



**EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN HAVANA
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**Visit by His Royal Highness Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar
the Sultan and Sovereign Ruler of The State And Territory of Johor Darul Ta'zim**

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His Royal Highness Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar, the Sultan and Sovereign Ruler of The State and Territory of Johor Darul Ta'zim visited the city of Havana, Cuba from 11 to 13 April 2017. His Royal Highness Sultan Ibrahim was accompanied by officials from the State of Johor.

It was His Royal Highness Sultan Ibrahim's first visit to Cuba where he found time to visit places of interest in Havana and went through the Cuban experience particularly in term of food, culture and tradition.

The Embassy of Malaysia in Havana was indeed honored and privileged to receive His Royal Highness Sultan Ibrahim's visit to Cuba.



His Royal Highness Sultan Ibrahim with Amb Khairi and a representative from MOFA Cuba



Memento from His Royal Highness Sultan Ibrahim to Amb Khairi



Briefing by Amb Khairi to His Royal Highness Sultan Ibrahim

ASIAN CHARITY BAZAAR 2017

On Friday, 7 April 2017, The Embassy of Malaysia co-organised the Asian Charity Bazaar 2017 with Asian Ladies Association (ALA) (the wives of Asian Ambassadors in Cuba). The event was held at the Embassy of Indonesia in Havana. The Malaysian contingent was headed by Puan Nor Asikin Abdullah, President of PERWAKILAN Havana. Most of the Asian embassies in Havana took part in this annual charity event. Last year's event was held in April at the Casa De Lamistad.

The purpose of the event was to raise fund in order to help those in need in Cuba especially the orphans, kids, elderly and others. Furthermore, the event also provides an opportunity for the participating countries to proudly showcase and sell their local crafts, souvenirs, national cuisine and clothings.

A large number of visitors visited the Embassy of Malaysia's stall to purchase Malaysian delicacies and local crafts. During the event, the Malaysian stall sells traditional Malaysian delicacies such as curry puffs, kerepek, *kuih muih* as well as crafts like weaved-baskets. With reasonable price for all food items and crafts but without compromising the taste and quality, all were sold out .

The charity bazaar was also brought to life with other activities such as the cultural performances by the participating embassies and lucky draws.

Flyers were distributed to create awareness about Malaysia and promote Malaysia as a top tourists' destination in Asia.



Official ribbon-cutting ceremony by Asian Ladies Committee

ASIAN CHARITY BAZAAR 2017 cont..



ASIAN Ladies Committee Members



Ambassadors present at the Charity Bazaar



Puan Nor Asikin presented a prize during the lucky draw session



Puan Nor Asikin,
President of PERWAKILAN Havana



Countries participating at the bazaar



Amb Khairi Omar at the lucky draw session



Malaysian lucky draw prizes



Malaysian delicacies



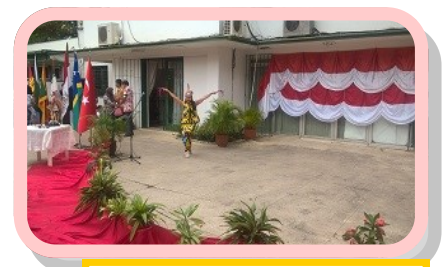
The Malaysian stall



More visitors at the Malaysian stall



Brochures about Malaysia were distributed



Cultural performance

Eid Mubarak 2017 in Havana

To commemorate the end of the Ramadan 2017, Muslims in Havana joined in celebrating the Eid-Mubarak which falls on Sunday, 25 June 2017.

The day began with the performing of the Takbir which was then followed by Eid Mubarak prayers at the Muslim center in Havana City. Even though the Muslim community in Havana is small and Malaysians just comprise 3 Home-Based Staff and 4 other family members, the feeling of joy and the festive mood were evidently in the air as everyone celebrates the day with family, friends and the loved ones.

The Ambassador of Malaysia and wife hosted the End of Shawal luncheon on Sunday, 23 July 2017 by inviting all HBS and family as well as Malaysian students to Rumah Malaysia to enjoy 'Nasi Lemak Special'. Also joining the small gathering were the CCTV representative in Cuba and his wife.

The Embassy of Malaysia in Havana, Cuba would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone Eid Mubarak. May it be a joyous and blessed celebration with all Muslims wherever you are.



Imam of Havana was interviewed by local media



Gathering at the Islamic center after Eid Mubarak prayer



Ambassador and daughter in conversation with guests



Ambassador having lunch with foreign guests

OUR GUESTS IN HAVANA



His Excellency Khairi Omar received a courtesy call by Her Excellency Berris Ekinci, Ambassador of Turkey on 31 January 2017 at the Chancery.



His Excellency Khairi Omar received a courtesy call by His Excellency Nguyen Trung Thanh, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 28 February 2017 at the Chancery.



His Excellency Khairi Omar received a courtesy call by His Excellency Faisal Almandeel, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia on 16 May 2017 at the Chancery.



His Excellency Khairi Omar received a courtesy call by His Excellency Dwight C.R. Gardiner, the Ambassador and Permanent Representation of Antigua and Barbuda to the International Maritime Organization on 29 May 2017 at the Chancery.



Dinner hosted by His Excellency Khairi Omar for the Board Directors of EIM CIGARS on 9 April 2017 at Rumah Malaysia.

INSTALLATION OF THE 15TH YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG OF MALAYSIA

The new *Yang di-Pertuan Agong* (King) of Malaysia, Sultan Muhammad V, was officially installed on 24 April 2017 in a ceremony steeped in Malay Royal tradition 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 15th 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.



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.



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

Consular Matters

Passport Application Renewal

Passport is an important document, therefore, it must be in the safe custody of the holder at all times. All lost passport applications must go through a thorough investigation by **Jabatan Imigresen Malaysia** before any consideration can be made for its replacement. The person needs to lodge a police report at the local police station about the lost of Malaysian passport. The copy of the police report must be submitted to the nearest Malaysian Embassy in order to be issued with an Emergency Certificate .

The required documents for passport renewal are as follows:-

- i. A complete Form Im. 42 – Pin 1/97 which can be downloaded from the Malaysian Immigration website www.imi.gov.my. The form should be printed on both sides of A4 size paper.
- ii. Copy of your old passport (all pages). It is not necessary to send the original passport;
- iii. Copy of your Birth Certificate (if any);
- iv. Copy of IC (Malaysian Identity Card);
- v. 3 photos (passport size 3.5x5cm with white background)
- vi. Cover Letter regarding the renewal of your passport (for applicants living in Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Haiti & Nicaragua)
- vii. A self-addressed DHL envelope already prepaid to facilitate the process of sending new passport (for applicants living in Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Haiti & Nicaragua).
- viii. Processing fee is RM200.00 or equivalent to about EURO 40.14 (Depends on current exchange rate).

Note: The above documents (ii, iii and iv) shall be certified by the Notary Public

**All fees can be transferred to the Embassy's bank account;

Name of the Bank	:	Banco Financiero Internacional S.A.
Address	:	Edificio Sierra Maestra, 1st Avenue and Zero Street, Miramar, Playa, Havana, Cuba
Name of Account	:	Embassy of Malaysia, Havana
Currency	:	Euro Only
Account Number	:	0300000003115744 or Swift Code: B F I C C U H H

All the above documents (once completed) have to be forwarded by courier to the Embassy of Malaysia in Havana, Cuba (for applicants living in Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Haiti & Nicaragua).

All applications will be forwarded to Jabatan Imigresen Malaysia, Putrajaya, Malaysia for processing and approval. The estimated processing time is between 3-6 months.

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