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From the Editorial Desk

Eid Mubarak and Salam 1Malaysia to all our fellow Malaysians and readers in the Sultanate of Oman! The New Year was off to a great start with VVIP visits from KDYMM Tengku Mahkota Pahang and YABhg. Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad in March and May 2017, respectively. A number of Malaysian agencies also visited our shores including Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (International Medical Tourism Exhibition and Conference, 4-6 April 2017) and Education Malaysia Global Services (Global Higher Education Exhibition, 18-20 April 2017). The Secretary-General of National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia, various corporations and businessmen from Malaysia were also in the Sultanate to expand bilateral trade and seek various opportunities offered in the country.

The first half of 2017 witnessed Malaysia successfully completing its six-month Chairmanship of the ASEAN Committee in Muscat. Various ASEAN-related activities had been organised including a futsal tournament and a barbecue evening aimed at strengthening camaraderie among the ASEAN community in Muscat.

The Embassy was also involved in co-hosting several events such as the Chinese New Year gathering, bowling tournament, and Iftar Ramadan in an effort to reach out to our nationals in the Sultanate of Oman as such engagements will help foster closer ties among the small Malaysian community in the Sultanate.

We hope that you will enjoy reading the third issue of the Embassy's e-newsletter.

NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION 2050



"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.

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.

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. -End-

For more information, please visit <https://mytn50.com/>

NEW KING FOR MALAYSIA



ABOUT Sultan Muhammad V

Date of birth

6 October 1969

Education

Sultan Ismail School (1976-81)
Alice Smith School (1983)
Oakham School UK (1989)
Oxford University (1989-91)
Courses at Huron University College,
Deutsche Stiftung Internationale
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Hobbies

Horseback riding, reading, golf, shooting,
badminton, bowling, football, 4WD
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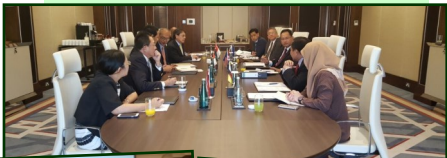
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KDYMM Tengku Mahkota Pahang was in the Sultanate of Oman from 29-31 March 2017 to attend the Congress of Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) in his capacity as the President of AHF .



YABhg. Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, former Prime Minister of Malaysia, presented the keynote address at the 3rd Duqm Society and Economy Forum in Muscat on 9 May 2017.



Malaysia completed its Chairmanship of the ASEAN Committee in Muscat for the period January-June 2017.



H.E. Shahril Effendi Abd. Ghany, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Sultanate of Oman, made a series of courtesy calls on several dignitaries including the Minister of State and Governor of Muscat (1), Minister Responsible for Defence Affairs (2), Minister of Information (3) and Chairman of State Council (4).

NEW KING FOR MALAYSIA

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The new Yang di-Pertuan Agong (King) of Malaysia, Sultan Muhammad V (Sultan of Kelantan) was officially installed on 24 April 2017 in a ceremony steeped in Malay Royal costume and 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 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 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 it 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, was officially appointed as the Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong at the same ceremony. -End-



15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Muhammad V



Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah

CHINESE NEW YEAR GATHERING



10 February 2017 - The Malaysian community in Muscat gathered at the Recreational Club, Royal Hospital Muscat, to welcome the Year of the Rooster. The Chinese New Year celebration was officiated by H.E. Shahril Effendi Abd. Ghany, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Sultanate of Oman. The fun-filled gathering was attended by Malaysians of different races and religions reflecting the diverse ethnicity in Malaysia living together in peace and harmony. -End-

HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI OPEN HOUSE

26 June 2017 - H.E. Shahril Effendi Abd. Ghany, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Sultanate of Oman, hosted a Hari Raya Aidilfitri open house on the first day of Syawal at the official residence. Guests enjoyed various dishes on the festive occasion including traditional favourites *rendang daging*, *ayam masak merah*, *nasi minyak*, *kuah kacang*, *lodeh* and *nasi impit*. -End-



SNAPSHOTS



Visiting Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (left) and Education Malaysia Global Services (right) booths at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre.



Meeting with various companies and individuals from Malaysia such as Pantai Hospital (left), National Chamber of Commerce of Malaysia (top right) and Reconsult PLT (below right).



The ASEAN Committee in Muscat organised a Futsal Tournament (top) and an ASEAN Barbecue Night (below) to promote camaraderie among the members of the ASEAN community.

AMBASSADOR OF MALAYSIA CHALLENGE CUP



5 May 2017 - Malaysian bowling enthusiasts thronged the Oman Bowling Club, Muscat, to participate in the inaugural Ambassador of Malaysia Challenge Cup. More than 50 Malaysians competed in the tournament in three different categories: Men, Women and Children below 15 years old. The event was also attended by family and friends who came to support the participants. Mr. Syed Mohd Hafez (Men), Ms. Sofia Zul (Women) and Mr. Ezwan Hakimi (Children) emerged victors at the event. The Malaysian community in attendance enjoyed a fun day out and wonderful camaraderie in a friendly sport activity. -End-



The ASEAN Ladies Circle (ALC) ushered in the New Year organising several activities including a cooking demonstration (top left), dolphin watching trip (top right) and bowling tournament (below).

IFTAR RAMADAN



10 June 2017 - Fellow Malaysians of all races gathered for an Iftar Ramadan at the Embassy of Malaysia, Muscat. A *tazkirah* was delivered by Ustaz Zamerey bin Abd Razak of Akademi Imam Syafie before the breaking of fast. The event, which was organised in collaboration with *Majlis Ilmu Muscat*, saw the participation of more than 100 Malaysians and family members in a spirit of friendly good-fellowship to celebrate the holy month of Ramadan. -End-

SNAPSHOTS



The Embassy of Malaysia in Muscat joined the international community at the International Day 2017 organised by The American International School of Muscat on 3 March 2017. *Satay, Laksa Sarawak* and *Nasi Lemak* were among the hot favourites on sale at the Malaysian booth.

MENDAFTAR SEBAGAI PENGUNDI

Warganegara Malaysia yang berumur 21 tahun dan ke atas dan masih belum mendaftar sebagai pengundi boleh mendaftar di Kedutaan Besar Malaysia, Muscat dengan membawa bersama kad pengenalan (asal dan salinan) semasa waktu pejabat (Ahad-Khamis 9.00 pagi - 1.00 petang).



Assisting NGOs from Malaysia in their humanitarian missions in Yemen. Seen here with the Malaysian Relief Agency (right) and SaveYemen (left).

PENGUNDI POS DALAM NEGARA

PENGUNDI POS LUAR NEGARA



ANGGOTA MEDIA

Bertugas sewaktu pilihan raya. Membuat permohonan melalui majukan masing-masing.



PTH PENJAWAT AWAM DI LUAR NEGARA & PASANGAN

Telah mendaftar sebagai pengundi dan bertugas di luar negara.



WARGANEGARA DI LUAR NEGARA

Mendaftar dan layak mengundi tetapi berada di luar negara dan tidak berkesempatan untuk pulang mengundi di Malaysia.

* memenuhi syarat yang ditetapkan



ANGGOTA PILIHAN RAYA

Petugas-petugas pilihan raya yang dilantik oleh SPR bagi membantu melaksanakan pilihan raya.

SYARAT UNDI POS LUAR NEGARA

Warganegara Malaysia **21** ke atas

Rakyat Malaysia di Luar Negara hendaklah balik sekurang-kurangnya 30 hari dalam tempoh 5 tahun.



PTH PELAJAR DI LUAR NEGARA & PASANGAN

Telah mendaftar sebagai pengundi dan menuntut sepenuh masa di luar negara.

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PERWAKILAN Muscat hosted a joyful Pre-Ramadan gathering on 17 May 2017.



PERWAKILAN Muscat had a very busy 2017 holding several activities including Zumba sessions every Wednesday (top), a visit to the National Museum (below left) and a health talk (below right).



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