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# Foreword from Consul-General

2016 was a really exciting year for the Consulate-General of Malaysia in Perth. The year was full of ups and downs; and the team at the Consulate was busy experimenting many new things with the ultimate aim to improving and enhancing our delivery system to our stakeholders in Western Australia. Case in point would be the introduction of our hotline number where we are now accessible by the public practically 24/7. Our online registration also enables fellow Malaysians to register themselves with the Consulate at the comfort of their home or student accommodation or where ever they are. On our engagements with other stakeholders, we have increased the numbers by many folds where some of the engagements had either been reflected in the past editions of our newsletter or appear in the current one.

Enough of 2016. Let's focus on what is in store for 2017. This year would be particularly important for us as we will be celebrating two milestones in the month of August alone. **First** - ASEAN will turn 50 on 8 August 2017. Malaysia as the Chair of the ASEAN Working Group in Perth would have to shoulder additional responsibility in making this momentous achievement a memorable one. We have a number of interesting programmes in the pipeline which will involve various stakeholders including the bureaucrats and students.

**Second** - Malaysia will celebrate her 60th Merdeka celebration on 31 August 2017 which also marks the 60th anniversary of Malaysia - Australia diplomatic relations. This is certainly another momentous achievement that calls for a celebration. It is undoubtedly a great opportunity for us to renew our pledge of loyalty to our nation and reflect on what we have achieved for the past six decades.

For all the successes and accomplishments - we shall remain grateful to the Almighty and benchmark them for greater achievements in the future. Likewise, for any perceived failures or areas where we fell short of the standard, we shall strive together to perform better in the years to come. There are many channels or avenues where this noble aim can be achieved. Any matters or complaints pertaining to the delivery of services by the Consulate can be directed to our email where we welcome and value constructive criticisms from our stakeholders as well as ideas that are inspiring, focused and outcome - driven. For issues pertaining to Malaysia as a nation, everyone is talking about *Transformasi Nasional 2050* or better known as TN50. It is your opportunity to have your voice heard that could help to define Malaysia and shape our future. To begin with, we have a dedicated section where our students were randomly chosen to express themselves without any prejudice. The simple question posed to them, albeit differently couched, was premised very much on the spirit of TN50 and we were very excited to see the breadth and depth of their thinking and vision for Malaysia.

Keep the ideas coming...Let's work together for Our Malaysia!

*Selamanya Malaysia*

*Naza*





**WORKING VISIT BY  
YB DATO' SRI LIOW TIONG LAI  
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, MALAYSIA  
TO PERTH**

22 & 23 JANUARY 2017

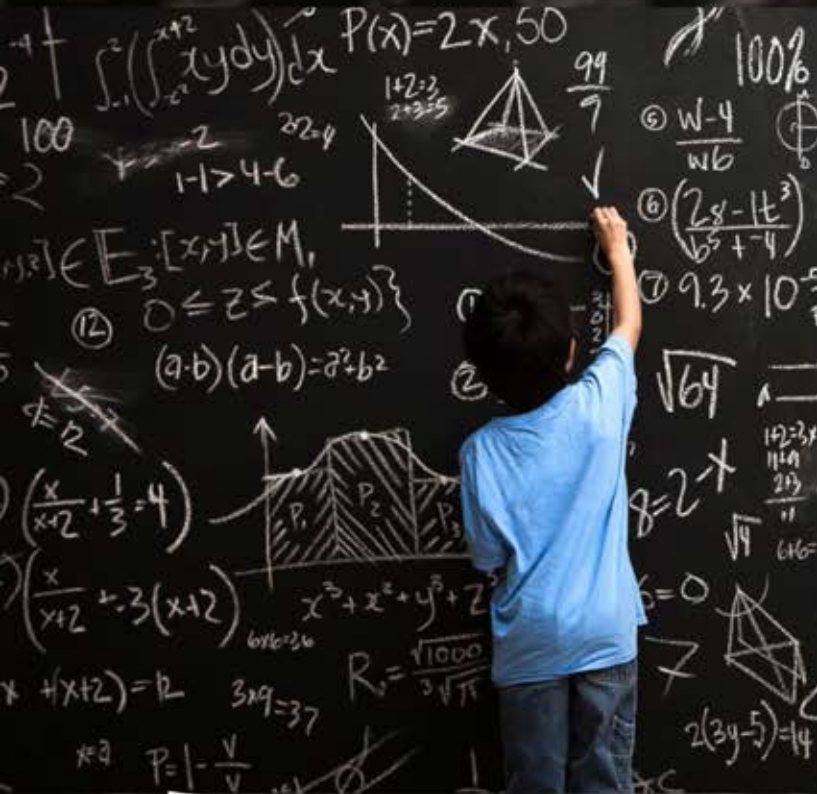


Following the official announcement on the suspension of underwater search for MH370, YB Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai had undertaken a working visit to Perth to meet his Australian counterpart, Hon. Darren Chester to discuss on a number of outstanding issues. The members of the Tripartite Committee then met with the crew of Fugro Equator at Port Henderson to personally thank the crew for their commitment in undertaking one of the biggest search operations in the aviation history, a clear reflection of the Committee's commitment towards the search operation.



# KIDS CODING CAMP

27 JANUARY 2017



The Ladies' Circle at the Consulate or better known as PERWAKILAN had organised a special programme for Malaysian school kids in a programme called Kids Coding Camp on 27 January 2017 at Malaysia Hall Perth. The camp was participated by 7 Malaysian school children from the age of 8 to 16 years. They were accompanied by their parents during the session.

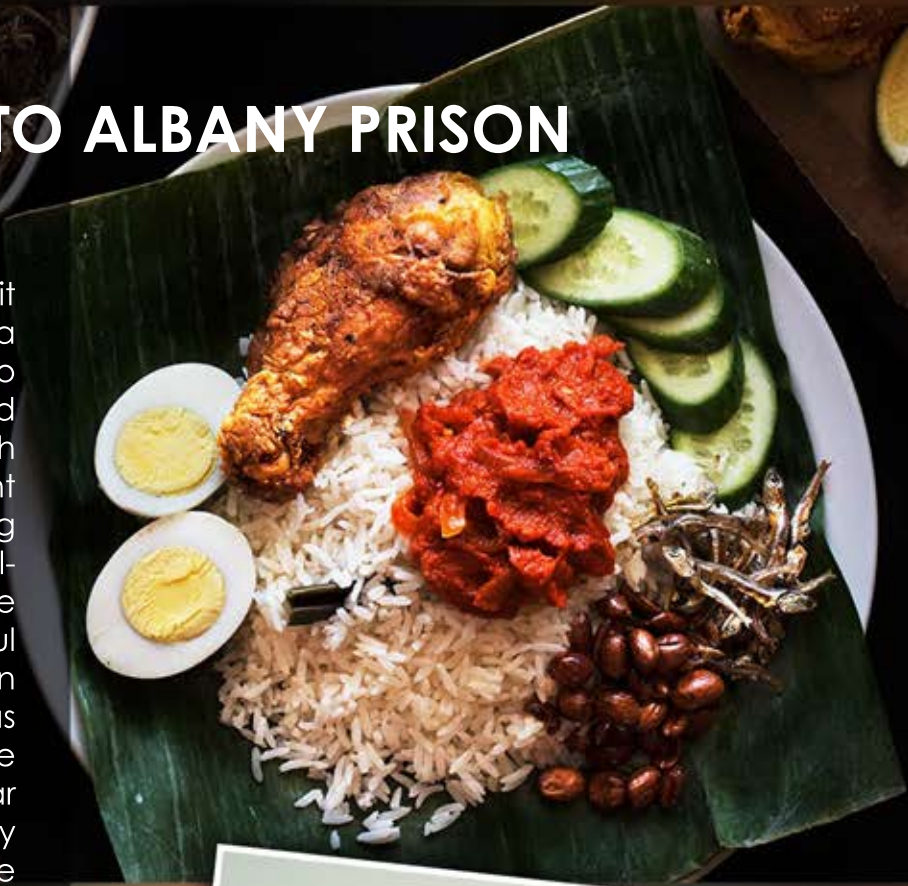
The programme accorded the participants with the opportunities to learn how to create simple animations and games using free online tools. The instructor for the camp was Dr. Norshuhani Zamin, Secretary of PERWAKILAN who used to teach at University of Technology PETRONAS in Information Technology. Certificates of attendance were presented to all participants by Puan Azimah Aziz, Chairperson of PERWAKILAN at the end of the camp.



# CONSULAR VISIT TO ALBANY PRISON

30 JANUARY 2017

As part of the monthly prison visit organised by the Consulate, a three-member team went to Albany Prison located approximately 320 km from Perth with a view to engaging eight Malaysian inmates currently serving their terms there. The Consul-General was accompanied by the Assistant to Vice Consul (Immigration) and one Malaysian student leader. The visit was arranged to coincide with the celebration of Chinese New Year where the visiting team not only donned themselves in Chinese dress but also brought some home-cooked food for the inmates to celebrate the emergence of new Chinese lunar calendar. It was obvious that the inmates were delighted to see familiar faces from the Consulate and some of them even requested for special dishes when the Consulate team visits them next.



# CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER BY AMWA

5 FEBRUARY 2017



The Association of Malaysians in Western Australia (AMWA) had organised its annual Chinese New Year Dinner to celebrate the year of rooster on 5 February 2017. It was well attended by 150 guests including Minister Dr. Mike Nahan (Treasurer and Minister of Multicultural Interests of Western Australia), Hon. Bill Johnston MLA as well as the Consul-General of Malaysia.





**AFP**  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

# MORNING TEA SESSION HOSTED BY AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

8 FEBRUARY 2017

The Australian Federal Police organised a Morning Tea session with local Muslim community which event was attended by approximately 50 participants including those from the Consular Corps. Commander Matt Rippon, State Manager of Western Australia and Northern Territory of AFP, in his welcoming remarks, welcomed the strong support given by the Muslim community in WA and expressed his aspiration to create an enduring relationship with the Muslim community.





The Consulate-General of Malaysia had organised a session called “An Afternoon with IOM” where two representatives from International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Perth were invited to share their knowledge and experience in carrying out their duties and responsibilities effectively in Perth. The session which lasted close to 2 hours was participated by all staff at the Consulate.



# ASEAN WORKING GROUP MEETING

22 FEBRUARY 2017



The first ASEAN Working Group in Perth meeting was held on 22 February 2017 at the Consulate-General of the Republic of Indonesia. It was attended by all AWG members (Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Viet Nam). Various issues as well as activities that are to be carried out by the group were discussed. In line with the tradition of AWG, the chairmanship of AWG Perth was handed over to Malaysia following the successful year of chairmanship by Indonesia in 2016 and Viet Nam in 2015.



# MALAYSIA

## VS

# REDBACKS

## 7 March 2017

The Malaysian Women Basketball team was in Perth to undergo a week-long intensive training in preparing the team for the upcoming SEA Games in Kuala Lumpur in August 2017. A special meeting with the Consulate was arranged to formally introduce the team to the Consulate at the Department of Sports and Recreation of WA. The supporters from the Consulate had the opportunity to watch one of the friendly games that had been arranged where Malaysia put up a sterling performance to tame down The Redbacks with a score of 81 - 74. A special performance was performed by Cempakasari, a local dance troupe based in Perth, at the half time interval.







# HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH

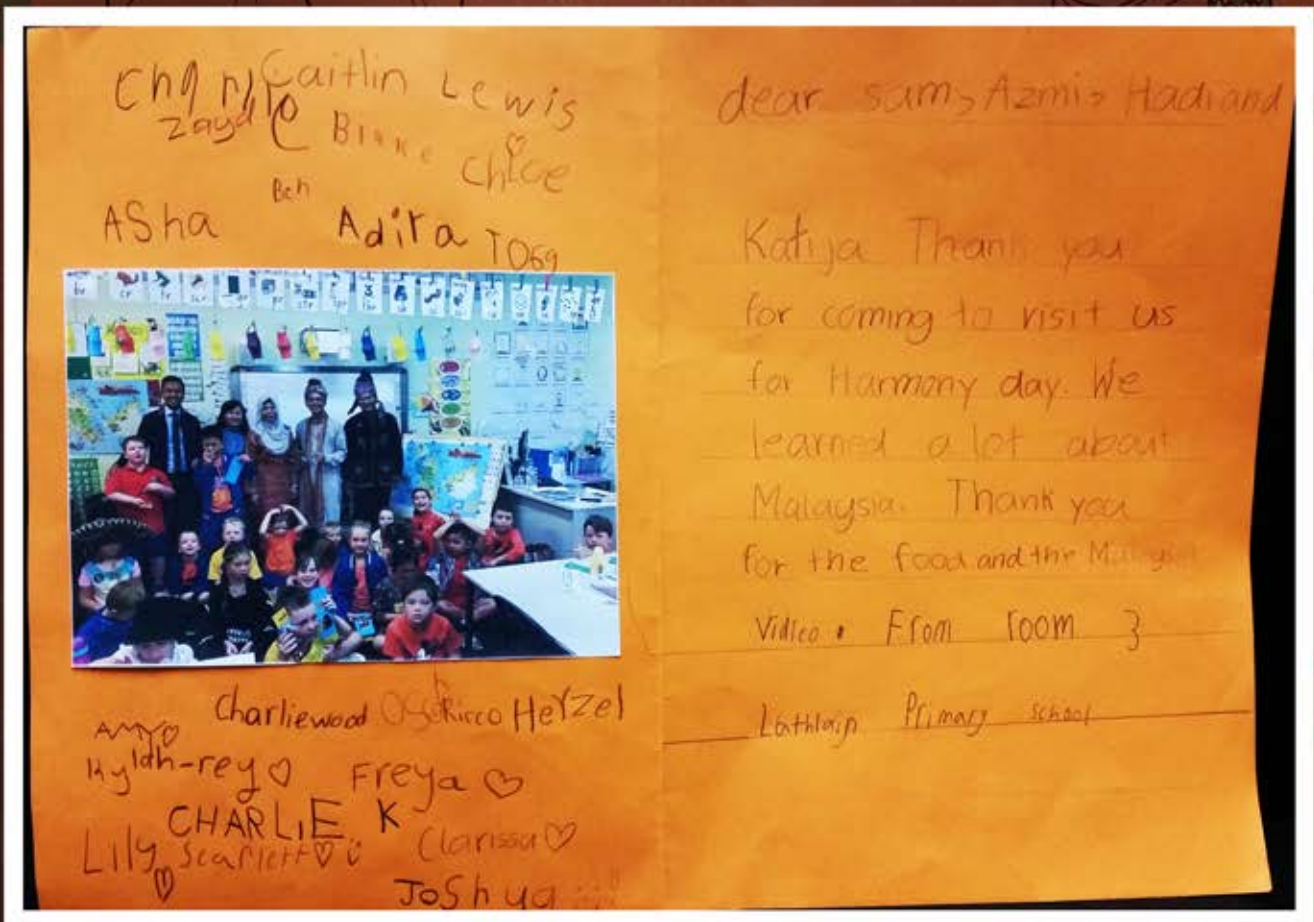
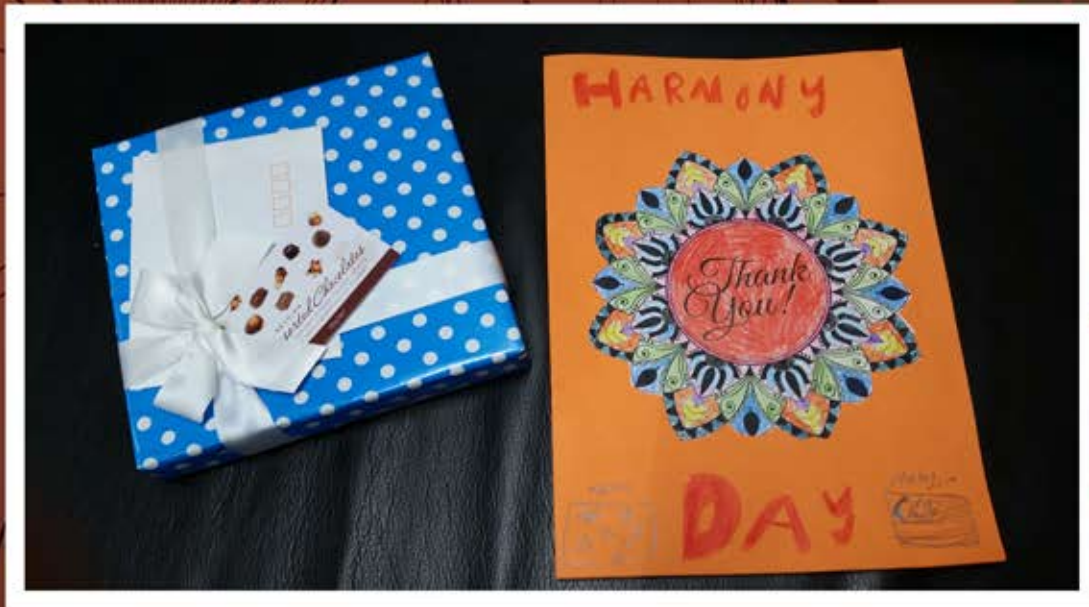
Pada 21 April 2017 bertempat di Lathlain Primary School telah berlangsung Program 'Harmony Day' di mana semua pelajar sekolah tersebut diberi pendedahan berkaitan kepelbagaian budaya, bahasa dan pakaian masyarakat dunia. Konsulat Jeneral Malaysia telah berpeluang mengikuti aktiviti tersebut dengan memperagakan pakaian masyarakat Malaysia serta menyediakan juadah ala Malaysia seperti karipap, kuih bingka pandan, kuih lapis, popia dan ubi goreng.

Delegasi Konsulat telah memberikan penerangan berkaitan Malaysia khususnya tempat-tempat menarik untuk dikunjungi oleh pelajar-pelajar tersebut. Cenderahati yang disediakan oleh Tourism Malaysia juga mendapat reaksi balas yang sangat positif. Legoland semestinya menjadi tempat yang menarik perhatian kesemua pelajar tersebut.

Inisiatif Konsulat mendapat pujian ramai pelajar termasuk para guru serta Pengetua sekolah tersebut. Secara kebetulan pula, seorang guru berbangsa Inggeris memaklumkan bahawa beliau dilahirkan di Kuala Lipis, Pahang.



*Orang berbudi kita berbahasa,  
Tanda Ingatan Daripada Pelajar Lathlain Primary School*



# SHILA AMZAH PERTH CUP 2017

21 - 24 APRIL 2017



ND Lala FC which was made up of local celebrities from Malaysia was in Perth from 21 - 24 April 2017 for two football friendly matches against WA Police in Rockingham and Boulder City Soccer Club in Kalgoorlie on 21 and 23 April 2017 respectively. The team performed pretty impressively to record a convincing win 4 - 1 in its first match before going down 1 - 3 to the local champion in Kalgoorlie. Malaysians in Perth came in droves to support the team and showed a truly commendable Malaysia Boleh spirit which won the praises from the organiser.

A dinner in honour of the Malaysian team was held at the residence of the Malaysian Consul-General on 24 April 2017 where it was well attended by not just the players but many other Malaysians who lived in Perth.



# MALAYSIA RUGBY 15s PERTH TOUR 2017

The Malaysian national rugby team (M15s) was in Perth as part of its preparation for the upcoming ARC 2017 which was held in Ipoh from 14 - 20 May 2017. The team had two trial matches against Emerge Force Rugby and Palmyra Rugby Club as part of its training. In line with the usual practice and tradition, some of the staff at the Consulate and fellow Malaysians in Perth, largely, students went to support the team when they played against the two local teams. A special breakfast session was hosted by the Consul-General of Malaysia in honour of the team before they flew back to Malaysia on 27 April 2017.



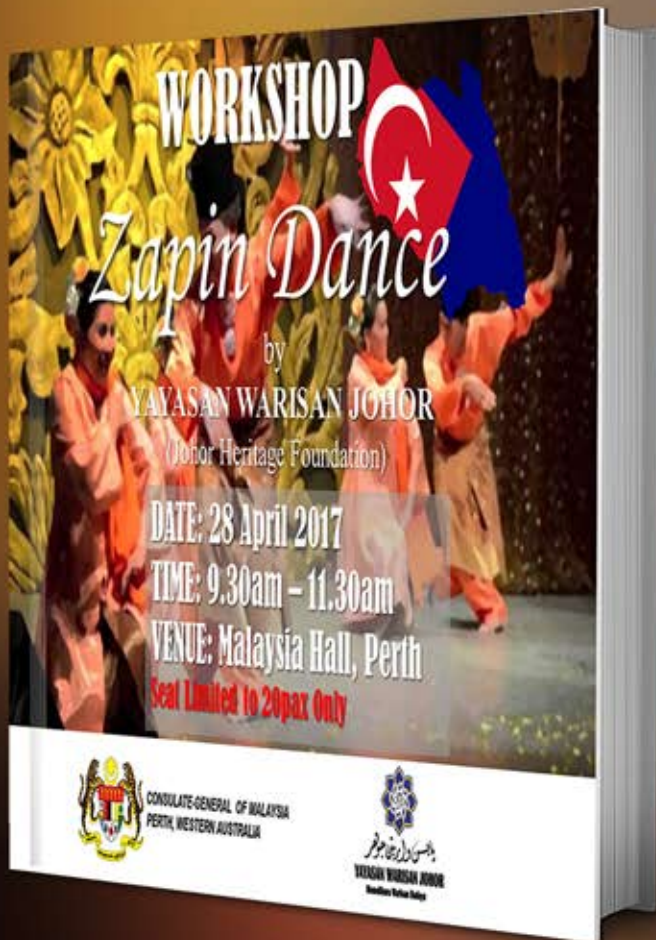
# KEMBARA BUDAYA YAYASAN WARISAN JOHOR

28 - 30 APRIL 2017



Yayasan Warisan Johor telah berkunjung ke Perth di atas pelawaan Konsulat Jeneral Malaysia di Perth untuk mempertontonkan tarian yang sinonim dengan Negeri Johor Darul Takzim iaitu zapin. Antara aktiviti yang telah diaturkan adalah bengkel tarian zapin yang telah diadakan di Dewan Malaysia Perth pada 28 April 2017 serta flash mob zapin yang telah diadakan di tengah-tengah kesibukan Murray St di pusat bandar. Selain itu, lapan penari dari YWJ turut menyertai Festival Kebudayaan dan Busana Melayu yang telah diadakan di Morley pada 30 April 2017. Satu jamuan makan malam telah diadakan di kediaman Konsul Jeneral Malaysia sebagai meraikan kehadiran mereka.

*Kuning emas masaknya padi  
Mawar indah dalam jambangan  
Terima kasih daun keladi  
Budi YWJ jadi kenangan*



Zapin is a type of folk dance peculiar to the State of Johor. It is believed that Muslim missionaries from the Middle East, namely, the Persians and Arabs had introduced the dance to the Malay Peninsula during the fifteenth century. Zapin has since been adapted to Johor Malay culture. The dance was originally performed by males only. However, it is also performed by female dancers in recent times.

His Royal Highness Sultan Ibrahim of Johor, on being consulted on the idea to fly in the internationally renowned zapin dance troupe from Yayasan Warisan Johor, had decreed for an eight-member dance troupe from YWJ to participate in the Malay Cultural & Fashion Show (MCFS) that was organised by Makan Angin Perth and Pelangi Biru Wedding Planner on 30 April 2017. It was indeed a fantastic opportunity to further promote zapin to international audiences.

To cut the story short, other than performing at the said MCFS, the YWJ dancers had also participated in the Zapin Workshop held at Malaysia Hall, Perth on 28 April 2017 where close to 20 participants attended the workshop. Additionally, the dancers had promoted the unique and energetic dance to the local audience by putting up a flash mob which was organised at Murray St during the rush hour on Friday afternoon.



# MALAY CULTURAL & FASHION SHOW

## MORLEY RECREATION CENTRE

30 APRIL 2017

The Malay community in Perth had successfully organised its first Malay Cultural & Fashion Show on 30 April 2017 which event was well attended by 150 guests including a number of representatives from WA Government agencies as well as community-based entities.

The guests were entertained with a wide range of Malay cultural performances such as zapin and joget dances, silat and kumpang. There was also a special performance by Liza Hanim who belted out a number of evergreen songs as well as her own hit songs in addition to Shahnizam - Perth's very own local singer.

The highlights of the event were the Malay wedding parade and bersanding which was presented by Pelangi Biru Wedding Planner from Kuala Lumpur. Sumptuous Malay foods were served to the guests. Essentially, it was a feast to all guests, both for the stomach and for the eyes.

Congratulations to the organisers - Makan Angin Perth and Pelangi Biru Wedding Planner - for the job well done!

Main organisers:





I recently had two wonderful reasons to attend the Malay Fashion and Cultural Show. Having just returned from an opportunity to travel to Johor with the Consul-General of Malaysia, Mr Nazarudin Jaafar, I was keen to catch up and discuss some of our experiences. I also needed to spend some time with my daughter Matilda and to take her along to this event was great for both of us.

The afternoon promised cultural performances, live entertainment and a delicious meal. It certainly delivered that and a lot more. We began our afternoon with a cool glass of bandung and met some of the guests who had been invited, including representatives from Tourism Johor who had looked after me so well on my recent adventure.

With the show about to begin we were escorted to our tables. It wasn't long before music and dance from Cempakasari, Yayasan Warisan Johor and other groups completely absorbed us in the vibrant culture of Malaysia.



BY CHRIS PARRY

## MALAY FASHION AND CULTURAL SHOW

Strong vocal performances by Shahnizam Omar and the very popular Liza Hanim ensured that the audience were inspired and proud.

The fashion parade was extremely elegant and I only wish there had been some men's fashion on display. Surely next year the Consul-General can model one of his tailor made suits.

With food that was authentic and delicious, Matilda and I made our way through curry, spicy rice, satay and some delicate pandan sweets before making the difficult decision that it was time for us to go home.

The hard work by Makan Angin Perth, Radio Melayu Perth, the Johor Heritage Foundation, Pelangi Biru and of course Imran and everyone else involved made sure that this was an event that was spectacular and inspiring.

In the car on the way home, Matilda couldn't stop talking about the music, the costumes and the food but most importantly she had a great big smile on her face and said that everyone was so happy and friendly and she wants to go to Malaysia for her next holiday.

What a great idea!



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# PERWAKILAN PERTH FOOD BAZAAR

## 7 MAY 2017



After a hiatus of two years, PERWAKILAN Perth made a comeback with its food bazaar themed as Flavour of Malaysia on 7 May 2017. It was held at the garage of the Consulate where ten stalls offered a variety of foods and drinks to satisfy the appetite of fellow Malaysians and non-Malaysians who flocked to the venue. It was estimated that close to 500 visitors came to the event where all the food were sold out within an hour and a half. Foods and drinks that were on sale include three types of laksa, rojak, nasi lemak, mee rebus, kue teow, nasi campur, roti jala, various types of kuih-muih and a generous selection of drinks which include Malaysia's all-time favourites such as teh tarik, sirap bandung and milo dinosaur. A special silat performance was performed by Sdr. Meor from Persatuan Seni Silat Gayung before the bazaar was declared opened. The response from the public was so overwhelming and they had requested the Consulate and PERWAKILAN Perth to host a bigger food bazaar in the future.



# MM2H NETWORKING SEMINAR

10 MAY 2017



A special MM2H Networking Seminar was organised by Aubella (MM2H) Sdn Bhd with the full support of its local partners in Perth on 10 May 2017. It was attended by approximately 20 participants. Brief introduction to Malaysia, the details of MM2H programme as well as property investment opportunities were presented to the participants. Prior to the seminar, the MM2H delegation called on the Consul-General of Malaysia at the latter's office which session was also attended by the Director of Tourism Malaysia, Perth and Vice Consul (Immigration) where both sides exchanged views on the subject matter and agreed in principle on future collaboration.





# STUDENTS GET-TOGETHER

12 MAY 2017

The Consul-General of Malaysia hosted a small gathering involving 60 Malaysian students which event was closely aligned to the initiative under TN50. The gathering was essentially a prelude to the actual TN50 event that will be organised in the next few months. Some preliminary thoughts on what their visions were for Malaysia were shared with the team from the Consulate.





**SAYA  
ANAK  
MALAYSIA  
LAH!**

## **WHAT'S YOUR VISION FOR MALAYSIA?**



**Amanina S Zafirah, University of Western Australia**

*"...a strong "love your country" attitude to be deeply cultivated in the heart and minds of all Malaysians with a view to promoting unity among its peoples..."*

**Danial Sammons, Murdoch University**

*"... a more united society with no racial abuse as well as greater allocation for arts appreciation initiatives and activities throughout the nation..."*



**Melati Enida Pahamin, Edith Cowan University**

*"...to create a "blended" nation where we care for each other including respect for the diverse culture..."*

**Engku Adam, Curtin University**

*"... a marked reduction in traffic congestion and better public transportation system which is easily accessible by the public..."*



**Alister Yong, Polytechnic West**

*"...more united and peaceful Malaysia..."*

**Afiq Akhtar, Curtin University**

*"...a nation where its peoples are disciplined, industrious and assertive and strive towards achieving all round excellence in all aspects..."*





**Mohd Nur Najmuddin Azman, Murdoch University**

*"...for Malaysia to be a fully developed and harmony nation..."*

**Amzar Muhammad, University of Western Australia**

*"...the creation of one race - Bangsa Malaysia where we are proud of each other with mutual respect form the core value of the society..."*



**Dominic Louis Janna, Australian Professional Skills Institute**

*"...for Malaysia to be a better living place for its peoples with more parks be made available and more forests preserved..."*

**Razmel Razali, University of Western Australia**

*"...the people to be imbued with the spirit and feelings of being thankful and grateful to the prosperity that we currently enjoy..."*



**Veemelia Venaikar, Curtin University**

*"...if we view Malaysia as home, we need to treat each other more like family members. Perhaps the first step that we need to take would be by extending greater compassion to one another..."*



**Nicole Chung, University of Western Australia**

*"...political stability and economic progress for the nation and for Malaysia to retain its unique socio-cultural history and be the best in the region (ASEAN)..."*



**Tzer Haw, Curtin University**

*"...elimination of "no action, talk only" and "tidak apa" attitude or culture in Malaysia..."*



**Faizal Zainal, University of Western Australia**

*"...for Malaysia to be a high income nation in its mould where the people cherish and embrace the differences that exist in the country..."*





**Nur Mazliyana Osman, Murdoch University**

*"...#stopbashingeachother..."*

**Luzud Mosigil, Curtin University**

*"...to become a fully developed and progressive nation with educated citizens form the bedrock of the nation who adhere to democratic principles..."*



**Wei Jun Joo, University of Western Australia**

*"...to strive towards a clean and green Malaysia and easy access to high speed internet across the nation..."*



**Syaza Noreen Sopian, Australian Professional Skills Institute**

*"...total eradication of corruption, truly free market economy and protection of the rights of the minorities..."*



**Elister Chua Shi Hern, University of Western Australia**

*"...more higher education institutions to be established which could offer more opportunities for the rakyat to further their studies and for the issue of brain drain to be tackled effectively..."*



**Athira Nordin, Keystone College**

*"...the beauty of the world lies in the diversity of its people - together we stand united..."*



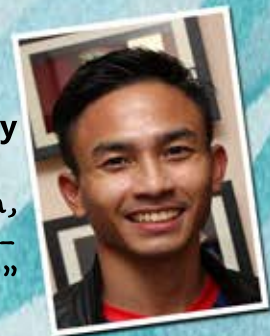
**Anwar Fazal Abdul Razak, University of Western Australia**

*"...a better Malaysia in all aspects..."*



**Riquan Aqif Ropli, Edith Cowan University**

*"...Malaysia to be at par with Germany and Japan, notably, on healthcare system where I want to contribute directly in its development in Malaysia..."*



**Jayaprakaash Chandrasagaran, Murdoch University**

*"...life-long learning culture to be nurtured among the peoples and overseas graduates must bring value add knowledge (and experience) to Malaysia..."*



# ACTIVITIES BY MALAYSIAN STUDENTS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## MARCH - APRIL 2017

Various events had been organised by Malaysian students associations to mark the new academic year as well as to welcome new students who have just arrived in Perth. Among the said students associations were Malaysian Students' Council of Australia (MASCA WA Chapter), Malaysian Murdoch Association (MMA), Association of Malaysian Students at Curtin University (AMS), Malaysian Islamic Society of Western Australia Inc (MISWA) and Malaysian Postgraduate Students' Association (MyPSA). Various activities such as ice-breaking session, games, BBQ etc. were organised with a view to strengthening the bonding among the old and new members of the above-referred students associations.



MISWA Archery Attack - 16/4/17



MMA Meet & Greet - 4/3/17



MCS Meet & Greet - 9/3/17



AMS Meet & Greet - 19/3/17



MyPSA Meet & Greet - 25/3/17



MASCA WA Meet & Greet - 18/3/17

# ACTIVITIES BY EDUCATION MALAYSIA PERTH (EMAP) JANUARY - JUNE 2017



# MY PhD JOURNEY

I DO THIS FOR THE  
SAKE OF GOD AND FOR THE  
GOODNESS OF MALAYSIAN  
COMMUNITY AND RESEARCH  
ACADEMIA.

by DR. NASIBAH AZME

I am always passionate to seek and further my knowledge, similarly to teaching. Coming from medical background and have diverted my passion from clinical into teaching profession for medical and supervising MSc postgraduate students in research for more than 10 years has slotted me in the very comfort zone back home. Being in medical academia, apart from being passionate in teaching undergraduate and postgraduate medical students, ones challenge are to sustain/intensify your medical research, embark into new research field, keep hunting for new research grants and increase your proprietary research articles for publication.

However, after being so long in this comfort zone, I realised that for knowledge, I have to pursue a PhD. I do realise that having a PhD degree in a time-based progression medical academia is secondary. But it is the passion in research, the development of the skillsets and exposure to new research methodology to be acquired thereafter shall be the ultimate objective.

These are the resources needed if I were to embark into the challenges of supervising PhD students. It essentially means I cannot stop at my current achievement having supervised only MSc research students. It's also a way contributing the humble skills acquired and knowledge gained overseas back to the country.

Fast forward - I began my journey in Perth. I chose to do PhD in Medicine at the University of Western Australia under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia and Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM). My PhD research work is in cardiovascular disease (CVD), a branch of medical studies focusing on the discovery of new drug to treat atherosclerosis.

CVD is the number one cause of mortality in Malaysia and Australia. In particular, atherosclerosis is the major form of CVD that often cause acute coronary syndromes and death. Current treatment strategies to treat the existing atherosclerotic plaques are not available in the medical world. It is, therefore, a privilege for me to do this study at the established Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research - a Western Australia's premier medical research institute with top notch technologies and facilities.

Basically, my work is a translational research work, in layman language we call it from bench to bedside i.e. from lab bench to hospital bedside. We test our drugs in bench then we proceed to the next step, namely, to treat human being.

For my clinical research, I explore a variety of human diseases samples from Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and work closely with the Head of vascular surgeon at the said hospital. I need to be on standby irrespective of time and days to collect these samples from operation theatre in elective or emergency surgery. These recurrently happened at odd hours as emergency amputations are not normal – hence collection of the samples take place at very unexpected time and days.

Then with the most medical precaution and procedural sensitivity, I have to work on these human samples for testing the respective drugs.

In addition to that, I explore the effects of my own developed drugs on mice which are fundamentally crucial for medical research. You can't simply introduce your drugs into human before you validate the effective treatment in rodents. Interestingly to note, doing that surgical on mice, requires lot of surgery skill (just like doing it on human) and a licence is a statutory prerequisite (one has to sit for an exam to get the licence).

This is something new for me. Australia is an animal savvy society, and the local community is particularly concerned about using lab rodents for experiments. You may without realising, be microscopically observed while on the job. Each single mouse or rat is your responsibility and you need to be really careful. Any lab mate/personnel passing by while you are working on the mice can simply complain of your mishandling to the animal committee board and your licence to use rodents may be revoked.

I am honoured to be selected as a trainee in my research institute to teach newcomer researcher for the surgery techniques done on rodents. It is indeed a great exposure and merit to my research career profile.



My lab working hours at times can be very challenging. There are times where I have to work during odd and wee hours of the day and here is the challenge when I have to balance my responsibility as a wife and a mother to two kids. It is not easy to juggle your time between all of these. I am lucky to have a very supportive husband. He is closer to my children rather than me and helps me doing all the house chores. It is a big sacrifice that I owe him and only Allah the Almighty can repay his sacrifices, kindness and understanding.

Sometimes I feel bad to my family but I keep telling myself, this is only temporary. I do this for the sake of God and for the goodness of Malaysian community and research academia. I have to bring back all the skillsets that I shall acquire here and expand it into a new dimension of translational research work in Malaysia.

In Malaysia, we haven't developed much into translational research. Most of the new therapeutic research projects only explore at lab bench and on animal but haven't proceeded further to human. We need to proceed into clinical trial if we want to discover new medical therapy in Malaysia.

Having said these, coming here doing PhD and having long research working hours sometimes develop the psyche mixture of emotional roller coaster and sense of emptiness.

My life previously in Malaysia was full of colours. I was not only occupied with my works during the day, but I was also engaged with the medical students' spiritual and curricular activity after office hours. I love to teach, counsel and engage with students' daily life. Dealing with those little heart warmers always empower myself to be a better muslimah and a better citizen.



I was also a social activist and a regular motivator in one of the underage shelter homes in Malaysia. I had my own fix monthly session to talk to them, giving tazkirah and counselling. I feel happy when I help people to be better servants of God and citizen and realise that there are lot of things to do to support our Malaysian youngsters.

Certainly, by coming to Perth and the impounding stress conducting the study, I experienced and felt psyche sense of emptiness and loneliness. I can't do my regular activity. Not to mention being deprived of the time with my own family. Apparently a self-imposed torture and the only way to console myself is to self-remind of the purpose of life and the objective of coming here to Perth.

My time-based career progression is not dependent on a PhD degree, and as such doing PhD is more of emotional challenge rather than physical and mental challenge. Honestly, it was not easy to leave your comfort zone in Malaysia and embark into new uncharted frontiers. Particularly when you have established your own career in the past and knowing well that PhD is not a requirement in my career. The deep conviction and passion that guided me towards this direction. It was my choice, I opted for it.

After all, as a PhD student, we need to always renew our intentions. We need to understand that seeking knowledge is an obligation for ourselves, our religion and country. Malaysia needs knowledgeable talented academician and the country needs the latest medical development.

As for me, I always remind myself that the Malaysian medical research community requires my skillset and I have to endure all the difficulties acquiring them while doing PhD and when the time comes, I will go back and serve back my beloved country.

The Malaysian Government has invested a lot on human capital development. Likewise, my employer has not only given me the time-off to pursue PhD but has also provided the financial support throughout my studies. All these privileges must not be taken for granted.

I consider this as an integrity KPI towards my sponsor and my government. I will go back soon with success, if God wills. I also aspire to see my ex-students who are currently servicing the general public all over Malaysia - some as medical officers and some may be on the list for professional clinical master - showing them that their former lecturer embraces the spirit of life-long learning to its core. I am coming home soon Malaysia with success. InshaAllah.

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## **SPORTS & WELFARE CLUB FAMILY DAY**

13 MAY 2017

The Consulate's Sports & Welfare Club hosted its Family Day on 13 May 2017 at AMF Bowling Centre in Cannington. The event was actually a 3-in-1 event where it was also an occasion to bid farewell to the outgoing Vice Consul (Admin & Finance) as well as to celebrate the birth day of some of the staff including the Consul-General. Essentially, it was a simple social gathering involving the staff from the Consulate with their family members with a view to strengthening the camaraderie.



# SPORTS & WELFARE CLUB FAMILY DAY

13 MAY 2017



# SEMARAK RAMADHAN DI DEWAN MALAYSIA PERTH

Imam Muda  
SYAMIL

Imam Muda  
SALMAN

Bersempena Ramadhan 1438, Konsulat Jeneral Malaysia dengan kerjasama Education Malaysia Australia (EMA) di Perth telah menganjurkan majlis berbuka puasa secara harian di Dewan Malaysia Perth. Majlis tersebut telah dihadiri oleh kakitangan Konsulat, warga Malaysia di Perth serta golongan pelajar. Konsulat mengucapkan jutaan terima kasih kepada insan mulia yang telah menyumbang secara langsung atau tidak langsung bagi menjayakan program tersebut termasuklah golongan bukan Melayu / Islam yang turut menaja majlis berbuka puasa untuk beberapa malam. EMA telah menerbangkan dua imam muda dari Maahad Tahfiz Pahang untuk mengetuai sesi solat terawih di Dewan Malaysia Perth.





## BUKA PUASA PERDANA

**SABTU 3 JUN 2017**  
**DEWAN MALAYSIA PERTH**  
**268, NEWCASTLE STREET, PERTH**  
**ANJURAN MALAY ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (MAWA) & HAJI MIGRATION**

**Aturcara Majlis**

4:00 petang	Keibaan tetamu
4:15 petang	Bacaan Al-Quran oleh Imam Terawih (pilihan surah akan ditentukan berdasarkan kandungan tazkirah)
4:30 petang	- Tazkirah ringkas oleh Imam Terawih - Q&A
5:20 petang	- Buka Puasa (kurma dan air dihidangkan di koridor surau) - Solat Maghrib berjemaah - Jamuan makan malam di Kafé Dewan Malaysia, Perth
6:41 petang	- Solat Isyak berjemaah - Solat terawih dan Witir berjemaah

**Menu:**

- Nasi Putih
- Lauk-lauk kampung
- Teh Tarik
- The O Ais Limau / Sirap Bandung
- Jajan untuk kanak-kanak

**Penaja:**






# Malindo air BREAKFAST SEMINAR

17 MAY 2017



Malindo Air with the support from Tourism Malaysia in Perth had organised two breakfast seminars back-to-back involving 30 local travel agents in Perth on 17 May 2017. Presentations on places of interests in Malaysia as well as latest products and services by Malindo Air were presented to the participants. The Vice Consul (Immigration) from the Consulate seized the opportunity to enlighten the participants on the latest policy regarding eVisa and its implementation in Malaysia.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES BY TOURISM MALAYSIA PERTH JANUARY - JUNE 2017



AFTA SUNDAY MAIL HOLIDAY EXPO  
4 & 5 FEBRUARY 2017

MALAYSIA TRAVEL SEMINAR 2017  
13 FEBRUARY 2017

PERTH HOLIDAY CRUISE AND  
TRAVEL EXPO 2017  
11 & 12 FEBRUARY 2017

TOURISM MALAYSIA / MALAYSIA AIRLINES  
MTA MASTERCLASS TRAINING  
18 MAY 2017

FLIGHT CENTRE TRAVEL  
EXPO PERTH  
4 & 5 FEBRUARY 2017



# VISIT BY FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MALAYSIA 24 MAY 2017



In conjunction with the working visit undertaken by the Fisheries Development Authority of Malaysia (LKIM) to Perth on 23 and 24 May 2017, the delegation led by YB Dato' Sri Dr Imohizam Ibrahim made a short visit to the Consulate on 24 May 2017. A briefing on the work undertaken by the Consulate was given to the delegation including the challenges that the Consulate has to face in delivering the services to its stakeholders.



## WE CARE

Officers from the Consulate paid a visit to one Malaysian senior couple at their residence in Kenwick on 1 June 2017 for passport renewal process owing to the fact that one of them was not able to travel on health reason. This small initiative is in line with our aspiration to enhance our delivery of services to the stakeholders.



  
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## CONSULAR MOBILE CLINIC PROGRAMME 12 MARCH 2017

In conjunction with the Hepburn Mosque Charity Bazaar, the Consular Officers at the Consulate had opened a special booth offering consular services to the bazaar goers.



## LEPAK-ing with IOM

2 February 2017

The Vice-Consul (Immigration & Consular) met with counterparts from IOM - Yvonne Wohler, Simon Booth, and Sara Alemi to discuss the preparations for the planned training session with the Consulate.

# CURTIN STUDY ABROAD EXPO 2017

Education Malaysia Australia in Perth and Tourism Malaysia Perth had participated in Curtin Study Abroad Expo 2017 which was held at Sir Charles Court Promenade, Curtin University on 29 March 2017. Current students from Curtin University main campus were given briefings on tertiary education opportunities in Malaysia including various mobility programmes for international students. Such opportunity was also seized to promote tourism industry in Malaysia to the visitors.



## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### 12 March 2017

Program Mobile Clinic  
at Masjid Al-Majid, Hepburn

### 16 March 2017

BBQ Session with the Malaysian Students Leaders  
in WA at Malaysia Hall

### 21 March 2017

AGM PERWAKILAN Perth  
at Consulate Meeting Room

### 1 April 2017

Photoshop Course 2017  
at Consulate Meeting Room

### 9 April 2017

Malam Pesta Muda Mudi by  
Bistari Women's Group WA at Satay on Charcoal

### 10 April 2017

An Evening with Le Cordon Bleu Australia  
at Hyatt Regency Hotel

### 13 April 2017

AGM Kelab Sukan dan Kebajikan KJM  
at Consulate Meeting Room

### 22 April 2017

Performance - Home at Last: A Toy's Journey  
at Studio 411 Murdoch University

### 2 May 2017

Consular Corps WA Hail & Farewell  
at Consulate General of India

### 23 May 2017

A Morning Tea by The Commissioner of Police  
Dr. Karl O'Callaghan APM



# NEW KING FOR MALAYSIA

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 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.

The Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah (bottom), 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, shooting,  
badminton, bowling, football, 4WD  
expeditions



# 2050 NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION



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, Universiti 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.

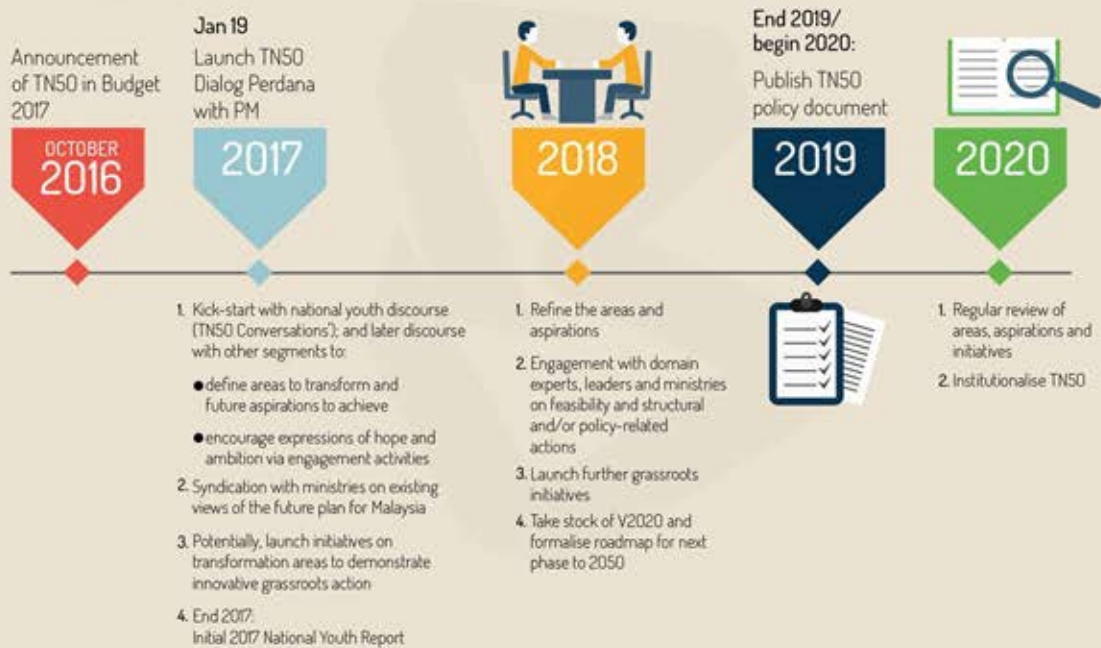
TN50 will be the roadmap, after Vision 2020 that will transform the country's economy, citizen well-being, environment, technology, social interaction, governance and public administration.

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"MAKE OUR FUTURE"

TN50 can result from engaging with citizens and domain experts



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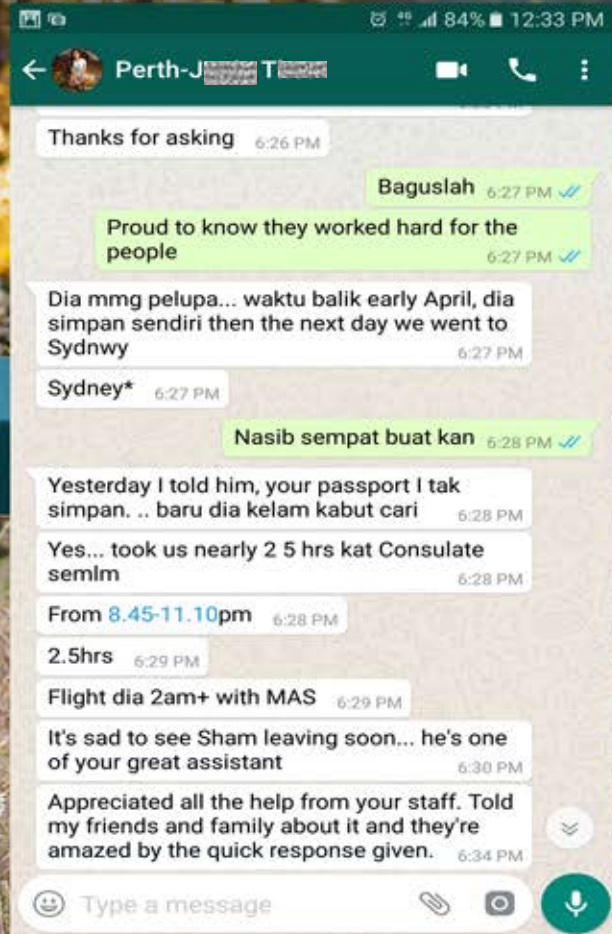
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Among the correspondence that we received from our stakeholders. They are indeed our source of inspiration in enhancing our delivery system

# Mail Box



**From:** h[redacted] f[redacted] [h[redacted]f[redacted]@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** 09 May 2017 15:03  
**To:** N[redacted] A[redacted] M[redacted] K[redacted]  
**Subject:** Thank you to Consulate staff in Perth

Dear Ybhg. Dato' Abd Malek Abdul Aziz

My name is H[redacted] F[redacted] and I reside in Perth. I am sending this email to share a wonderful experience I had encountered at the Msian Consulate in Perth.

Last Thursday May 4 I had to leave Perth to attend a family funeral and I needed an emergency travel document to facilitate my travel. My current passport wasn't valid as just three weeks prior I had to renew and was informed by staff at the Consulate that when a new passport is applied, the old one is automatically cancelled. Hence the need for the emergency travel document.

My flight back to Malaysia was at 3pm. I went to the Consulate at 10.30am and within an hour I got my travel document. I am so grateful to the Consul General in Perth and the entire staff for expediting the process. Without their help, I know that I would have been able to board my plane that afternoon. Between 11.30am and 1pm I was able to go home, pack, pick up my daughter from school and arrive at the airport for my check in.

All these would not have been possible without the team at the Perth Consulate. Their efficiency and professionalism certainly need to be acknowledged and applauded.

So thank you to your staff in Perth for their excellent service. I just wanted to let you know this because very often we only hear the complaints and not the good work.

Keep up the good work.

Regards  
H[redacted] F[redacted]



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