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DAULAT TUANKU!

Sultan Muhammad V has been formally installed as the Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong (King) of Malaysia on 24 April 2017. Tuanku Muhammad Faris Petra, the eldest son of Sultan Ismail Petra Ibni Almarhum Sultan Yahya Petra, was born in Kota Baru on 6 October 1969. He became Sultan of Kelantan in 2010, at the young age of 42, after succeeding his father.

His Majesty received early education at Alice Smith International School in Kuala Lumpur. Later, he took up Diplomatic Studies at St. Cross College, Oxford University, and Islamic Studies at the Oxford Centre, Oxford University. He is the Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) and University Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (UPNM). As Yang di-Pertuan Agong, he also holds full responsibility as Commander-in-Chief of the Malaysian Armed Forces.

Pos Malaysia issued 1 stamp, in perforated and imperforate formats, and 1 miniature sheet on 25 April 2017 to commemorate the coronation of the new king of Malaysia, Sultan Muhammad V.

Sultan Muhammad V is described as a man of a generous and sincere heart. He is well known for his compassion and deep sense

of humility. He once made an unannounced visit to one of the areas affected by the 2014 floods and helped with the relief operations without any royal entourage. He even launched a Royal Disaster Fund to help those affected. His Majesty is well loved by his people and contributes a lot to the community.



This year is a special year as we are celebrating several anniversaries. 2017 is the 60th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Malaysia and Germany. Previously, the Embassy of Malaysia was established in Bad Godesberg, Bonn. At that time, the capital of the Federal Republic of Germany was Bonn. The Embassy continued to operate there until 1999. Subsequent to German reunification between West and East Germany on 3 October 1989, Malaysia moved the Embassy to the new capital Berlin on 20 August 1999.

2017 is also the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Consulate General of Malaysia in Frankfurt. The Consulate General was established on 24 January 2007. The first Consul General was Saiful Azam Martinus Bin Abdullah, followed by John K. Samuel. Our current CG is Adina Kamarudin. The Consulate General's first address was the Trianon Building at Mainzer Landstraße 16. We moved to our current address in December 2008. Agencies at the Consulate include JPA, MIDA, MATRADE and MARA.




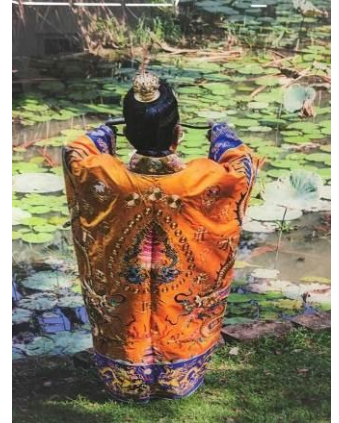
	<p>SAIFUL AZAM MARTINUS BIN ABDULLAH</p> <p>01/ 2007 . 07/2010</p>
	<p>JOHN K. SAMUEL</p> <p>04/2011 . 08/2014</p>
	<p>ADINA KAMARUDIN</p> <p>since 09/2014</p>

PHOTO EXHIBITION “UNITY IN DIVERSITY“



Consul General Adina Kamarudin attended the *vernissage* of Bärbel Starz's photo exhibition "Unity in Diversity" on 20.01.2017 in Düsseldorf as the guest of honor. She was invited to speak to the audience on diversity and unity in Malaysia. She was accompanied by Rosita Heilek and the Exco members Malaysian Club Deutschland, Frankfurt who themselves represent the different cultures of Malaysia.



Starz, who had lived in Malaysia with her family for some



years, chose 12 photographs for this exhibit. They show people of different ethnicities and faiths in various settings: tropical gardens, water landscapes and beaches. According to Starz she tried to capture the essence that "they are contemplative rear-view figures, each turned towards the practice of their own belief, yet, in all their disparity, following a common, universal path."



CHINESE NEW YEAR

2017 is the Chinese Year of the Rooster. Following the tradition, Malaysia Club Deutschland (MCD) hosted a Chinese New Year's Gathering on 29 January 2017 at Selera Restaurant in Frankfurt. 82 people turned up for the event.

As always was the food delicious and meeting with old and new friends just as special. Wishing you all a happy and prosperous 2017. Bravo MCD for hosting another successful event!



DIPLOMATIC COUNCIL GALA

The Diplomatic Council (DC) is a United Nations accredited global Think Tank founded with the objective to serve as a bridge between diplomacy, economy and society. The Council believes that a thriving economy bringing prosperity to mankind is one of the best guarantors for peace. The Diplomatic Council welcomes not only representatives of the diplomatic or consular corps but also personalities from industry, politics, society, culture and sports. The DC network encompasses more than 5000 personalities worldwide.



The DC Gala marks the annual highlight of the Diplomatic Council. This year it was celebrated on 3rd February 2017 at Grandhotel Hessischer Hof in Frankfurt. Members of the Diplomatic Council met at the Executive Club in order to enjoy interesting lectures and presentations, exchange experience, deepen relationships and give new impulses to advance the Diplomatic Council.



This year during the Gala, DC appointed a new President, H.E. Dato±Zulkifli Adnan, Ambassador of Malaysia. To show strong support during the Gala, the Consulate General of Malaysia, Frankfurt took the initiative to conduct public diplomacy exercise by organizing an exhibition on tourism, investment and trade before and during the Gala. His Excellency Ambassador DatoqZulkifli also spoke on Malaysia's role in the global arena and at the United Nations. The Malaysian Club Deutschland, Frankfurt also showed strong support by performing cultural dances for the audiences at the Gala.



AMBIENTE 2017

Ambiente 2017 was held from 10 - 14 February 2017 at Messe Frankfurt. The consumer-goods fair which concentrates on home and living attracted 4,800 exhibitors from 94 countries and around 135,000 trade visitors from 152 countries. Malaysia participated in the fair through Kraftangan Malaysia. Among companies which participated this year were Clayton Oriental Ceramics Sdn. Bhd., Fiona Global Sdn Bhd, Kristal Handal Sdn Bhd, KZ Kraf Enterprise, Maxi Support Sdn Bhd. and Present World Sdn. Bhd. The platform was an ideal opportunity to introduce Malaysian crafts to the world.



Dinner Reception at US CG Residence

The US Consulate General organized a dinner reception on 13 February 2017 in conjunction with the International Young Diplomat Program organised by the German Foreign Ministry. 20 young diplomats from various countries were present and they took the opportunity to mingle and discuss many topics with senior diplomats. Consul for Education from JPA and MARA, Mr. Syarqawi Muhammad and Mr. Nur Ahmad Fadhli Mohd Naim, together with Trade Consul, Mr. Badrul Hisham Hilal attended the reception.



CONSULAR CORPS SPRING MEETING

The Chief Protocol of the Hessen State Chancellery, Mr. Dieter Beine hosted the annual Spring Meeting on 08 March 2017 at Hotel Sofitel Frankfurt Opera in Frankfurt. This was the first meeting of the Consular Corps in 2017 and was as always a great opportunity to further deepen the good relations and friendships with other diplomats. During the event, the Consular Corp welcomed new Consuls General from China, Saudi Arabia and Turkey respectively.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PERWAKILAN



Persatuan Wanita Kementerian Luar Negeri (PERWAKILAN) Frankfurt held its 9th Annual General Meeting on 6 March 2017. The AGM reviewed past activities and presented the completed and audited balance sheet for 2016-2017. In addition new committee members were elected for 2017-2018.

Special thanks to all the hard-working, wonderful and generous ladies who have answered many times the call of duty to promote Malaysia and build bridges between cultures abroad!

GMRT Düsseldorf

German Malaysia Round Table (GMRT), Dusseldorf Chapter was held on 15 March 2017. GMRT is a platform for companies, service providers, consultants, government and federation representatives as well as business chambers & association who have a connection with Malaysia to network. The GMRT provides the participants with an informal framework for interesting lectures by outstanding speakers on the topic of Malaysia, as well as the possibility of exchanging experiences and discussion among panelists and participants.



The first speaker was Mr Erik Stolte, Managing Director of Ensinger Engineering Plastics Malaysia Sdn. Bhd, Johor Bahru and the second speaker was Ms Anke Haid, from the legal department Ensinger GmbH based in Germany. Both of the speakers shared their experienced in setting up the operation in Malaysia. The company specialised in production and distribution of semi-finished products, profiles or finished parts made from engineering and high-performance plastics.

The third speaker was Mr Philipp Kersting, Director of Luther Corporate Services Sdn. Bhd. Kuala Lumpur who spoke on the topic "Planning and setting up a plant in Malaysia from a legal and operational perspective".

The North Rhine-Westphalian GMRT, headquartered in Düsseldorf, is supported by the Chamber of Industry and Commerce (IHK) in Düsseldorf. This platform created strong interest for German companies to consider doing business in Malaysia and with Malaysian companies. It is also an opportunity for Malaysian promotion organisation agencies to promote the services offered by each agency to German companies. It is important to continue engaging with the German business community to promote Malaysia as a business & tourist destination.

GMRT FRANKFURT

GMRT Frankfurt was hosted by Messer Group at its premises outside Frankfurt on 16 March 2017. The Group belongs to one of the largest family owned German companies. Messer was established more than 100 years ago and has a long history of combined expertise in the field of industrial gases. The group produces and supplies oxygen, nitrogen, argon, carbon dioxide, hydrogen, helium, welding gases, special gases, medical gases and many different mixtures.



The theme for the session was ASEAN Economic Community. The first speaker was Adolf Walth, Senior Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Messer Group. Messer Gas has a gas processing plant in Vietnam. His topic was Vietnam: its important role of the country in AEC. The second speaker was Markus Schlueter who spoke on Thailand . What Unique Selling Proposition (USP) does Thailand offer in comparison with other AEC countries?

CEBIT 2017

MATRADE Frankfurt assisted Malaysian companies which participated and promoted our ICT Sector at CEBIT Fair which was held from 20-24 March 2017. The Malaysia pavilion had a very good mix of service providers with companies offering various services to potential clients. From



data-center hosting, development & commercialization of IOT products, IOT middleware, management of data-centers, software testing, security, anti-virus & IT related business solutions were showcased



throughout the 5-day event. MATRADE Frankfurt also collaborated with German Trade & Invest (GTAI) & BITCOM to provide market information to our Malaysian exhibitors in assisting the Malaysian companies to obtain some insights on the market.

SOUTH EAST ASIAN LIBRARY AT GOETHE UNIVERSITY

The library of South East Asian Studies, Goethe University, Frankfurt was a result of the ideas which emerged from the East Asian Seminar that was established by Prof. Otto Karow back in 1960. Since the 1970, the collection comprised of works on language and culture of South East Asia (Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, East Timor and the Philippines). The library is home to 34,000 volumes, 29,500 books and 4,500 magazines.

The Consul General visited the South East Asian library at Goethe University

on 22 March 2017. Prof. Arndt Graf hosted the visit and also conducted a tour through the Asian division. There were many books on Malaysia and South East Asia. In attendance was Assistant Professor Abdul Rashid Jamian from the University Pertanian Malaysia, who was on a 6 months stint at the University as a Fellow and visiting professor.



FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Consulate General of Turkmenistan organized a football tournament in Frankfurt on 28 April 2017 and extended an invitation to the Malaysian Consulate to participate. Other participating teams were from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Moldova, Russia and Kartina TV.



Uzbekistan emerged as the winner. The Consul General of Uzbekistan won the Best Player award. The tournament was indeed a wonderful opportunity for physical recreation and strengthening relations between the participating teams.



#NEGARAKU GATHERING

In conjunction with the 60th Merdeka (National Day) celebration this year, the government launched a 'Negaraku' (My Country) initiative to instill a sense of love for the country. The 'Negaraku' initiative is also aimed at igniting the spirit of patriotism in the people, setting aside any

differences and to stand united in achieving the goal to develop Malaysia into a more prosperous and successful country. The Consulate General of Malaysia, Frankfurt organized a #Negaraku gathering at the Official Residence on 28 April 2017. It was attended by Malaysians from all walks of life, students, professionals and also a visiting professor from Malaysia.



TN50

Consulate General of Malaysia, Frankfurt organised a TN50 program for 31 student leaders on Saturday, 6 May 2017. The program was a strategic collaboration between agencies at the Consulate, with Wisma Putra as the lead. Consul General led the dialogue session on TN50 and was assisted by Consul (JPA, MARA and MATRADE) during break-up discussions.



The participants were those holding exco and committee posts in three student societies respectively. The three societies involved were: Malaysia German Student Society (MGSS) , MARA Kumpel and AZIM JERMAN.



The whole exercise created a tremendous amount of enthusiasm amongst the participants and generated a feel good factor throughout. Students' comments included:



- *“Heart pounding excitement towards government TN50 goals”,*
- *“Feeling the openness of TN50 program through the bottom-up process”,*
- *“Very happy that the government through TN50 is allowing us to change our own attitude”,*
- *“Expressing our aspiration provided us the need to be more responsible and made us realise that we need to behave as responsible citizens”, and*
- *“The burden should not be on the government alone to make Malaysia the top 20 nation”.*



#NEGARAKU MALAYSIAN FAMILY DAY, DUISBURG

(MARA Kumpel and Malaysian German Students Society) in collaboration with JPA and MARA organized a Malaysian Family Day program for all Malaysian students in Germany on 13 May 2017. This program, which was held at Wolfssee in Duisburg provided the opportunity for Malaysian students to meet up and strengthen relations among them and also enhance relations between students and officers of the Consulate General of Malaysia, Frankfurt. A total of 190 Malaysian students attended the program. During the gathering, Consul JPA and MARA shared information with and explained to students on #Negaraku initiative and also the important TN50 agenda.



IMEX 2017

IMEX 2017 was held in Frankfurt from 16-18 May 2017. The annual event is the main event for planners looking to book and organise worldwide meetings, events and incentive travel programmes. IMEX provides outstanding business opportunities for exhibitors and buyers alike.



3,500 exhibitors come to IMEX each year (including tourist boards, convention bureaus, international hotel chains, airlines and destination management companies). This year there were 9000 visitors who attend during three energetic and very inspirational days.

Malaysia Convention & Exhibition Bureau (MyCEB) participated and held a networking dinner 'A Date with Malaysia to Come, Connect and Create' for 30 of its clients at Pandan Restaurant on 15 May 2017.



TASTE OF THE WORLD

Taste of the World is an annual event organized by the International School Frankfurt (ISF). This event took place on 20 May 2017 and was once again aimed at raising funds for selected charitable bodies. ISF international pupils participated and promoted the Taste of the World program by introducing meals from their respective countries of birth.

PERWAKILAN ladies represented Malaysia and prepared a variety of Malaysian dishes such as Nasi Lemak, Nasi Pulao, Bihun Goreng, Roti Jala and Gobi Manchuria. The Malaysian booth was highly frequented by many parents and teachers. The food was sold out early. The President of Parents and Teachers Networked acknowledge the effort and noted that our booth was the most attractively decorated and that Malaysian food was very popular every year.



ASEAN INVESTMENT FORUM

After the successful initial event of ASEAN Investment Forum in April 2016, another Forum was organized this year at Marriott Hotel in Frankfurt on 19 June 2017. The community of South East Asian countries was established as an attractive investment location in economically unstable times.

Key countries of the AIF 2017 included Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and



Thailand. Many experts were present and gave lectures on the advantages of each individual ASEAN country and these were also discussed in panel discussions.

The event was co-organized by the MIDA Frankfurt Singapore Economic Development Board, and the Philippine Trade & Invest Centre the Thailand Board of Investment (BOI). The forum was supported by the World Trade



Institute, EU-ASEAN Business Council, the Chamber of Trade and Commerce Frankfurt am Main and the German Asia-Pacific Business Association OAV.



Seminar for German-Malaysian University Partnerships

Baden-Württemberg

International organized a Seminar on Opportunities and Challenges for German-Malaysian University Partnerships on 20 June 2017. At the event, Associate Professor Dr. Zainal Abidin Sanusi from Education



Malaysia, London made a presentation on *Enhancing Malaysia - Germany Higher Education Cooperations*. He elaborated on strategic initiatives on higher education (Malaysia Higher Education Blueprint 2015-2025, Redesigning Higher Education), recent achievements by Malaysia (World University Ranking and Ranking by Subjects), and strategic partnership modalities between German and Malaysian institutions as well as way forward for future collaboration.

Consul for Education JPA, Syarqawi Muhammad and Education Attaché at Malaysian High Commissioner, Mr Mohd Firdaus Zakaria also attended. Other participants were from International Office of various universities of applied sciences, the German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD) and representatives from the Education Ministry.

EID MUBARAK

Eid Mubarak or Blessed Eid is a traditional Muslim greeting reserved for use on the festival of Eid al-Fitr. Eid means



"celebration" and refers to the occasion itself, and Mubarak





means "blessed" which literally translates to wishing your friends a blessed holiday. Muslims in Malay language-speaking population (Malaysia, Brunei, & Singapore) use the expression "Selamat Hari Raya" and "Salam Aidilfitri".



The end of Ramadan was celebrated at the Consulate General on 25 June 2017. The celebration started with Solat Sunat Aidil Adha followed by the Aidilfitri sermon. Guests were then treated to sumptuous buffet prepared by the hard-working PERWAKILAN ladies.



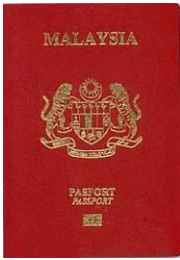
Approximately 90 people attended the gathering. Most of them were students North Rhine Westphalia, Baden Wurttemberg, Bavaria and Thuringia.



Another celebration took place at the Official Residence of the Consul General the next day on 26 June 2017. The smaller gathering was organized for Malaysian Club Deutschland, Frankfurt Committee Members and the PERWAKILAN ladies.



TRAVEL ALERT



To all travelers: Please be advised!

There have been many incidents lately of travel documents reported stolen. Please take special care when in public places. Do not leave luggage or bags unattended and be on the lookout for pickpocket activities, especially near central bus stations and on trains.

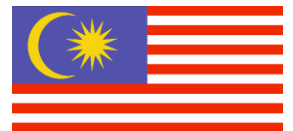
If you do fall victim and your travel documents are stolen, please contact the Consulate General at consular@malcg.de. We will assist in obtaining a new passport or an emergency certificate.

Trivia on Malaysia

1. When and where did Tunku Abdul Rahman actually announced the date of independence?
2. Where is Parit Jerman located in Malaysia?
3. What is the name of the world largest cave chamber?

The correct answers from last issue are:

- 1) Masjid Jamek is the place to go in downtown Kuala Lumpur if you are looking for coconut trees.
- 2) Unusual about Malaysia's iconic organ utans are their long arms. They are about one and a half times longer than their legs.
- 3) At 130 million years, the Malaysian rainforests are even older than the tropical forests of the Amazon and Congo Basins.



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