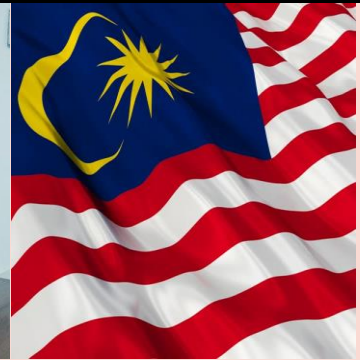




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MESSAGE FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Greetings from the High Commission of Malaysia!

First and foremost, I would like to wish all Malaysians in Papua New Guinea a happy new year 2017.

This year will continue to be an exciting year. The High Commission continues to engage Malaysian diaspora in PNG by organizing events with the Malaysian Association of PNG (MAPNG). These events will act as a platform for us to come together and strengthen our comradarie while promoting 'Malaysian values' to the local communities.

This year also an election year for PNG. The PNG National General Election process was officially started on 20 April 2017 with the issuance of writs by Governor-General Bob Dadae. The citizens of PNG will cast their votes from 24 June until 8 July to be followed by the return of the writs on 24 July 2017. We wish PNG a smooth and peaceful election.

I hope you will enjoy our e-newsletter and happy reading!



PNG: MALAYSIAN NITE 2017

11 March 2017 – H.E. Datuk Jilid Kuminding together with the home-based staff (HBS) of the High Commission of Malaysia attended the Malaysian Nite organized by the Malaysian Association of PNG (MAPNG). A total of 200 Malaysians in Port Moresby participated in the event. The event was held to foster closer relations among Malaysians in PNG.



MEETING WITH THE ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA (ISPNG)

3 May 2017 – The High Commission, together with the Islamic Association of Papua New Guinea (ISPNG) held a meeting to discuss a community project to establish a Da'wah Centre in Port Moresby, PNG.



COURTESY CALL BY THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO PNG

7 June 2017 – H.E. Datuk Jilid Kuminding received a courtesy call by H.E. Xue Bing, the new Ambassador of The People's Republic of China to PNG at the High Commission. Several domestic and international issues were discussed during the meeting. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Muhd Irfan Zulkurnain, Counsellor and Mr. Chen Jiebin, First Secretary.



ON THE NEWS

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Malaysia, PNG trade increasing, envoy says

Reports by SHIRLEY MAULUDU

TRADE relations between Malaysia and Papua New Guinea have been increasing from year to year, according to Malaysian High Commissioner to PNG Jilid Kuminding.

He said PNG's emergence as a new economic powerhouse of the region was much welcomed.

Kuminding said bilateral trade between Malaysia and Papua New Guinea from January to November last year totalled US\$420.5 million (K1299m).

"Trade has increased by 11.2 per cent when compared with the corresponding period in 2015 of US\$ 380.6 million (K1177m)," he said.

"Malaysia's top exports to PNG were machinery, equipment and parts, beverages and tobacco, chemical and chemical products, petroleum products and crude petroleum.

"Meanwhile, Malaysia's import

from PNG were agriculture products, crude petroleum, petroleum products, vegetable oil, palm oil and palm-based agricultural products."

He said foreign investors would continue to see PNG as an economic opportunity that should not be neglected.

"The LNG PNG project has already stimulated strong demand in the economy of the country especially in the key sectors such as infrastructure, retail services, banking and property," he said.

"In addition to the LNG, there are numerous large scale, multi-billion dollar resource investments (mining, fisheries, and plantation) in the pipeline which will continue to bring crucial foreign investment funds in the long-term.

"The country's wholesale and retail market is expected to see significant expansion.

Rising incomes and urbanisa-



Malaysian High Commissioner to PNG Jilid Kuminding.

tion suggest that the wholesale and retail market will gradually evolve away its traditional focus and informal market to new trends such as luxury goods and modern shopping malls such as Vision City

Shopping Complex in the capital. "There are huge potential and opportunities for Malaysia to tap into the many areas of investments and joint ventures in Papua New Guinea."

MALAYSIAN INVESTMENT IN PNG

PNG Power inks deal with Pestech to boost electricity output in city



PPL Chairman Andrew Ogil (right) and PESTECH Sales Director Lim Hon Seng signing the contract with assistance from PPL General Counsel Vincent Henry.

By HELEN TARAWA

PNG Power Limited yesterday signed a K40 million contract with PESTECH of Malaysia for the construction of a new 40 megawatt substation at Kilakila, NCD.

PNG Power chairman Andrew Ogil said it was an important project for the Port Moresby grid upgrade and has been ongoing.

"The Kilakila substation is an important station for us because it will relieve the current congestion that we have in the Port Moresby system.

"It will also involve 6.1km power lines of 66 kilovolt double circuit transmission lines from Kilakila station to the central business district.

The project is funded jointly by the PNG Government (20 per cent) and the Asian Development Bank.

"We look forward to working with PESTECH and they are not new to PNG Power and that's a head start for us."

Sales director Lim Hon Seng said PESTECH was grateful to Kumul Consolidated Holdings and the PPL board for the awarding of the 66kv Kilakila project which marked

another milestone for the company in its quest to serve the Government and people of PNG.

"PESTECH has been in PNG in 2009 to 2011 to deliver the Erap and Hidden Valley-Hamata substations in Morobe.

"ADB is fully supportive of the Government's agenda to achieve 70 per cent electrification in PNG by 2030," he said.

The project which will start soon and is expected to end in 2019.

Meanwhile, the PNG Power board has authorised chairman Andrew Ogil to sign cheques as a temporary measure.

Responding to claims of the board micro-managing the State-owned entity, Ogil said since he was appointed, the board saw it fit to appoint him to sign cheques and he was a signatory.

In response to the energy workers union's outstanding grievances and claims, Ogil said some of the matters have been addressed.

"All the union issues have been addressed (and) some have been completed; some are currently being addressed with the union now," he said.

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

K7.4m raised by Malay group aid charities

BY LEONNIE WAYANG

THE Malaysian Association of Papua New Guinea has raised about K7.4 million between 2001 and 2016, which has been used to fund various projects in Central Province and the National Capital District.

The Malaysian Association has been able to raise these funds through the Malaysian Business Council (MBC) Charity Cup has been held annually since 2001.

The organising chairperson of the MBC Charity Cup, Ivan Lu, said this event is held to fund charity organisations.

"From 2001 to 2016, for 16 years we organised this event. And for the last 16 years, we have raised K7.4 million, which for every year, we distribute to about 20 charity organisations."

"Last year we raised K930, 000, and last year's fund was distributed to 21 organisations," Mr Lu said. This year, the organisation is planning to host the charity cup again. "We are tentatively booked August 18 and 19," Mr Lu said.

Some of the organisations that the Malaysian Association helps include Port Moresby General Hospital, City Mission and others. They had also assisted two



High Commissioner of Malaysia to PNG His Excellency Jilid Kuminding.

years ago by donating K125 million to provide relief assistance to Enga when frost had hit the Highlands region.

The High Commissioner of Malaysia to PNG, His Excellency Jilid Kuminding, said although he can understand the tough times facing the economy currently, it is good to help others.

"I can understand the economic condition is now really a challenge for, particularly, those

private sector and businessmen, but I think giving is a different thing," Mr Kuminding said.

"I think give more happiness to those who receive."

For more information on how to join or help in the fundraising drive, email the Malaysian Association PNG on mapng.png@gmail.com

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PNG joins recital event for the first time

A NORTHERN man will be the first Papua New Guinean to represent the country and participate in the 59th International Al Quran Recital and Memorisation Assembly in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Before leaving for Malaysia, Imran Musa Iji told *The Nationalist* last Friday that he was honoured to represent the country in a Muslim competition.

"Although Arabic is not my mother tongue, I hope to recite it properly," Iji said.

The competition which began early this week, will end on Saturday.

Participants from more than 65 non-Muslim countries performed a series of recitals from the Koran, according to the vice-president of the Islamic Society of Papua New

Guinea (ISPNG), MA Wahed.

Wahed said Iji will be expected to recite the Koran like a singer, in its proper tone and volume.

"The competition includes two representatives, one man and one woman, but we could not find a woman capable enough so we selected one man," Wahed said.

Iji, who studied Arabic and lived in Saudi Arabia for six years.

"The adjustment to Islam has been very easy and there is a growing number of people in the faith," Iji said.

Wahed, who accompanied Iji on his flight last Friday, said that the smooth acceptance of Islam in Papua New Guinea showed that Papua New Guinea was a country which was "very matured in religion".



From Left; Moho Rezza Yusof, third secretary of the High Commission of Malaysia, Imran Musa Iji and Vice president of Islamic Society of PNG MA Wahed leaving for Kuala Lumpur last Friday at the Jackson International airport. - Nationalpic by TABITHA NERO

MALAYSIA EDUCATION

12 students to study in Malaysia under joint scholarship

By PHOEBE GWANGILO

TWELVE Central students left for Malaysia yesterday to study at a college under a joint scholarship provided by the provincial government and the developer of a Ilimo satellite township.

A representative of the 12 students, Launce Bubululu, who will be studying for a Diploma in Diplomatic Administration at Seri Stamford College, thanked the Central provincial government and Ilimo township developers for the arrangement.

He said the scholarship was a privilege for the Central students.

According to the scholarship committee Lawrence Lahari the school fees and boarding and lodgings were being taken care of by both sponsors and parents would only support students with pocket money during their stay there.

Lahari said, "18 went across so these 12 will make it 30 in total that will be over there. We still have another 20 students awaiting their visas to be approved."

Committee chairman Maimu Raka-Nou said Governor Kila Haoda initiated this scholarship programme in conjunction with the Ilimo project in Central province.



From left: Gabriel Mauwo, Lekaa Lina, Francis Kaiva, Launce Bubululu and Ute Namagu are among 12 students travelling to Malaysia to study at Seri Stamford College under Governor Haoda's Scholarship programme. -Nationalpic by LYPENSON SOWENI

"The project is the Ilimo satellite township development project and it is a joint venture between the Central provincial government and a Malaysian company," he said.

"So there is a joint venture that

was set up to work on that project. As part of the project, we have the governor and the administrator factoring a scholarship programme.

"It is a 10-year scholarship for undergraduate programmes to be

undertaken by Central students who are selected on merit to go and study in the Seri Stamford College

"Central Grade 12 Students who wish to apply must have a GPA of 3.2 and above," Raka-Nou said.

EID-UL-FITRI OPEN HOUSE IN PNG

26 June 2017 – H.E. Datuk Jilid Kuminding hosted an Eid-ul-Fitr Open House for Malaysians in Port Moresby. A simple yet modest gathering was attended by friends of Malaysia to celebrate the festive day.





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SANTAI IN PNG



Photo session with Malaysian at the Mosque in Port Moresby after the Eid-ul-Fitr prayers.

Get together during the open house at the High Commissioner's residence



Gathering at the open house of Mr. Mohd Rezza, Third Secretary.

Malaysian ladies in PNG





Ladies of PERWAKILAN
President: YBhg. Datin Noraimah
Abdul Jalil
Secretary: Pn. Suryati Ahmad
Treasurer: Pn. Nor Syazana Adar

PERWAKILAN'S family outing



Important and Interesting Facts about Papua New Guinea

- New Guinea is one of the largest islands in the world.
- Lying just south of the equator, 160km north of Australia, Papua New Guinea is part of a great arc of mountains stretching from Asia, through Indonesia and into the South Pacific. More than 600 islands and 800 indigenous languages, PNG is made up of 4 regions with 20 provinces.
- Papua New Guinea, officially the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, is an Oceanian country that occupies the eastern half of the island of New Guinea and its offshore islands in Melanesia.



NEGARAKU

The Launching of Negeraku Expression Programme.

On 18 March 2017, Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak launched the "*Ekspresi Negeraku*" (Negeraku Expression) programme at Dataran Putrajaya. The programme, aimed at showcasing Malaysia's multiracial, multiethnic and multi-religious unity will allow Malaysians to demonstrate their feelings and expression for the country.

The Prime Minister, in launching the programme said, "***Patriotism is the foundation and main element for a strong identity which we need to foster if we want to be a nation that is peaceful, harmonious and united, "... This is the country of our birth, the place where we toddled when we were small, were schooled and grew up in, earn a living as adults and when the time comes, we will be laid to rest here, where we were born,***".

Among the initiatives under the Negeraku programme include a national arts competition, contribution of story, poster competition, art exhibition and using Negeraku logo in all the official government correspondence. If you have an interesting and patriotic story to share, about a Malaysian experience, encounter or interaction, you can share at <http://www.negeraku.com>.

In this regard, the "Ekspresi Negeraku" campaign should be supported by all Malaysians, irrespective of race, since its main objective is to help inculcate the spirit of patriotism, including Malaysians abroad. In conjunction with this year's National Day, *Ekspresi Negeraku* is an appropriate platform to promote the "Negeraku" initiative.

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