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MALAYSIA AND CZECH REPUBLIC BILATERAL RELATIONS

The first quarter of 2017 saw the participation of seven Czech companies in the Langkawi International Maritime & Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA) in Langkawi from 21st - 25th March 2017. The Czech companies showcased among others passive radar, military jet trainer, light combat aircraft and military radar. This year marks the 14th edition of LIMA since its debut in 1991. It is the largest show of its kind in the Asia Pacific region. LIMA 2017 saw an impressive participation of more than 500 exhibitors from 35 countries, 106 aircrafts and 55 visiting warships and boats.

Bilateral trade between Malaysia and the Czech Republic for the first quarter of 2017 amounted to EUR 194.32 million, which is 19.5% more as compared to the same period last year. During this period, Malaysia remained the 2nd largest trading partner of the Czech Republic within ASEAN. The main commodities of the Czech imports from Malaysia were processors and controllers, storage units and machines for voice and data transmission. Czech exports to Malaysia consisted namely of electronic integrated circuits, silicon doped for use in electronics and pneumatic tires.

Three postgraduate students from University of Malaysia Perlis (UNIMAP) are currently doing research in Nano Electronic Engineering at the Czech Technical University in Prague as part of a research collaboration between UNIMAP and Czech Technical University. They are expected to finish their research in August 2017.

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NEW KING FOR MALAYSIA



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

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.

Source: Ministry of
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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, 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.

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR 1ST QUARTER OF 2017

12th ASEAN COMMITTEE IN
PRAGUE (ACP) MEETING
22nd FEBRUARY 2017



ASIAN AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL
DINNER AT RUMAH MALAYSIA ON
23RD FEBRUARY 2017



PROGRAM TRANSFORMASI
KENDIRI JPA, 25th FEBRUARY 2017



AMBASSADOR OF MALAYSIA
ATTENDED A MEETING CHAIRED
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE
CENTRAL BOHEMIAN REGION ON
28TH FEBRUARY 2017



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