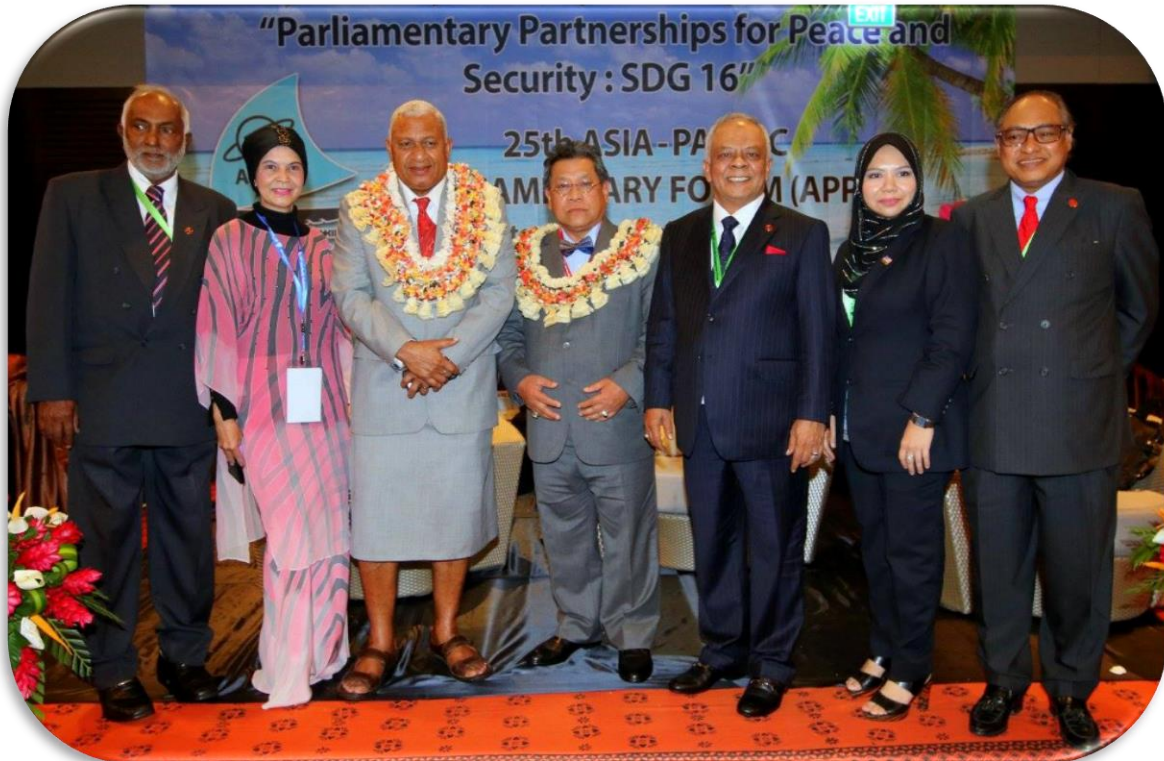


# MW Suva Newsletter

## HIGH COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA

### 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) 2017



**Malaysian Delegation was led by H.E. Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Pandikar Amin Mulia, Speaker of the House of Representatives.**

The 25th Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) was held in Natadola, Fiji from 15 - 19 January 2017 focusing on parliamentary partnerships for peace and security.

The forum was officially opened by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, who officially welcomed the delegates from over 20 countries from the Asia-Pacific region, such as Australia, China, Japan, Peru, Philippines, Russia and Malaysia.

Fijian Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, called on participants to boost parliamentary partnerships for peace and security, which is in line with the sustainable development goals of the United Nations.

"The APPF has shown many other countries and international institutions how elected legislatures can lead the way in deepening regional cooperation to spur economic development," Bainimarama said.

"Here, we can deepen the trust and security cooperation among our nations and find solutions that can save valuable time in preventing transnational crimes. Here, we can share strategies that have been effective, and explain pitfalls that should be avoided. Here, we can lay the groundwork for the next phase of regional security by strengthening existing frameworks and systems, and preparing the next generation for the challenges not yet upon us," the Fijian prime minister added.

The APPF is a mechanism that enables parliamentarians to discuss issues of common concern, and to deepen their understandings of the region and the interests and experiences of different countries.

The 24th APPF was hosted by Canada last year.



**H.E. Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Pandikar Amin Mulia and Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni.**

## With love from Malaysia, Speaker visits 7s heroes



Speaker of the Malaysia Parliament Pandikar Amin Mulia (2nd from left sitting in middle row) and his delegates with the Fiji 7's team and officials after the training at Uprising Beach Resort.

21 January 2017 - The Fiji 7s side preparing for the New Zealand and Australia leg of the 2016-2017 HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series received special fans all the way from Malaysia.

The Speaker of the Parliament of Malaysia, Pandikar Amin Mulia, who is in the country to attend a conference, visited the Vodafone Fiji 7s team together with his family.

They stopped at the Uprising Beach Resort grounds at Deuba from the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum at Natadola to meet the team.

They took photos, autographs and selfies with the players, manager Jone Niurua and coach Gareth Baber.



Mulia's wife, Puan Sri Diana Diego described the moment she met the players as "wow!"

"We are here for the conference for the parliamentarian speakers and I followed my husband," she said.

"It was just wow ... an awesome experience to meet the players. We managed to meet them, especially after they won the Olympics. They are the Rio champions. It was a big honour for me to meet the players."

Diego said her children were also involved in rugby.

"Our three children are rugby players. One of them represented Malaysia during the Hong Kong 7s in the junior category and my girls are also playing in the club in Sabah.

"My youngest son represented Sabah. It was a very nervous moment meeting the players.

"We had some lovely moments talking and taking pictures with them. It was a very good experience," she said.

## Courtesy call by Mr Simone Rokolaqa, Director for Asia Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Fiji

6 Mac 2017 - Mr. Hamizan Hashim, Charge d'Affaires ad Interim, High Commission of Malaysia received a courtesy call by Mr Simone Rokolaqa, Director for Asia Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Fiji to discuss issues of mutual interest between Fiji and Malaysia.





## Consular Information

### VISA WITH REFERENCE (VDR)

- All Visitors **MUST ENTER** Malaysia through Airports only.
- The VDR is the prior approval in order to gain the right to enter Malaysia.
- Basically for Fiji and other Pacific Islander citizens does not require a visa to enter Malaysia for social visit. It will be stamped upon arrival (visa on arrival), and if there is necessity for renewal, please visit the nearest immigration office in Malaysia.
- However, for MTCP courses/training participants are required to enter Malaysia with Visa with Reference (VDR). The VDR must be applied by the training institutions. Once the approval is obtained, the **training institutions should send a copy of the letter of approval** (issued by Malaysian Immigration) to the participants. Subsequently, with the copy of the approval, the participants may get the VDR from the nearest Malaysian Missions.
- The details of the VDR requirement are:
  - Passport with more than 6 month validity
  - Visa Approval Letter by Immigration Department of Malaysia with Reference Number (participant should receive from the respective training agency)
  - Flight Itinerary
  - Offer Letter
- If the participants note sure whether they need to apply for visa or not, please contact directly with the respective training agency to get more details.



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