in the South China Sea, as well as Brexit.

## ASEAN Film Festival

ASEAN Embassies, in collaboration with Universität Hamburg, Asia-Pacific Forum Berlin and Haus Ungarn had organized the ASEAN Film Festival in May. Eight selected movies from ASEAN Member States were shown in Hamburg and Berlin on 6, 17 and 19 May 2017 as follows:

### 6 May 2017 (Saturday) in Hamburg

- (i) The Journey (Malaysia)
- (ii) Yen's Life (Vietnam)
- (iii) Suddenly It's Magic (Philippines)
- (iv) The Teacher's Diary (Thailand)

### 17 May 2017 (Wednesday) in Berlin

- (i) Yasmine (Brunei Darussalam)
- (ii) Negeri van Orenje (Indonesia)

Admissions to all these screenings were free of

### 19 May 2017 (Friday) in Berlin

- (i) Kayan Beauties (Myanmar)
- (ii) 7 Letters (Singapore)

**ASEAN Movies**

 MALAYSIA The Journey room 121, 1200h	 PHILIPPINES Suddenly It's Magic room 121, 1500h	 VIETNAM Yen's Life room 122, 1200h	 THAILAND The Teacher's Diary room 122, 1500h
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**HAMBURG** Saturday, 6 May 2017  
Asia-Africa-Institut, Universität Hamburg  
Edmund-Siemers-Allee 1, Flögel Ost,  
20146 Hamburg

 BRUNEI Yasmine 17 May, 1800h	 INDONESIA Negeri van Orenje 17 May, 2100h	 MYANMAR Kayan Beauties 19 May, 1800h	 SINGAPORE 7 Letters 19 May, 2000h
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**BERLIN** Wednesday (17 May 2017) and Friday (19 May 2017)  
Haus Ungarn (Eingang neben TITUS)  
Karl-Liebknecht-Straße 9, 10178 Berlin

## *Minister of International Trade and Industry Spoke on ASEAN, Free Trade at the ASEAN Forum*

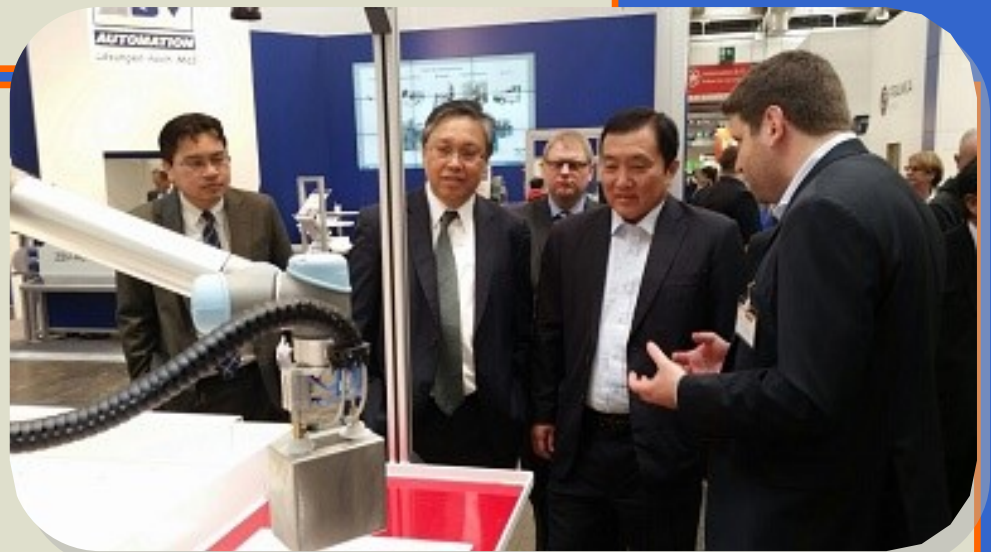


Following the positive feedback on the ASEAN Dialogue in April 2016, this year, the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK) and Hannover Messe decided to expand the initiative by organizing the ASEAN Forum. Held on the sidelines of the Hannover Messe on 26 April 2017, the Forum provides a platform for interaction between German and ASEAN businesses and policy makers on issues concerning economic ties.

The Forum was opened with a keynote address by the Honourable Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan, Minister of International Trade and Industry II, who was in Hannover as part of his working visit in Germany. Dato' Seri Ong's address touched on the growth of ASEAN as a region for trade and invest-

free trade agreements that have been and are in the process of being finalized, and how those agreements seek to link ASEAN and other parts of the world.

The Minister's speech was followed by a panel discussion which discussed ASEAN's growth and its potentials from the business point of view. Speaking at the panel were Ambassador of the Philippines H.E. Melita Sta. Maria-Thomeczek as



Chair of the BAC, Executive Director of the Malaysian-German Chamber of Commerce & Industry Mr. Daniel Bernbeck, Director for Government & External Affairs Asia BMW Mr. Jan Ahlen, International Sales Director of TRUMPF Werkzeugmaschinen GmbH Dr. Gang Yang and Member of the Management TÜV NORD Dr. Ralf Jung.

## *Visit of the Malaysian Red Crescent of Selangor State to Germany*

The Malaysian Red Crescent Association (RCA) of Selangor, consisting of 20 students accompanied by three teachers, participated in the German Red Crescent Super Camp from 26 May - 10 June 2017. The Pre-Camp activities took place in Berlin and the Super Camp was held in Rugen Island some two hour and a half from Berlin. The delegation was led by Mr. Murugan N. Pandithan, the Secretary of the RCA Selangor. H.E Ambassador Dato' Zulkifli Adnan took the opportunity hosting an Iftar (breaking fast) for the delegation.



*Dialogue and Iftar with Malaysian Students in Berlin  
In conjunction with the visit of  
YB Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs to Germany*

YB Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs undertook a working visit to Germany from 28 May 2017 until 2 June 2017. While in Germany, he met with Members of German Parliament from the Committee for Internal Affairs, senior officials at the Federal Foreign Office as well as the Federal Ministry of Interior. He also took the opportunity to meet with the NGOs supporting refugees and visited the shelter for refugees. He also met with some Malaysian students in Berlin followed by an Iftar (breaking fast) hosted by H.E Ambassador



## *Malaysia at the 2nd Global Summit for Patient Safety*

H.E. Ambassador led the Malaysian delegation at the 2nd Global Summit for Patient Safety at the World Conference Centre, Bonn on 29-30 March 2017. The Summit, hosted by the Federal Minister for Health Hermann Groehe, and supported by the World Health Organization (WHO), brought together ministers of health and senior officials from more than 50 countries and international organization.



*Malaysian delegation with Dr Margaret Chan former Director-General of WHO (2nd from left)*

The 2-day Summit comprise workshops and ministerial debate on a wide range of topics related to patient safety. During the Summit, Malaysia presented a paper “Mandatory Patient Safety Courses in Malaysia—Doing More with Less”, which highlights efforts made by the Malaysian Government in providing patient safety education to house officers in Malaysia at minimal cost.



# *Barbecue Get-Together at Rumah Malaysia*

H.E Ambassador Dato' Zulkifli Adnan and wife, Datin Siti Hawa Othman hosted a Barbecue Get-Together on 20 May 2017 . The event was held with an overwhelming response from some 110 Malaysians in and around Berlin. Some of the members had travelled all the way from Dresden and Karlsruhe for the wonderful evening at Rumah Malaysia Berlin.

The 4-hour get-together started at 12 noon with the welcoming remarks by H.E. Ambassador. Prior to the barbecue, guests were invited to watch a "teaser" on TN50. The Ambassador and wife also invited the guests to show they singing talent at the karaoke session.



## *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.

# VISIT TERENGGANU 2017

Visit Beautiful  
**Terengganu**  
Malaysia 2017

Terengganu obtained its name from the word “terang ganu” meaning bright rainbow. Terengganu is one of the beautiful states located in Peninsula Malaysia, rich in culture, arts and heritage.

There are many interesting places to be visited in Terengganu such as Kapas Island, Redang Island and Perhentian Island. These three islands are rich in mature coral gardens and popular for diving, snorkelling, beach activities and jungle trekking. Like most Malaysian states, Terengganu too has a wide variety of its own particular cuisine and activities.

Some of the festivals that will be hosted by Terengganu in 2017 include the Terengganu Peranakan Festival from 25 - 30 August, portraying the lifestyle of the Peranakan community; Krobek Festival from 25 - 27 August, showcasing Terengganu arts and handicraft; and the International Gamelan Festival from 25 - 27 August.



In conjunction with “Visit Beautiful Terengganu 2017”, Air Asia has introduced the Fly-Thru product where Air Asia will provide low fares and free seats for flights to Terengganu. In addition, Air Asia has also increased the number of trips from Johor Bahru and Kuala Lumpur to Terengganu. There is a Terengganu specific app worth checking out: *Tourism Malaysia E-Brochure App*, making it easier for the tourist to find interesting places to visit and plan their vacation.

Terengganu has also introduced a “*Pakej Pelancongan Beautiful Terengganu Dekat Je Holiday Packages 2017*”, designed to attract tourists.

For more information, visit the “Visit Beautiful Terengganu 2017” webpage <http://beautifulterengganu.com/> has more detail information on Terengganu’s tropical gateway.



Kapas Island

## *The Embassy Welcomes A New Family Member*



In May 2017 the Embassy welcomes Mr. Mohd Azmi bin Abdullah, the new Counsellor at Embassy of Malaysia in Berlin. He arrived on May 5th 2017. He joined the Diplomatic and Administrative Service in September, 2005. This is his first assignment abroad. He has vast experience in bilateral relations as well as administrative and finance matters.

He loves swimming. He has participated in many swimming events, especially open sea swimming competitions. The last event was the Kapas-Marang International Swimathon, 7km open sea swimming race held on 19 March 2017.

He is married to Ms. Nor Saidah Binti Zakaria and blessed with three children.

## *Auf Wiedersehen ... bis wir uns wiedersehen (Good bye...till we meet again)*

Mr. Wan Mohd Afeek Afifi Wan Ali was the Second Secretary at the Embassy of Malaysia from April 2014 until 31 May 2017.

During his tenure, Mr. Afeek has made considerable and invaluable contribution to this mission's daily work. As is the tradition, the Embassy hosted a farewell luncheon for Mr. Afeek on 22 May 2017 before his return to Malaysia. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours and hope that our paths will cross again in the future.



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