

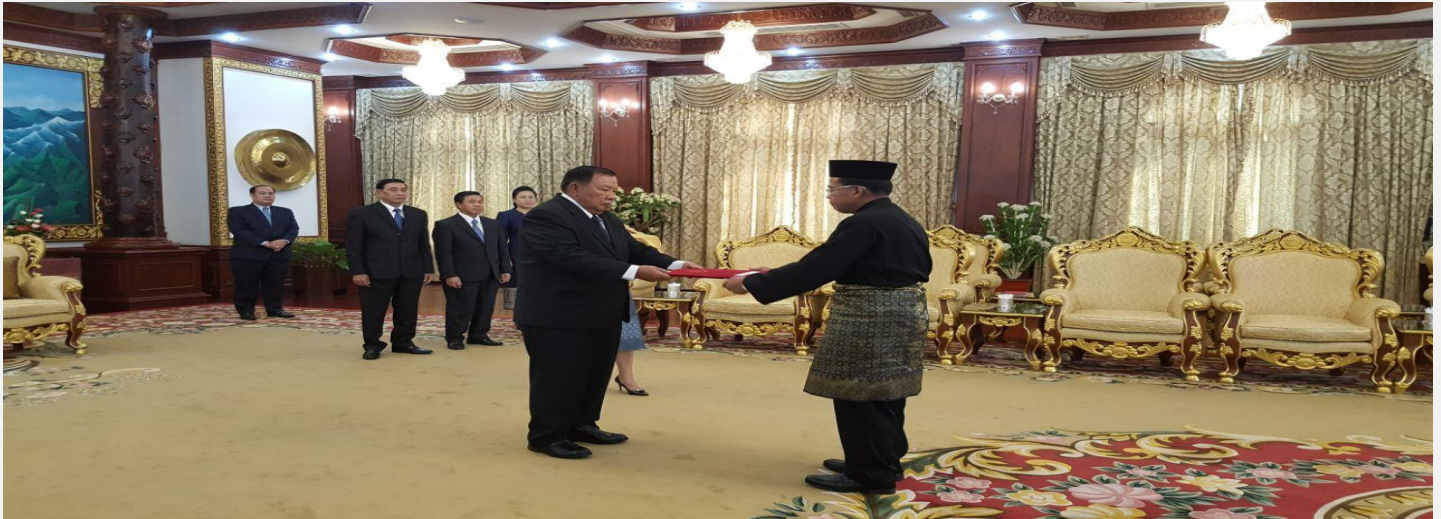


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SABAIDEE (HELLO) H.E. MOHD AINI ATAN

Ambassador of Malaysia to the Lao PDR

His Excellency Mohd Aini Atan presented his Letter of Credential to His Excellency Bounnhang Vorachith, President of the Lao PDR on 4 May 2017 at the Presidential Palace “Ho Kham” in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

His Excellency Mohd Aini graduated with Bachelor of Humanities (Honours) degree from Wolverhampton University, United Kingdom and joined the Administrative and Diplomatic Service in 1994.

He has served in various departments within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia including in the East Asia, OIC and Protocol Department prior to his appointment as the Ambassador to the Lao PDR. His postings include a 3 years stint in Damascus, Syria and 4 years as the Consul General of Malaysia in Songkhla, Thailand.

**Sabaidee (Hello) Ambassador &
Heartiest Congratulations.**

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MESSAGE FROM THE AMBASSADOR

**Assalamualaikum WBT,
Sabaidee (Hello),**

Since arriving in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 26 March 2017, with the aim of enhancing smooth operation of work at the Embassy, I have started the ball rolling by introducing few approaches to further improve and streamline communications and work operations at Mission. I am positive that these measures would be able to further enhance bilateral relations between Malaysia and the Lao PDR as well as promoting friendly relations between Malawakil Vientiane and Malaysian diaspora in the Lao PDR.

As a land-locked country with new political leadership since April 2016, the Lao PDR certainly has a great potential to progress further in the future. Our Malaysian businessmen could also play pivotal roles and benefit from the Lao PDR economic transformation from “a land-locked country to land-linked country” due to recent economic developments, as well as graduating from Least Developed Country (LDC) status by the year 2020.

In line with the spirit of *Transformasi Nasional 2050* (TN50), I welcome all Malaysians residing in the Lao PDR to continuously engage with us at the Embassy and work together as we progress towards 2020 and embracing the spirit and aspiration of TN50.

Korp Chai Lai Lai (Thank you very much).

H.E. Mohd Aini Atan



Malaysia Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP)

In line with the spirit of South-South Cooperation, Malaysia through the MTCP shares its development experiences and expertise with other developing countries. The programme forms part of the commitment of the Malaysian Government towards promoting technical cooperation among developing countries, strengthening of regional and sub-regional cooperation, as well as nurturing collective self-reliance among developing countries.

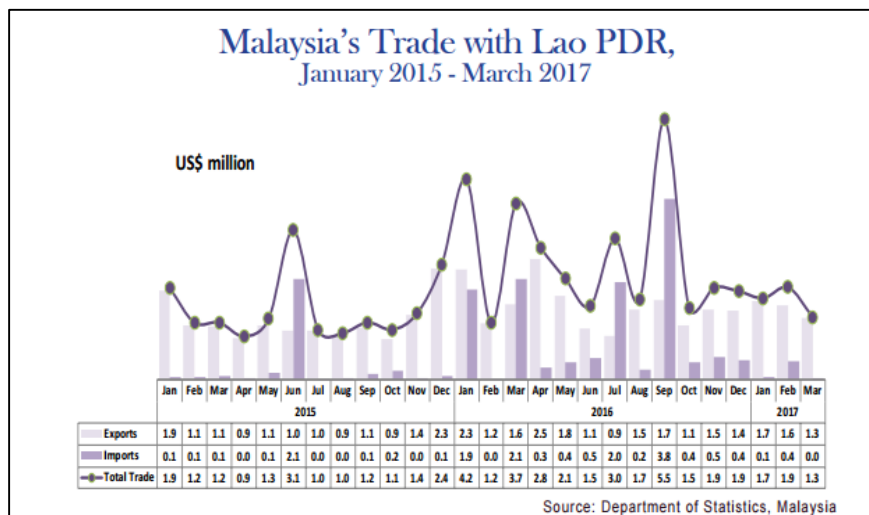
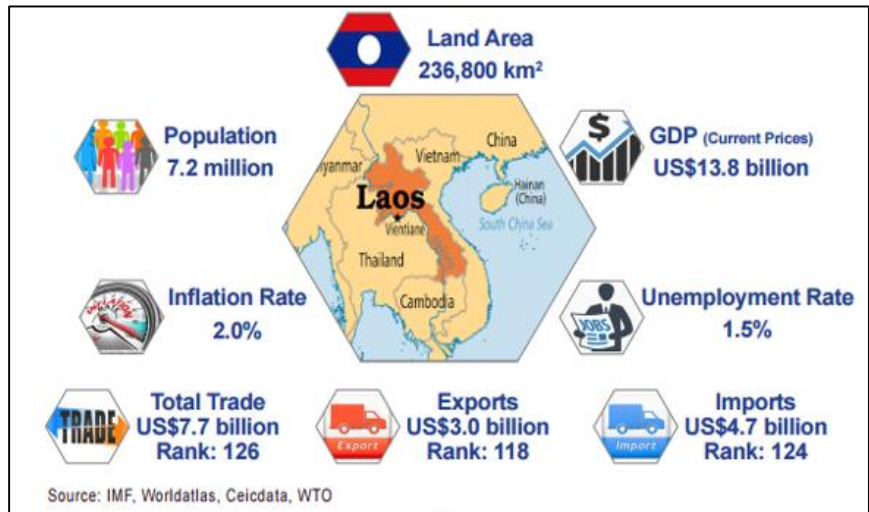
So far, more than 2,000 Laotians have benefited from the various courses offered under the MTCP.

Are you an MTCP Alumni?

If you are, kindly contact Mr. Johan Arief Jaafar, Embassy of Malaysia in Vientiane, Lao PDR to register with us.

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Lao PDR - Malaysia Bilateral Relations In Brief....



- Malaysia's trade with Lao PDR is currently on the way upward trend. In 2016, our total trade has grown by 76% to USD30.9 million from 2015.
- Moving forward, among key areas in which we are targeting to boost our exports to the Lao PDR are building materials, machinery tools, consumer products and medical disposable products.
- On the investment front, in the period of 2011-2015, Malaysia has invested USD570 million in the Lao PDR.
- Malaysia is currently the 4th largest foreign investor in their country. Malaysia's presence in the Lao PDR continues to grow from strength to strength over the last 10 years.
- To date, there are over 25 Malaysian companies which are actively operating in the country, in key areas such as hydropower, mining, development of specific economic zones, and railway project.

**OFFICIAL VISIT TO MALAYSIA BY
HIS EXCELLENCY DR. THONGLOUN
SISOULITH, PRIME MINISTER OF THE LAO
PDR**

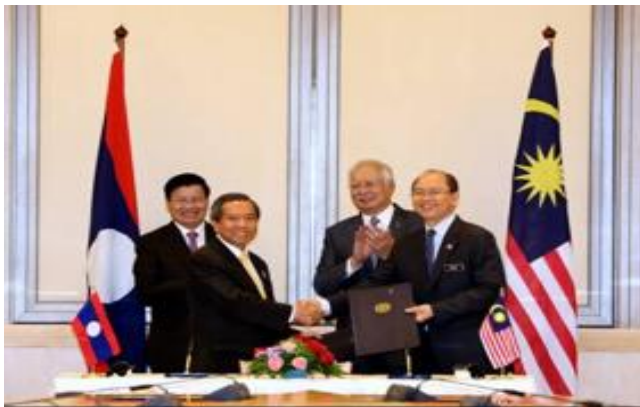
9 – 10 MAY 2017



His Excellency Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Prime Minister of the Lao PDR undertook an official visit to Malaysia on 9 - 10 May 2017 at the invitation of YAB Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia.

It was the first Official Visit by His Excellency Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith in his capacity as the Prime Minister of the Lao PDR since his appointment on 20 April 2016.

Both leaders exchanged views on bilateral relations with the emphasis on expanding economic cooperation as well as on regional and international issues of common interest.



YAB Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia and H.E. Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith witnessing the MoU on Science and Technology Cooperation signing between Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation of Malaysia and H.E. Prof Boviengkham Vongdara, Minister of Science and Technology of the Lao PDR.



Malaysia-Lao PDR Business Forum at MATRADE Exhibition and Convention Centre on 9 May 2017.

Turnout of more than 400 participants was recorded indicating a strong interest by Malaysian business community to explore opportunities to do business in Lao PDR. The forum was officiated by H.E. Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, the Prime Minister of Lao PDR.

Success Story: Savan Park SEZ Zone C



H.E. Mohd Aini Atan undertook a Site Visit to Savan Park (Zone C) in Savannakhet (Southern Lao PDR) on 22 - 23 April 2017. The Special Economic Zone, operated by a Malaysian company (Savan Pacifica Development Co. Ltd.) currently manage to attract more than 55 companies to setup their operation there.

.....“To be frank, I’m delighted to personally witness the progressive and rapid economic activities at Savan Park as the result of close collaboration between the Lao government, Malaysian concession holder, Savan Pacifica Development Co. Ltd. which is responsible in promoting and attracting investment into that SEZ Zone C as well as the roles played by Savan Logistics in providing land transport services linking seven countries in the region,”.....quoted from Vientiane Times dated 4 May 2017.

- H.E. Mohd Aini Atan, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Lao PDR

“SUCCESS STORY” FACTS

- ❖ Entrusted to operate the Savan-Seno Special Economic Zone, Savan Pacifica Development Co. Ltd. is a Malaysian company with 70% equity while the remaining 30% is owned by Lao PDR Government. It entered into a Project Development Agreement in 2008 to develop a commercial and industrial hub in Savannakhet Province.
- ❖ The company is given a concession to develop 234 hectares of land with infrastructure, including roads, electricity, water supply, telecommunications, water treatment and liquid management of factory discharge.
- ❖ Currently in its 4th phase of completion, due for completion in 2019.
- ❖ Upon completion in 2019, it would create more than 100,000 employment.
- ❖ Now houses more than 55 registered companies (5 from Malaysia) with an investment value of USD132 million.
- ❖ Soon to establish Common Control Areas (CCA), to ease movement of shipments at the Lao-Thai border.

Source: Vientiane Times, 4 May 2017.

**TRANSFORMASI NASIONAL 2050 (TN50)
ACTIVITY AT RUMAH MALAYSIA, VIENTIANE, THE LAO PDR, 25 MAY 2017**



The Embassy of Malaysia in Vientiane, the Lao PDR organised “Majlis Sua Bersama Rakyat Malaysia” on Thursday, 25 May 2017 at Rumah Malaysia in Vientiane, the Lao PDR.

During the event, a TN50 Pre-engagement session was conducted by H.E. Mohd Aini Atan, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Lao PDR to almost 100 Malaysians residing in the Lao PDR.



H.E. Mohd Aini briefed on the concept of TN50 as well as the seven (7) aspirations of TN50 to the Malaysian audience attending the function.



A survey form was handed out to the Malaysians to gather feedbacks on the seven (7) desired aspirations that they wish to realise in 2050. To date, Malawakil Vientiane has obtained feedbacks from several Malaysians residing in Vientiane, the Lao PDR.

PERWAKILAN Vientiane



Madam Zaeidah Mohamed Esa, the Pengerusi of PERWAKILAN Vientiane with other members of PERWAKILAN upon arrival in Vientiane, the Lao PDR.

To date, she has chaired three PERWAKILAN meetings on 28 March 2017, 24 April 2017 and 24 May 2017 respectively, so as to coordinate activities of PERWAKILAN Vientiane.



Madam Zaeidah Mohamed Esa was greeted by Locally Recruited Staff (LRS) upon her arrival at the Embassy.



Madam Zaeidah Mohamed Esa with members of PERWAKILAN Vientiane prior to its PERWAKILAN Meeting on 24 May 2017 to discuss upcoming activities, including the Ramadhan Food Bazar on 12 June 2017.



Ramadhan Food Bazar
12 June 2017 (Monday)
Embassy of Malaysia, Vientiane, Lao PDR

Announcement



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 <p>ANGGOTA MEDIA</p> <p>Bertugas sewaktu pilihan raya Membuat permohonan melalui majukan masing-masing.</p>	 <p>PTH PENJAWAT AWAM DI LUAR NEGARA & PASANGAN</p> <p>Telah mendaftar sebagai pengundi dan bertugas di luar negara.</p>	 <p>WARGANEGARA DI LUAR NEGARA</p> <p>Mendaftar dan layak mengundi tetapi berada di luar negara dan tidak berkesempatan untuk pulang mengundi di Malaysia. <i>* memenuhi syarat yang ditetapkan</i></p>
 <p>ANGGOTA PILIHAN RAYA</p> <p>Petugas-petugas pilihan raya yang dilantik oleh SPR bagi membantu melaksanakan pilihan raya.</p>	<p>SYARAT UNDI POS LUAR NEGARA</p> <p>Warganegara Malaysia 21 ke atas</p> <p>Rakyat Malaysia di Luar Negara hendaklah balik sekurang-kurangnya 30 hari dalam tempoh 5 tahun.</p>  <p>PTH PELAJAR DI LUAR NEGARA & PASANGAN</p> <p>Telah mendaftar sebagai pengundi dan menuntut sepenuh masa di luar negara. <i>* memenuhi syarat yang ditetapkan</i></p>	

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Any queries related to voters' registration for the election could be channelled to the Embassy of Malaysia in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

Events and engagement activities with local counterparts and Malaysian Diaspora



18 March 2017: Rising Together Baton Run in Vientiane, the Lao PDR to support the upcoming 29th SEA Games and 9th ASEAN Para Games.



3 April 2017: Meeting with Members of the Malaysian Business Chambers Lao PDR (MBCL). Discussed future programme to strengthen relations between the Embassy, MBCL and Malaysian diaspora.



26 March 2017: With ASEAN Ambassadors and HBS Malawakil Vientiane at the VVIP room shortly after arrival.



5 April 2017: Courtesy Call on H.E. John Williams, Ambassador of Australia to the Lao PDR, the present Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.



30 March 2017: Presenting a Copy of Letter of Credential to H.E. Seng Soukhathivong, DG Protocol Department, MFA Lao PDR.



5 April 2017: Engagement with Malaysian Diaspora in the Lao PDR through Futsal game.



6 April 2017: Annual Meeting involving all Military Defence Attache in the Lao PDR, held in Luang Prabang.



12 April 2017: Celebration of Lao New Year - PiMai celebration at the Embassy compound with HBS, LRS and Malaysian Diaspora.



8 April 2017: With HBS and LRS Malawakil Vientiane for Zumba Aerobic session.



12 April 2017: With ASEAN Ambassadors at the airport to welcome H.E. U Ko Ko Naing, Amb-Designate of Myanmar to the Lao PDR.



11 April 2017: First Session of Street Soccer with HBS and LRS at the Embassy compound.



4 May 2017: ASEAN Quiz Tournament organised by National University of the Lao PDR in Vientiane and supported by the Embassy.



11 April 2017: Dinner hosted by the Malaysian Ambassador and wife for HBS and their families.



8-20 May 2017: Visit to Vientiane by the Malaysian Under-15 Girls' National Football Team.