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FOREWORD FROM THE AMBASSADOR



Hola y Buenos Dias de Mexico City,

As the 1st half of 2017 is behind us, Amelia and I as well as the Team Members of Malawakil Mexico City would like to extend our warmest greetings to the readers.

Notably, the world has seen dynamic changes in the past six months. For Malaysia, the aspiration of its people towards a developed nation by the year 2020 with the commitment and guidance of its leaders has been remarkable. And beyond that, Malaysia is now moving towards charting another level of dynamic progress with TN50 – an underlying policy a brainchild of the Honourable Prime Minister Dato 'Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak to make Malaysia as top 20 country in the world by the year 2050.

Whilst at the Embassy, we continue to foster closer relations with the host government in all spheres as opportunities for mutual benefit are abound. The same goes for relations between Malaysia and Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, respectively. I hope this e-newsletter would afford the readers with useful information about Malaysia 's diplomatic engagements in Mexico and Central America region.

*DENGAN JANGATAN TULUS JAKLAS, SELAMAT HARI RAYA
AJDILFIRI MAAF ZAKIR BASTIN.*

MOHAMMAD AZHAR MAZLAN
Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico

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Visits from Malaysia

COURTESY CALL BY PETRONAS OFFICIALS



On 17 February, Mr. Faisal Bakar, Country Head (Designate) PC Carigali Mexico Ventures, S.A. DE C.V PETRONAS Upstream accompanied by Mr. Adam Zulkifli, Senior Geologist PC Carigali Mexico Ventures, S.A. DE C.V PETRONAS Upstream called on H.E. Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico at the Chancery. Present also was Mr. Mohd. Hafiz Abdul Jalil, Trade Commissioner, MATRADE Mexico City.

During the call, Mr. Faisal briefed the Ambassador about PETRONAS's plan and progress of setting up its operational office in Mexico following its two blocks bidding success last December.

On 9 March, Malaysia's National Oil & Gas company, Petroliam Nasional Berhad (PETRONAS) met with H.E. Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico at Mexico City Marriott Reforma Hotel.



The PETRONAS 5-member delegation was led by Mr. Azman A. Aziz, Senior General Manager, Strategy & Commercial of Upstream Business of PETRONAS accompanied by Mr. Muzli Hussain, Senior General Manager, Exploration International Ventures of Upstream of PETRONAS; Mr. Izmir Kamarudin, Head of Business Development Americas & Australasia of Upstream of PETRONAS; Mr. Faisal Bakar, Country Head (Designate) of PC Carigali Mexico Ventures S.A. DE C.V of PETRONAS Upstream and Mr. Adam Zulkifli, Senior Geologist of PC Carigali Mexico Ventures S.A. DE C.V of PETRONAS Upstream. Also present during the meeting was Mr. Mohd. Hafiz Abdul Jalil, Trade Commissioner, MATRADE Mexico City.

During the meeting, Mr. Azman informed H.E Ambassador that on 10 March 2017 PETRONAS would be signing an agreement with the Ministry of Energy, Mexico and the National Hydrocarbons Commission (CNH) Mexico for Mexico's deep-water exploration for Block 4 and 5 awarded to PETRONAS last December 2016 in the Salina Basin off the Gulf of Mexico. He also briefed on PETRONAS's plan and progress of setting up its operational office in Mexico.

Meetings & Visits

ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (OIC) COUNCIL OF AMBASSADORS MEETING

On 5 January, the OIC Council of Ambassadors in Mexico City held its first meeting in 2017 at the Official Residence of the Ambassador of Jordan to Mexico. Present were the Ambassadors of Algeria, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and UAE. Chaired by the Ambassador of Egypt in his capacity as Dean of OIC Ambassadors in Mexico, the meeting discussed among others, the Palestinian cause and relations with Mexico, the Muslim Cemetery in Mexico and the halal certification for Mexico.



H.E. Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico took the opportunity to debrief the meeting about the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2334 (2016) on the issue of illegal Israeli settlements. The Ambassador also distributed the copy of the speech by His Excellency Dato` Ramlan Ibrahim, Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations, delivered prior to the resolution voting. The meeting congratulated Malaysia and hoped to keep the momentum going for the Palestinian cause.

28th MEETING OF AMBASSADORS AND CONSULS OF MEXICO

On 9 January, the diplomatic corps accredited to Mexico attended the Opening Ceremony of the 28th Meeting of Ambassadors and Consuls of Mexico held at the Ministry of External Relations (SRE) of Mexico. The ceremony was officiated by H.E. Luis Videgaray Caso, Secretary of External Relations, Mexico. This was his first official engagement with the diplomatic corps after being appointed as the new Secretary of SRE on 4 January 2017. H.E. Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico took the opportunity to congratulate H.E. Secretary Videgaray on his appointment after the latter's keynote address.



CALL ON DIRECTOR GENERAL ASIA OCEANIA & MULTILATERAL ORGANISATION, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, MEXICO

On 25 January, H.E. Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico made a courtesy call on H.E. Lic. Roberto Zapata, Director General for Asia Oceania & Multilateral Organisation, Ministry of Economy Mexico.

Both sides discussed wide ranging common issues of mutual importance between Malaysia and Mexico particularly on TPP, NAFTA and trade and investment between Malaysia-Mexico. The Ambassador also took the opportunity to convey his congratulations to H.E. Zapata on his appointment as Mexico's representative to the World Trade Organisation in Geneva.



CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR BY PRESIDENT OF THE MEXICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INVESTMENT OF THE NEW SILK ROAD



Malaysia and Mexico.

On 17 January, Mr. Ricardo Aragon Francisco, President of the newly established Mexican Chamber of Commerce and Investment of the New Silk Road accompanied by Mr. David Enriquez called on H.E. Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico. Present also was Mr. Mohd. Hafiz Abdul Jalil, Trade Commissioner, MATRADE Mexico City.

During the call, both sides discussed issues of mutual importance particularly on the setting up of Mexico Halal Institute, sukuk sovereign bond and innovative technology with a view of enhancing trade and investment between

BREAKFAST BRIEFING BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF GUATEMALA

On 13 February, H.E. Ambassador Mohammad Azhar Mazlan with 35 Mexico City-based ambassadors accredited to Guatemala attended a breakfast briefing by H.E. Ambassador Carlos Raul Morales Moscoso, Foreign Minister of Guatemala who was on a working visit to Mexico. The latter was also accompanied by H.E. Rubén Estuardo Morales Monroy, Minister of Economy of Guatemala.

In his briefing, the Foreign Minister inter alia briefed about Guatemala's state of affairs and development at regional and global level. Meanwhile, the Minister of Economy delivered presentation on trade and investment opportunities in Guatemala. Ambassador Azhar took the opportunity at the end of meeting to greet the Minister and briefly touched on ways to enhance further relations between Malaysia and Guatemala.



THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO



On 14 February, the 50th Anniversary of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean or better known as the Treaty of Tlatelolco was commemorated at the 25th Session of General Conference of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) at the Ministry of External Relations, Mexico. The Treaty legally established that Latin America and the Caribbean and adjacent marine areas would remain free of nuclear weapons.

H.E. Lic. Enrique Pena Nieto, President of Mexico officiated the event in the presence of H.E. Dr. Luis Videgaray Caso, Secretary of External Relations, Mexico and all 33 member-state of OPANAL and observers including H.E. Perfecto R. Yasay, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines. Present also were members of the diplomatic

corps including H.E. Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico.

In his statement at the Conference, H.E. Yasay speaking as Chair of ASEAN iterated the importance of the Treaty of Tlatelolco as well as the Southeast Asia Nuclear-Weapon Free Zone (SEANWFZ) in the context of preserving the global peace and security free from nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction.



(L-R) Ambassador of Indonesia; Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines; Ambassador of the Philippines; Ambassador of **Malaysia** and Ambassador of Algeria

INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION MEETING NO. 14/2017 AT MATRADE MEXICO CITY

On 17 April, H.E. Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico chaired the 14th Coordination Meeting of 2017 at the premises of MATRADE Mexico City. Present were Mr. Khornelisman Jasri, Second Secretary; Mr. Mohd Hafiz Abdul Jalil, Trade Commissioner; Mr. Luis Enrique Moreyra Calderon, Information Officer; Madam Lillian Olguin Navarro, Translator and Ms. Patricia Heredia Carrasco, Clerk of the Embassy. The weekly meeting discussed a wide range of issues pertinent to the Embassy.



Diplomatic Gatherings

MEET-AND-GREET RECEPTION



On 12 January, H.E. Ambassador Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico and Madame Amelia Azhar joined the 100 Heads of Mission of foreign embassies and international organizations accredited to Mexico for a Meet-and-Greet Reception in honour of H.E. Dr. Luis Videgaray Caso and Madame Virginia Gómez del Campo hosted by the Ministry of External Relations (SRE), Mexico held at the Ministry.

The Ambassador and Madame Amelia greeted and congratulated H.E. Dr. Luis Videgaray Caso and Madame Virginia Gómez del Campo on his appointment as the Minister of External Relations, Mexico.

DINNER AT RUMAH MALAYSIA

On 28 March, in honour of the new Ambassador-designate of Thailand to Mexico, H.E. Ms. Rommanee Kananurak, H.E. Mohammad Azhar Mazlan and Madame Amelia Azhar hosted a welcome dinner at Rumah Malaysia. Present were H.E. Mr. Yusra Khan, Ambassador of Indonesia and Madame Desfira Yusra; H.E. Dr. Le Linh Lan, Ambassador of Vietnam; H.E. Mr. Eduardo Jose A. De Vega, Ambassador of Philippines and Ms. Nadariya Nopakun Phromyothi, Deputy Head of Mission of Thai Embassy.

The host and hostess also took the opportunity to bid farewell to H.E. Jose Mariano Castillo, former Ambassador of Honduras to Mexico and Madame Castillo who would be leaving Mexico for the US.



MARIACHI FESTIVAL CALIMAYA, STATE OF MEXICO



On 4 March, at the invitation of the Hon. Armando Levi Torres Aranguren, Mayor of Calimaya in State of Mexico, H.E. Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico attended the Mariachi Festival in the Municipal Hall of Calimaya town.



Also present were several members of the diplomatic corps including India, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Morocco, North Korea, Philippines, Thailand and Ukraine. Mariachi is a type of traditional Mexican folk music performed by a small group of strolling musicians dressed in native costume. The mayor was gracious to host dinner after the performances.

485th ANNIVERSARY OF CITY OF OAXACA



From 24 to 2 April, Madame Amelia Azhar and the Ambassador together with 10 other Ambassadors and their respective spouses were the guests-of-honour of the City of Oaxaca as it celebrated its 485th Anniversary. The Ambassadors from Bangladesh, Belgium, Egypt, European Union, Georgia, Indonesia, India, Kazakhstan, South Korea and Vietnam as well as Malaysia were given a special plaque of recognition as a Distinguished Visitor of Oaxaca by Lic. C. Jose Antonio Hernandez Fraguas, Mayor of Oaxaca in a Solemn Ceremony at Casa Oaxaca. Lic. Alejandro Ismael Plurat Hinojosa, Governor of the State of Oaxaca and City Councillors were also present during the ceremony. It was preceded by a Oaxacan Food Festival at the Municipal Building where the local Oaxacan

food and folklores were served and performed to the delight of the audience.

Oaxaca is a state in southern Mexico known for its indigenous cultures. Its capital city of the same name is noted for colonial buildings often made of green volcanic stone. In the main square, El Zócalo, stands the baroque Catedral de Oaxaca. Beyond the city, pre-Columbian archaeological sites include Mitla, Yagul and Monte Albán, the Zapotec capital dating to around 500 B.C.

PACIFIC ALLIANCE DAY

On 28 April, H.E. Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico attended the 6th Anniversary of the Pacific Alliance organized by the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico at the former Senate Building in Mexico City. The event commemorated the establishment of the grouping as well as highlighted the achievements and challenges for Mexico, Colombia, Perú and Chile as member states since 2011.

As part of the commemoration, three panelists spoke on “Achievements and Challenges of the Pacific Alliance” which was moderated by Senator Ms. Ma. del Rocío Pineda Gochi, member of the Commission of Foreign Affairs, Latin America and the Caribbean, Senate of Mexico. The panelists were H.E. Ms. Socorro Flores, Under Secretary of Latin America and the Caribbean; Mr. Juan Carlos Baker, Under Secretary of Foreign Trade; and Mr. Fernando Ruiz Huarte, Vice President of Governmental Relations of the Mexican Entrepreneurs Council of Foreign Trade, Investment and Technology (COMCE). Among others, collaboration between Pacific Alliance and ASEAN was also mentioned by the panelists. The event ended with the inauguration of a Pacific Alliance Gallery by Senator Ms. Ma. del Rocío Pineda Gochi, the panelists as well as members of the diplomatic corps.



Seminars, Road Shows & Events

HEALTH SCREENING AND WELLNESS TALK, 11 JANUARY 2017

As part of its training program, in cooperation with Health Mart S.A. De C.V., a medical and wellness company based in Mexico City, the Embassy held a one-day health screening and wellness talk for the staff and family members at the Chancery.

The company provided medical consultations in 16 states of Mexico giving a total of 190,441 medical check-ups per year. They extended their services to multinational companies such as Volkswagen Mexico, Great Place to Work, General Electric (GE), Jumex, Nissan Mexico, Kimberly-



Clark Mexico as well as the Ministry of Health and universities.



The program comprised 6 monthly check-ups. The principal factors for evaluation were: eating properly; physical activities; food routine; eating habits outside home and food-buying habits. With these parameters, the doctors evaluated and suggested to the patients a proper diets and medicine that could help them reduced weight

and enhanced their lifestyle. The company conducted such event in the Embassy for six month until June 2017.

MALAYSIA'S PARTICIPATION IN MAGNA EXPO MUEBLERA 2017 IN BANAMEX CENTER, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

From 18th to 21st January, MATRADE Mexico City under the Embassy of Malaysia participated in the 23rd Edition of the Magna Expo Mueblera 2017. The four (4) days event consisted exhibition and conference was organised by Magna Expo with the support of Secretary of Economy, Mexico, ProMexico and COPARMEX. The event show cased home furniture; office furniture; kitchen furniture; textile; technology; forestry; and accessories & decorations.

Over 270 exhibitors took part in the exhibition and more than 10 speakers presented during the conference.

Amongst some of the international exhibitors were from Turkey, China, Germany, France, Brazil and Spain. H.E. Ambassador Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico visited MATRADE's booth and the exhibition.



MATRADE Mexico City received more than 200 visitors at its booth with various enquiries on Malaysian economy and tourism. There was also interest in specific Malaysian products and services such as furniture, medical devices, ICT, food and beverages and electrical & electronic products. MATRADE Mexico City provided directories of specific Malaysian products and services and all information to the visitors.

RENEWAL OF MoU BETWEEN THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MALAYSIA (UKM) AND THE UNIVERSIDAD INTERCULTURAL DEL ESTADO DE MÉXICO (UIEM)



On 1 March, H.E. Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico attended the Signing Ceremony of the MoU renewal between UKM and UIEM at *San Felipe del Progreso*, State of Mexico. It was held in UIEM's Auditorium in the presence of 100 students and staff members. Prior to the ceremony, Ambassador Azhar was accorded an indigenous Mazahua welcoming ceremony, where two indigenous ladies performed a ritual called *saludo a los puntos cardinales* (greet to the cardinal points) to start the day's activities successfully. Mtro. Arturo Velez Escamilla, Rector of UIEM signed the MoU witnessed by H.E. Ambassador Mohammad Mazlan; Mtro. Juan J Zendejas Maya, legal

representative UIEM; Dr. Franklin Rivera Pineda, Director of Extension UIEM; and Mtra. Cristina Amalia Gaytan, Director General of Superior Education of the State of Mexico.

In his remarks, Ambassador Azhar expressed his gratitude to UIEM and the Government of State of Mexico for the on-going exchange program with UKM. He underscored the importance for the new generation to have an international exposure as such collaboration would assist Malaysia to learn from Mexico and vice versa. An indigenous Mazahua music band also performed two songs highlighting their joy and proudness for having a centre of excellence that encourages and supports the local indigenous communities to be a better and professional-prepared people for the world.

UNIVERSITY TALK AT UNIVERSIDAD DE LAS AMERICAS A.C., MEXICO CITY



On 22 March, as part of the public outreach program H.E. Ambassador Mohammad Azhar Mazlan delivered a talk on "Malaysia – Mexico Bilateral Relations and Trans Pacific Partnership - its way forward" at the Universidad de las Americas A.C. Mexico City. With a quorum of 65 International Studies students, Mtro. Gerardo Jaramillo Vázquez, Dean of the Faculty of Business and International Relations moderated the talk by emphasizing the importance of such talks, especially from the foreign Ambassadors considering the current issues of International Relations, as well as the current status of TPP for Mexico.



The interest of the students in the Q&A session was: the strength of the relations between Malaysia-Mexico; image of Mexico through the media and the media impact in Malaysia; employment and the importance of education for Malaysia as well as the key differences between TPP and other regional mechanism. At the end of the talk, students personally met and greeted the Ambassador as well as seized the opportunity to discuss further with him important subject matters.



12TH EXPORT CONGRESS ORGANISED BY CONCAEM AND AJR FOREIGN TRADE CONSULTANT



of Economy, State of Mexico.

On 4 April, H.E. Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico attended the 12th Export Congress as a VIP guest together with H.E. Ambassador of Bolivia and H.E. Ambassador of Georgia. The Congress was organised by the Council of Chambers and Business Association from the State of Mexico (CONCAEM) in collaboration with AJR Foreign Trade Business Consultant which attracted participation from more than 1,200 participants from the State of Mexico, Queretaro, Puebla, San Luis Potosi and Mexico City. The Congress was inaugurated by Mr. Jose Luis Velasco Lino from Secretary

The 2-day Congress was held at Radisson Hotel Toluca, State of Mexico with its main objective to disseminating information to Mexican companies on issues related to international trade as well as to providing the tools for companies to export successfully. The President of CONCAEM in her speech highlighted that Mexican companies should start to look for export markets beyond the Americas region and diversify their export markets in Asia, Europe and Middle East. Amongst some of the Asian countries mentioned were Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam and South Korea. CONCAEM and AJR are scheduled to mount a trade mission to Asia with a scheduled visit to Japan, Vietnam, Malaysia and Singapore in October 2017. During the Congress, the Ambassador was also interviewed by the local electronic and print media on trade relations between Malaysia-Mexico.



DESFILE DE CANOAS ALGORICAS 'LA FLOR MAS BELLA DEL EJIDO 2017'

On 7 April, Madame Amelia Azhar and the Ambassador joined the Ambassador of Ecuador & spouse as well as the Ambassadors of Bolivia, Colombia, El Salvador, Greece, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Philippines, Slovakia, Ukraine and Venezuela to the Canoe Parade of the Most Beautiful Flower 2017 in Xochomilco, Mexico City hosted by the Head of Delegation of Xochimilco, Mr. Avelino Mendez Rangel and his spouse.



Xochimilco, is one of the 16 mayoralties of Mexico City. The name Xochimilco is a combination of the Nahuatl words *xochitl* and *milli* and means "where the flowers grow." Xochimilco is located in the south of Mexico City and it is UNESCO Heritage. (Patrimonio Cultural de la Humanidad) which famous with its rivers and flower markets.

The Ambassadors presence was acknowledged during a gift presentation ceremony by Mr. Mendez.

XX DRAWING COMPETITION "THIS IS MY MEXICO"



On 8 April, H.E. Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico attended the 20th Drawing Competition Exhibition, at the *BATAN* Ecological Park, located in the south of Mexico City. It was organized by the Institute of Mexicans Overseas, under the Ministry of External Relations Mexico; inviting children aged 6 to 15 years old from all around the world to draw their impression of Mexico. On this occasion, the Institute received 11,400 drawings from different parts of the world, where 12 drawings were the winners, and 50 were mentioned with honours. Among the 62 drawings exhibited, 6 were from Malaysian children. The aim was to promote and showcase Mexico from the children's perspective and display their artworks in Mexico City.

The **Malaysian winners** were: Zerlyride Goik and Zuwer Goik of 12 and 9 years, were between the 12 winners of the competition. Siti Nur Zuldicha, 14 years; Chuo En Yi, 14 years; Atilia Man binti Imtiaz, 14 years; Sam Jin Ye Yung and Kinsey Lee Xing Terr, both 11 years; and Syazana Husna Mohd, 14 years, who were among the 50 drawings mentioned with honours. One entry from Slovakia was also among the 12 winners.

H.E. Mohammad Azhar Mazlan with H.E. Alena Gazúrová, Ambassador of Slovakia to Mexico were the guests of honour and officiated the event with the cutting of the ribbon to open the Exhibition. They also handed over the certificates to the winners. Present also were: Lic. Daniel Álvarez Blasco, Director General of Batan Ecological Park; Lic. Arturo Ríos Camarena, Director of Promotion of Delegations; and Mtro. David Velazco Samperio, Director of the Institute of Mexicans Overseas.

OPEN UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA EXAM

From 17th to 18th April, the Embassy of Malaysia in Mexico City conducted a final semester exam on behalf of Open University Malaysia for its Master of Business Administration student in Mexico City.

Mr. Saw Teck Ban, Latin-America Regional Finance Manager of DXN México S.A. de C.V was the only student for this round. DXN is a food and beverages as well as personal care products manufacturer which has been established in Mexico since 2006. It is 100 percent Malaysian owned company with branches in Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Panama and Peru.



As part of its public outreach program, the Embassy is proud to assist Malaysian institutions of higher learning for programs in Mexico as well as Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. Currently, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia has Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mexican universities, with six MoUs.

MALAYSIA'S PARTICIPATION IN MEXICO AEROSPACE EXHIBITION (FAMEX 2017) IN SANTA LUCIA MILITARY BASE IN THE STATE OF MEXICO, MEXICO

On 26 April 2017, MATRADE Mexico City attended the Opening Ceremony of Mexico Aerospace Exhibition (FAMEX) 2017 at Santa Lucia Military Base in the State of Mexico, Mexico. Organised by the Ministry of Defence, Mexico, the 3-day event was officiated by President Enrique Pena Nieto, President of the Republic of Mexico. FAMEX 2017 attracted some 550 exhibitors from 20 countries such as Canada, China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Japan, Russia and United States of America. The anchor international exhibitors were Boeing, Airbus, Safran, Bombardier, AeroMexico, AT&T, Honeywell, Good Year, ANA, Interjet, Bell Helicopter and Air Canada.



Malaysia set up a booth at FAMEX 2017, promoting services such as information on Malaysia-Mexico bilateral trade; Malaysian products and services especially its aerospace companies; and creating awareness of aerospace industry in Malaysia to the visitors. Malaysia's booth received more than 300 visitors with various enquiries on Malaysia's economy and tourism. There were also interests in specific Malaysian products and services such as aerospace; furniture; medical devices; ICT; food and beverages; automotive; and electrical & electronic products. Products and services directories and general information were also disseminated to the visitors during the exhibition.

5th EXHIBITION OF THE MEXICAN INDIGENOUS GROUPS



The Minister of Interior greeting the Ambassador

On 4 May, H.E. Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico attended the Inauguration of the 5th Exhibition of the Mexican Indigenous Groups organized by the Ministry of Interior and the National Commission for the Development for Indigenous Communities, at Expo Reforma Building in Mexico City. The 4-day Exhibition was officiated by H.E. Miguel Angel Osorio Chong, Minister of Interior Mexico, together with Mrs. Nuvia Mayorga Delgado, Director General of Indigenous Institute (CDI) Mexico. 200 exhibitors from 24 states of Mexico participated in the Exhibition promoting and selling indigenous handicrafts, arts and culture as well as gastronomy.

SEMINAR ON BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES WITH MALAYSIA

On 24 May, ProMéxico organised a seminar on “Business Opportunities with Malaysia” held at ProMéxico headquarters in

Mexico City. As part of ProMéxico’s ongoing initiatives in creating awareness to the Mexican business communities on International Trade, ProMéxico organised a series of seminars with among others, Australia, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand and Philippines. ProMéxico is the Federal Government Agency under the Secretary of Economy, Mexico responsible for coordinating strategies aimed at strengthening Mexico’s participation in the international economy, supporting Mexican exporters and coordinating activities aimed at attracting foreign investments into Mexico.



H.E. Ambassador Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, Ambassador of Malaysia to Mexico was invited as the guest of honour for their seminar. The Ambassador delivered a presentation on “Doing Business with Malaysia” to create awareness to Mexican Business communities on business opportunities with Malaysia. Apart from presenting the trade and investment between Malaysia and Mexico, the Ambassador also touched on the Malaysian SMEs as the engine of economic growth. About 70 Mexican businessmen attended the event. The seminar was also shown via live streaming on YouTube to more than 45 viewers. The seminar illustrates the strong bilateral trade relationship between Malaysia and Mexico as well as the advantage of business opportunity offered for both countries. ProMéxico together with the Embassy of Malaysia in Mexico and MATRADE Mexico City are working together to enhance the bilateral trade between both countries and exploring potential collaboration between Malaysian and Mexican companies.

MALAYSIA’S PARTICIPATION AT EXPOMED MEXICO 2017

On 7 June, H.E. Ambassador Mohammad Azhar Mazlan visited Malaysian companies participating in ExpoMed Mexico 2017 held at World Trade Centre, Mexico City from 7th to 8th June 2017. Also present were Mr. Mohd. Hafiz Abdul Jalil, Trade Commissioner and Ms. Bieyka Jimenez Quezada, Marketing Officer of MATRADE Mexico City. There were two Malaysian companies participating in ExpoMed 2017 namely Top Glove Sdn Bhd and Hartalega Sdn Bhd. Both companies are amongst the world’s largest glove manufacturers and suppliers. Their main objective participating in the exhibition was to promote their products, establish contacts as well as to find new distributors and importers. Malaysia is the number one global producer of rubber gloves with the market share of 60 percent. ExpoMed Mexico is one of the main medical devices and healthcare exhibitions held annually in Mexico that brings together leading companies and brands specializing in innovation and technology for equipment, conditioning and re-engineering of healthcare products and services. Over 250 exhibitors from 13 countries took part in ExpoMed Mexico 2017. The participating countries were Australia, Canada, China, Malaysia, Spain, Taiwan and United States of America. More than 6,500 visitors attended the 3-day exhibition.





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MALAYSIA'S PARTICIPATION IN AUTOMECHANIKA MEXICO CITY 2017

On 15 June, H.E. Ambassador Mohammad Azhar Mazlan visited Malaysia Pavillion at Automechanika Mexico City 2017 held at Banamex Centre, Mexico City from 14th to 16th June 2017. He was accompanied by Mr. Mohd. Hafiz Abdul Jalil, Trade Commissioner and Ms. Bieyka Jimenez Quezada, Marketing Officer of MATRADE Mexico City. Coordinated by the Malaysian Rubber Export Promotion Council (MREPC), seven (7) Malaysian companies took part in the exhibition with the main objective to promote their products, establish contacts as well as find new distributors/importers.

The participating Malaysian companies were:

- Cooltec Industries Sdn Bhd
- Fudex Rubber Products (M) Sdn Bhd
- Kossan Industries Sdn Bhd
- Kumpulan Jebco (M) Sdn Bhd
- Pro – Tec Industries Sdn Bhd
- Schmaco Autoparts Industries Sdn Bhd
- Malaysian Consortium of Rubber Products Sdn Bhd

As an annual event, Automechanika Mexico City is one of the most important international trade shows for the automotive aftermarket industry in Latin America. It is the meeting point for industry professionals seeking new suppliers and information about the latest technology and analysing the options for the automotive parts and components. Automechanika Mexico City 2017 hosted more than 500 exhibitors from across the globe namely from Argentina, Brazil, China, Malaysia, South Korea, Spain, United Kingdom, United States of America, Taiwan and Turkey.

MEXICO'S UNIVERSITY OF POST-GRADUATE STUDIES IN LAW AND POLICE ANNUAL FORUM

From 7th to 8th June, the University of Post-Graduate Studies in Law and Police (UNIPOL) based in Mexico City organized its annual forum with the theme 'Police Intelligence and Prevention of Crime'. Apart from Malaysia, speakers from the Embassy of Indonesia, Israel, Russia, Spain, UK and US were also invited to share respective country's experience in term of safety and policing.

On 8 June, Mr. Khornelisman Jasri, Second Secretary delivered a paper entitled "Organ Trafficking and Crime Prevention in Malaysia" to an audience of post graduate students who were mostly Police's and Courts' Heads of Department. The students were interested in learning more about Malaysia's success story and best practices in crime prevention as well as Police Volunteer Reserve (PVR) scheme.

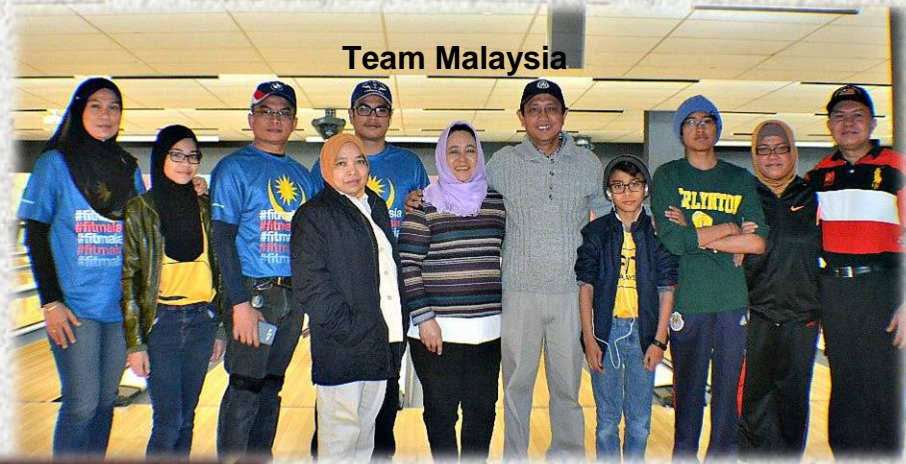


ASEAN Committee in Mexico City (ACMC) Activities

ACMC FAMILY-DAY BOWLING TOURNAMENT

On 14 January, the Home-Based Staff and family members of the Embassy of Malaysia participated in the ASEAN Committee in Mexico City (ACMC) Family-Day Bowling Tournament organized by the Embassy of Indonesia as the current chairman of ACMC.

It was a successful event bringing together 40 players and more than 150 supporters from the five ASEAN Embassies in Mexico.



Team Malaysia



ASEAN Ambassadors with the winners

Puan Norlilah Ahmad and her husband, Encik Mohd Anuar Adam from Team Malaysia won the best overall player and men's runner up respectively. As evident in the ASEAN camaraderie, after the games all (present) enjoyed a luncheon, karaoke, basketball and table tennis culminated by the price giving ceremony at the Embassy of Indonesia.

ASEAN SEMINAR - MATIAS ROMERO INSTITUTE



On 23 February, the five Mexico City-based ASEAN Ambassadors participated in the first-ever ASEAN Seminar organized by Mexico's premier diplomatic institute – *Instituto Matias Romero (IMR)*. The main purpose was to share knowledge and experiences on ASEAN with the 34 aspiring young Mexican diplomats. Moderated by Dr. Natalia Saltalamacchia, Director General of *IMR*, the Ambassadors of Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam respectively delivered a talk on the following subjects:

- What is ASEAN and the Socio-Cultural Community (**Indonesia**)
 - The importance of ASEAN for Malaysia and the Political Security (**Malaysia**)
 - The importance of ASEAN for Viet Nam and the Economic Community (**Viet Nam**)
- ASEAN Economic Community (**Thailand**)

- The Philippines Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2017 (**Philippines**)

During the intermittent, a photo exhibition of places of interest of the participating ASEAN countries was held at the foyer of *IMR* as well as a reception with finger food of each country served. This was followed by a briefing on the state of bilateral relations between each country with Mexico by the embassy's political functionaries. Feedbacks during the Question & Answer Session were encouraging as the participants were enthusiastic and able to learn first-hand from the respective ASEAN Embassies about the socio-culture, economy, politics as well as having an intellectual discourse with the ASEAN diplomats based in Mexico City.



ASEAN COMMITTEE IN MEXICO CITY (ACMC) AMBASSADORS FIRST MEETING IN 2017



On 19 April, ASEAN Committee in Mexico City (ACMC) had its first Ambassadors Meeting for 2017 at the Ambassador of Indonesia's Residence as the chair of ACMC. It has been a practice for ACMC to have regular Working Group Officers level meeting followed by Ambassadors meeting. The 5 ASEAN Ambassadors based in Mexico City - Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam with their respective officers were present.

With a common view of making ASEAN more visible in Mexico, the Ambassadors reviewed previous activities conducted and strategized for upcoming activities. They also took the opportunity to congratulate the new Ambassador of Thailand to Mexico, H.E. Ms. Rommanee Kananurak who arrived on 17 March 2017 and presented her Letters of Credence to H.E. Enrique Pena Neito, President of Mexico on 11 April 2017. After the meeting, scrumptious Indonesian lunch was served.

ASEAN SEMINAR – El Colegio de Mexico

On 4 May, the five Mexico City-based ASEAN Ambassadors participated in the ASEAN 50th Anniversary-Seminar organized by El Colegio de Mexico (ColMex), one of Mexico's well known university for Social and International Relations studies. It is a prestigious Mexican institute of higher education, specializing in teaching and research in social sciences and humanities. This Institution received the Prince of Asturias Award for Social Sciences in 2001. ColMex is also one of the local the universities that signed Memorandum of Understanding on education with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM).



In the presence of approximately 60 ColMex's students and professors, the Seminar was moderated by Dr. Amaury Garcia, Director of Asia and Africa Study. The Ambassadors of Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and Philippines respectively delivered a talk on the following subjects:

- i. Three Pillars of ASEAN Cooperation (Malaysia);
- ii. ASEAN Integration (Thailand);
- iii. ASEAN Regionalism (Viet Nam);
- iv. ASEAN Achievement in 50 Years (Indonesia); and
- v. ASEAN Way Forward and the Priorities of the Philippines as ASEAN Chair (Philippines)

During the Seminar, a photo exhibition of places of interest of the participating ASEAN countries was held at the foyer of the university. A reception with finger foods of each country was also held at the end of the Seminar to the delight of the audience.



New King For Malaysia



**SULTAN
MUHAMMAD V**



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 is 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.

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



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,

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia

SEMAKAN DAN PENDAFTARAN PENGUNDI

Kedutaan Besar Malaysia di Mexico City sukacita memaklumkan bahawa pihak kami sedang giat membuat semakan dan pendaftaran pengundi bagi pihak Suruhanjaya Pilihan Raya Malaysia.

Dalam hal ini, kami mengalu-alukan tuan/puan yang memenuhi syarat sebagai pengundi untuk hadir ke Kedutaan Besar Malaysia, sama ada untuk mendaftar sebagai pengundi baharu atau untuk mendaftar sebagai Pengundi Pos Luar Negara.

Waktu urusan pendaftaran adalah melalui temujanji, sepanjang hari Isnin hingga Jumaat dari jam 9.30 pagi sehingga jam 4.30 petang. Adalah diingatkan bahawa MyKad diperlukan untuk proses ini.

Tuan/Puan juga boleh menyemak daftar pengundi melalui laman sesawang berikut:

<http://daftari.spr.gov.my/DAFTARJ/>





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.



Picture Gallery



← 27th MEETING COUNCIL OF THE AMBASSADORS OIC GROUP – MEXICO CITY



Courtesy call on Mdm. Nuvia Mayorga Delgado, D.G. of the National Commission for the Development of Indigenous People's Mexico



← Dinner with the Media Representative & Hotelier



← Courtesy call by Mr. Victor Mata Temoltzin, Secretary of Economic Development of Puebla City



Asociación de Cónyuges de Diplomáticos (ACD)'s Garden Tea Party



Raya at Embassy of Saudi Arabia

ACD's visit to Women Help Foundation



Taste of Mexico



FRESH HUEVOS RANCHEROS

prep Time: 25 mins;
cook Time: 20 mins;
total Time: 45
minutes; yield: 4
servings; category:
Breakfast; cuisine:
Mexican

This classic huevos
rancheros recipe
features fresh pico de
gallo on top. Huevos
rancheros is a

vegetarian Mexican breakfast with eggs, tortillas and salsa. Recipe yields 4 hearty but modest servings of one tortilla and egg each, so multiply the recipe if necessary.

INGREDIENTS

Pico de gallo*

- 2 medium ripe tomatoes, chopped (about 1 ½ cups)
- ¼ cup finely chopped white onion
- ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons lime juice (about 1 medium lime)
- ¼ teaspoon fine-grain sea salt

Refried black beans

- 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
- ¼ cup finely chopped white onion
- ¼ teaspoon fine-grain sea salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained, or 1 ½ cups cooked black beans
- ¼ cup water
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- ½ teaspoon lime juice

Everything else

- 1 ½ cups (12 ounces) of your favorite red salsa, either homemade or jarred (my favorite salsa recipe is in my cookbook)
- 4 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 4 eggs
- 4 corn tortillas
- ½ cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese (optional)
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Optional garnishes: Crumbled Cotija or feta cheese, sliced avocado, additional chopped cilantro and/or hot sauce

INSTRUCTIONS

1. To prepare the pico de gallo: In a medium bowl, combine the tomatoes, onion, cilantro, lime juice, and salt. Stir to combine, then set the bowl aside for later.
2. To cook the black beans: In a small saucepan over medium heat, warm the olive oil until shimmering. Add the onions and salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the onions have softened and are turning translucent, about 3 to 6 minutes.
3. Add the cumin and cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Pour in the drained beans and water. Stir, cover and cook for 5 minutes. Reduce the heat to low, then remove the lid and use a potato masher or the back of a fork to mash up about at least half of the beans. Continue to cook the beans, uncovered, stirring often, for 2 to 3 more minutes, until thickened.
4. Remove the pot from the heat and stir in the pepper and lime juice. Taste and add more salt, pepper or lime juice if necessary. If the beans seem dry, add a very small splash of water and stir to combine. Cover until you're ready to serve.
5. Meanwhile, warm the salsa. Pour the salsa into a medium saucepan over medium heat. Bring the salsa to a simmer, stirring occasionally, and then reduce the heat to low until you're ready to serve.
6. In a small skillet over medium heat, warm each tortilla individually, flipping as necessary. Spread the black bean mixture over each tortilla and place each tortilla on an individual plate. Set aside.
7. To fry the eggs: In the same skillet over medium heat, pour in 1 teaspoon olive oil and wait until it's shimmering. Carefully crack an egg and pour it into the skillet without breaking the yolk. Fry the egg, lifting and tilting the pan occasionally to redistribute the oil, until the whites are set and the yolk is cooked to your preferred level of doneness. Place the fried egg on top of a prepared tortilla and repeat with the remaining eggs.
8. Spoon about one-fourth of the warmed salsa across each dish, avoiding the egg yolk. Use a slotted spoon or fork to do the same with the pico de gallo, leaving the messy tomato juices behind. Sprinkle with freshly ground black pepper and add any additional garnishes you might like.
9. Serve immediately. If you don't use up all of your beans, leftovers are a great dip for tortilla chips.

HASTA PROXIMA VEZ



LOCALLY-RECRUITED STAFF

Name : Alejandro Vera Beitia
 D.O.B. : 31 May 1958
 Position : Driver
 Service : 4 January 1994 (23 years)
 Family : A wife, 3 children and 1 grandson

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT THE CHANCERY

On 7 March and 23 May 2017, the staff members of the Embassy together with the Ambassador held a birthday celebration for the staff whose birthdays were in the 1st and 2nd quarter of 2017. They were Mdm. Roshidah Ibrahim, Third Secretary; Mdm. Norlilah Ahmad, PA to Ambassador, Ms. Alma, Mdm. Graciela, Mdm. Lillian, Ms. Patricia Herdia, Mr. Alejandro, Mr. Alfredo Neira, Mr.



Juan Carlos and Mr. Pedro Locally Recruited Staff (LRS).

At the same time in May, the Embassy bid farewell to Mdm. Graciela who retired in June 2017. She had served the Embassy for 20 years as a cleaner, a good cleaner. All the best to Mdm. Graciela!

Happy Birthdays! May God Al-mighty shower them with blessings and continued good health.

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