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## From the Ambassador's Office

Dear Readers,

2017 marks a milestone in Uzbekistan—Malaysia relations. The two nations officially established its diplomatic relations on 21 February 1992, six months after Uzbekistan gained its independence. Malaysia was one of the earliest nations in the world to extend its hand of friendship, thus strengthening the ties of good relations and acting as the catalyst for mutual cooperation in the fields of trade and investment, oil and gas, education and tourism.

In this regard, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate both our nations for the 25 years of friendship we are celebrating this year. We had a friendly luncheon with the officials from the Uzbek side to commemorate this momentous event. It is indeed a testament of the great collaboration between

our two governments and the brotherhood of our two nations.

While we cherish all the achievements which have brought us to where we are now, we have to also admit that there are always rooms for improvement.

Therefore, I hope that this good momentum will continue as we work towards a greater goal in the years to come.



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## Friendly Luncheon for the 25th Anniversary of Malaysia—Uzbekistan Diplomatic Relations



The Embassy hosted a friendly luncheon on 21 February 2017 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Malaysia and Uzbekistan. It was our privilege to receive Mr. Abror Fatkhullaev, Head of Asia Pacific Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan who represented the Government of Uzbekistan as the guest of honor to this event. Others presented at this luncheon were heads/representatives from the Academy of State and Social Construction under the President of Uzbekistan, Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies, Uzbekistan State University of World Languages, Council of Friendship Societies of Uzbekistan, Committee for Coordination of Science and Technology Development, ISTE'DOD Foundation, National TV & Radio Company of Uzbekistan and the MTCP Alumni Club. This group also represents the Friends of Malaysia in Uzbekistan who have collaborated with the Embassy in bringing the bilateral relations between Malaysia and Uzbekistan closer.



## Round Table Discussions with the Local Tour Operators



On 15 February 2017, the Embassy organized a roundtable discussion with the local tour operators who are actively handling inbound Malaysian tourists into Uzbekistan. The main objective was for the Embassy to touch base with these tour operators as it provided an avenue for information sharing on tourism for both countries. The Embassy also shared information on potential destinations for Uzbek tourists to venture in Malaysia in addition to the current traditional locations.

## Techno-Economic Marketing of Palm Oil



The Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC) organized the Techno-Economic Marketing of Palm Oil (TEMPO) on 30 March 2017 at International (Hilton) Hotel Tashkent which was attended by around 120 entrepreneurs in Uzbekistan. A number of experts and specialists from Malaysia also presented in this event to share with the participants, their knowledge on palm oil and its benefits. The Embassy's Charge d'Affaires ad interim was invited to officiate the event.

## XV Festival of Cultural Traditions and National Dishes

On 13 May 2017, the Embassy once again participated in the yearly event, i.e the Festival of Cultural Traditions and National Dishes, which was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan. This year, we brought back our last year's most anticipated chicken satay, specially air-flown from Malaysia. Other menu served at our booth were 'Mamak' style fried noodle and 'teh tarik' (milk tea).



## Round Table Session and MTCP Alumni Gathering



The Embassy organized a gathering for the alumni of the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Program (MTCP) on 18 May 2017. Around 70 alumni from all over Uzbekistan attended this event. In this year's gathering, the alumni had a chance to participate in a round table discussion session where they shared their experience during their short stint in Malaysia and how the courses they attended have helped in their career advancement.

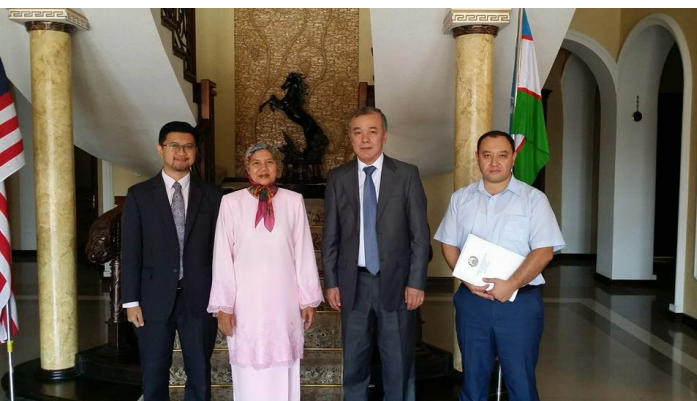


## Meeting with the Rector of Uzbekistan State University of World Languages

Her Excellency Ambassador Dato' Nor'Aini Abd. Hamid had a meeting with Dr. Prof. Ganisher Rakhimov, Rector of the Uzbekistan State University of World Languages (USWLU) on 14 April 2017 to discuss future collaboration between Malaysian universities and USWLU.



## Meeting with ISTE'DOD Foundation



Her Excellency Ambassador Dato' Nor'Aini Abd. Hamid had a meeting with the representatives from the ISTE'DOD Foundation under the President of Uzbekistan's Office on 15 June 2017 to discuss cooperation on education. They were the Foundation's Executive Director, Mr. Abdunadi Pardaev and his Deputy Director, Mr. Zafar Mukhrumbaev.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> *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, 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

All Malaysian Ambassadors will henceforth receive their credentials from Sultan Muhammad V.

## National Transformation 2050



### What is TN50?

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. 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.

### Preparing for the Future

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.

# Visit Pahang Year 2017

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 km<sup>2</sup> 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).



*Photos courtesy of Pahang Tourism*

## Courtesy Visits by Malaysians



10 April 2017 - The Malaysian National Youth Chess Team was in Tashkent to participate in the Asian Youth Chess Championship which was held from 31 March to 10 April 2017.



16 April 2017 - The Malaysian National Silat Team visited Uzbekistan from 10 to 17 April 2017 for joint exercises with the local Silat teams in Tashkent, Samarkand and Bukhara.



4 May 2017 - A delegation from UHB Travel and Tours Sdn. Bhd. (Malaysian travel company) led by Ustaz Abdullah Khairi visited the Embassy. They were in Uzbekistan for a one-week tour to study the potential of outbound tourism from Malaysia to Uzbekistan.



5 May 2017 - The Malaysian National Boxing Team was invited by Her Excellency Ambassador for a brunch at the Residence. The Team was in Tashkent from 30 April to 7 May 2017 to participate in the Asian Boxing Championship.

## Hari Raya Aidilfitri 2017 Celebration

Her Excellency Ambassador Dato' Nor'Aini Abd. Hamid held a closed reception at the Residence to celebrate the *Hari Raya Aidilfitri* (Eid ul-Fitr) on 26 June 2017.



Apart from the Home Based Staff and families, other invited guests were the Royal couple from the State of Pahang, local contacts and diplomatic representatives in Tashkent.



Traditional dishes served i.e. *Rendang*, *Lodeh*, *Nasi Hujan Panas*, *Laksa*, *Kuzi* and assortment of *Kuih Raya*, fully prepared by the Ambassador herself and the Home Based Staff of the Embassy.

## Ambassador's Meetings in Malaysia

Her Excellency Ambassador Dato' Nor'Aini was in Malaysia in late March 2017 where she had meetings with several parties to discuss potential collaboration which could further boost the bilateral relations between Malaysia and Uzbekistan.



17 March 2017—Meeting with YBrs. Prof. Dr. Mohd Sahandri Gani bin Hamzah, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and International Affairs), Sultan Idris Education University.



17 March 2017—Meeting with YBrs. Prof Dr. Noor Azmi bin Mostafa, Dean of Faculty of Language and Communication, Sultan Idris Education University.



23 March 2017—Meeting with Emeritus Professor Walter C.K. Wong, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive of Berjaya University College of Hospitality. Also present during the meeting were Mr. Helmy Sulaiman, Senior Manager of Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS) and other officials from the University.



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### REGISTRATION OF MALAYSIAN CITIZENS

Malaysians residing in Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan for more than 14 days are highly encouraged to register themselves with the Embassy of Malaysia in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. This would enable the Embassy to get in touch with you during emergencies.

Registration could be done by providing the following information:

- Full name (as written in passport);
- Passport and IC numbers;
- Address and contact number in Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan;
- Address and contact number in Malaysia;
- Name, address and contact numbers of next of kin in Malaysia;
- Expected duration of stay in Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

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