

# MALAWAKIL RIYADH E-NEWSLETTER



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## **The Chancery of the Embassy of Malaysia in Brief**

*The chancery building was opened in Jeddah and was later moved to Riyadh due to the change of capital in Saudi Arabia from Jeddah to Riyadh. Sheraton Hotel in Riyadh served as the temporary office for the Embassy of Malaysia in 1985 before it was finally transferred to the Diplomatic Quarter in 1986.*

*The first Ambassador of Malaysia to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was Ambassador Dato' Mokhtar Ahmad and the present Ambassador is Ambassador Dato' Zainol Rahim Zainuddin. The Embassy has the strength of 7 home-based staff (HBS) and supported by 9 locally recruited staff. (LRS).*

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**Chancery building in the Diplomatic Quarter, Riyadh**

# *Beginning of 2017*



## ***NEW HAJJ CONSUL MET WITH AMBASSADOR OF MALAYSIA***

2 January 2017, Ambassador Dato' Zainol Rahim Zainuddin received Tuan Haji Saimi bin Mohamad Som, the New Hajj Consul in Jeddah. Tuan Haji Mohammad Saimi was selected to replace Datuk Haji Redhuan who ended his assignment in Jeddah in December 2016. Before assuming to the new post, Tuan Haji Mohammad Saimi was a General Manager Customer Service at Tabung Haji Headquarter in Kuala Lumpur. He has vast experience in the institution.

## ***VISIT BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER TUN HAJI ABDULLAH BIN HAJI AHMAD BADAWI TO KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA***

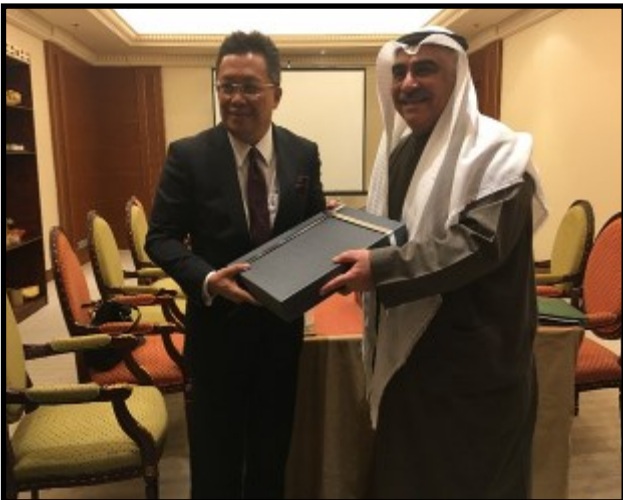
9 January 2017, Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Former Prime Minister of Malaysia, has been invited to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to attend the annual King Faisal International Award Ceremony in Al Faisaliah, Riyadh. Tun Abdullah who arrived Riyadh on 9 January 2017 was accompanied by his wife Tun Jeanne Abdullah and officials from Tun's office. Tun Abdullah also visited the Islamic Development Bank Headquarter in Jeddah.



## WORKING VISIT BY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT TO SAUDI ARABIA 28-30



Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Dahlan, Minister in the Prime Minister' Department undertook a working visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 28 to 30 January 2017. The minister was accompanied by officials of EPU, PMO and also PETRONAS senior executives. The visit was to discuss matters related to upcoming visit to Malaysia by His Majesty King Salman and to meet with senior board members of ARAMCO to negotiate on the joint venture project with PETRONAS. Prior to the Minister's arrival to Riyadh, Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Dahlan and officials were carried with a special helicopter by ARAMCO to visit the Company's plants in Dammam. The Minister later met with Khalid Al Falih, Minister of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources of Saudi Arabia in Dammam.



In Riyadh, the Minister had a closed meeting with Dr. Adel Fakeih, Minister of Economy and Planning of Saudi Arabia on the preparation of King Salman's visit to Malaysia in February.

The Minister also attended a session with all HBS of Malawakil Riyadh at Malaysia's Residence and followed by a short visit to the Chancery's building.

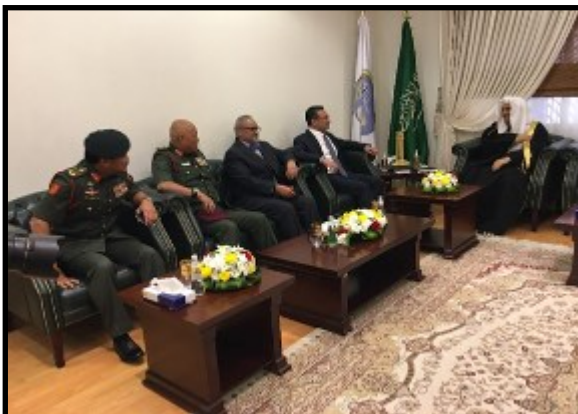


# ***PREPARATION TOWARDS KING SALMAN'S STATE VISIT TO MALAYSIA - WORKING VISITS BY MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT TO SAUDI ARABIA, 14-17 FEBRUARY 2017***

In preparation of the State Visit to Malaysia by King Salman Abdulaziz AlSaud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Dato' Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Minister of Defence and Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Dahlan, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department visited Riyadh to meet with Saudi's Minister of Industry, Energy and Mineral Resources and the Secretary General of the World Muslim League (WML).



Important issues raised during the meeting included the finalization of the deal between ARAMCO and PETRONAS, plan to set up King Salman Centre for Global Peace (KSCGP) in Malaysia - a Centre for combatting terrorism; and some discussion on logistical arrangements during King Salman's upcoming State Visit.



## ***A SESSION BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MALAYSIAN COMMUNITY—RMR WITH AMBASSADOR OF MALAYSIA***

12 March 2017, Representatives from Rakyat Malaysia Riyadh, or in short form—RMR, met with Ambassador at the Chancery . The team was led by Professor Mahmud, a senior Malaysian lecturer of architecture at the Faculty of Architecture, King Saud University, Riyadh.

The meeting was to share the team's plan and activities to be organized throughout the year. The team also raised relevant issues of interest such as the setting up of religious classes for Malaysians' children in Riyadh and mechanism for the registration of Malaysians with the Embassy.

## *RIYADH INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR 2017 -*

### *Malaysia as a Guest of Honour in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia*



8—17 March 2017, Malaysia participated in the Riyadh International Book Fair 2017 (RIBF) as the guest of honour in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The event was held at Riyadh International Conference and Exhibition Centre and officiated by Dr. Adel bin Zaid Al-Toraifi, former Minister of Culture and Information of Saudi Arabia. Dato' Seri Mahdzir bin Khalid, Minister of Education, Malaysia also attended the official opening ceremony and delivered his speech.



Malaysian participants consisted of 20 publishers, 4 illustrators, 3 prominent paper presenters including Dato' Seri DiRaja Dr. Zambry Abd Kadir, Datuk Dr. Mohd Daud Bakar and Datuk Mohd Nor Khalid (LAT). Young Zapin performers from Sekolah Seni Johor Baru also participated in the RIBF and presented their show.



# *THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION 2017*



12-15 April 2017, 380 Universities participated in the International Exhibition and Conference on Higher Education (IECHE), organized by the Ministry of Education of Saudi Arabia. 21 of them were Malaysian IPTAs and IPTS.

Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh had been invited to jointly officiate the opening of the IECHE. In one of the programme slot, the minister gave his keynote address on higher education in Malaysia with the theme 'soaring up' where he promoted Malaysia as an education hub for higher learning education.

Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh also spent his precious time meeting with some of the Malaysian students in Riyadh and visiting Faculty of Engineering at King Saud University.



## ***WORKING VISIT OF YAB PRIME MINISTER TO THE ARAB, ISLAMIC & AMERICAN SUMMIT 2017, 21-22 MAY 2017***



YAB Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak, the Prime Minister of Malaysia led the Malaysian delegate for a working visit to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia to attend the Arab, Islamic and American Summit 2017. Accompanying PM were Dato' Seri Hishammuddin bin Tun Hussein, Minister of Defence, Director General of National Security Council and Deputy Secretary General (Bilateral Affairs) Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador of Malaysia to Saudi Arabia and other senior officials from Malaysia.

The Prime Minister had been honoured to be seated on the front row of more than 50 countries who participated the summit. Malaysia was also the one of the five countries who were given the privilege to address the summit. This shown that Saudi Arabia recognised Malaysia as a moderate and progressive Muslim country which strives for excellence. The Prime Minister also attended the launching of the Global Centre for Combating Extremist Ideology and Tweeps Forum 2017 organized by MISK Foundation.

During his visit, the Prime Minister also made an audience with King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques. The Prime Minister also later joined the lunch that was hosted by King Salman.

## ***OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES***



*Head of Agencies Meeting  
30 April 2017*



*Meeting with Kelab Rakyat Malaysia Jubail  
6 May 2017*



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*Handing Over of ASEAN - Riyadh  
Committee to Malaysia  
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*Visit by Secretary General of Ministry of  
Interior Malaysia  
15-19 May 2017*



*Iftar with Rakyat Malaysia Riyadh  
26 May 2017*



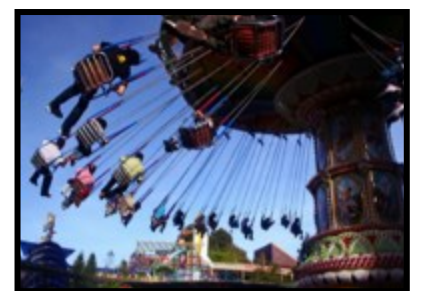
*Iftar with Rakyat Malaysia Riyadh  
26 May 2017*

# ho90h VISITPAHANG MALAYSIA2017

This year the Pahang state government has launched Visit Pahang Year 2017 and has lined up events and festivals galore. As the largest state in the Peninsular of Malaysia with a whopping 36, 137 km2 of total area, the state offers some of the more ‘touristy’ spots in Malaysia.

Some of Malaysia’s famous highlands, recreational places, beaches and islands are located in Pahang. The Cameron Highlands, Genting Highlands, Bukit Tinggi and Fraser’s Hill for people who just love to be one with nature; Gunung Tahan which rises 2, 187 meters above sea level; Taman Negara with activities such as rapid shooting, canopy walk and cave exploration; Kuala Gandah Elephant Sanctuary where you can interact with elephants; as well as Cherating and Teluk Cempedak are among the popular beach resort area; while Tioman island, dubbed as ‘one of the 10 most famous islands in the world’.

Pahang’s uniquely eclectic mix of Malay, Chinese, Indian and Indigenous Peoples makes it an even bigger draw for foreign tourists. Domestic and foreign tourists are welcomed to visit Pahang and for more information regarding travel info, destination, things to do and calendar of events, go to [www.visitpahang.com](http://www.visitpahang.com) or [www.pahangtourism.org.my](http://www.pahangtourism.org.my).



*Credit: Pahang Tourism*



## **NEGARAKU**

### **THE LAUNCHING OF NEGARAKU EXPRESSION PROGRAMME.**

On 18 March 2017, Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB 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.negaraku.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.