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### Malaysia offers African civil servants opportunity to attend... **Courses on Transformation**

Civil servants from African countries and beyond may soon be able to follow short-term courses focusing on the transformation agenda being implemented in Malaysia at the Razak School of Government in Putrajaya.

Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said this followed strong interest

shown by African leaders at the ongoing LID 2011 here.

The Razak School of Government (RSOG) aims to provide specialised and unique academic programmes designed to meet the demands of the public in terms of knowledgeable human capital that are capable of managing the public service in a chal-

lenging global environment.

Najib said the leaders were excited about the Malaysian government's transformation programme outlined in the Government Transformation Programme (GTP) and the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP).

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## LID Goes to the Field



Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak (centre) pointing out Putrajaya's attractions to (from left) Lesotho Prime Minister Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili, Tanzania President Jakaya Kikwete and Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe. On the right is Malaysian Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Idris Jala.

Deliberations of LID 2011 Monday were held away from the Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC) main venue as the leaders and delegates attended briefings and discussions at various places in Putrajaya, Kuala Lumpur and the state of Selangor and Negeri Sembilan to enable them learn from first-hand experience.

While over the last two days the leaders and delegates from Africa and the Caribbean were able to see the physical development Malaysia had undergone, as showcased by Putrajaya, Cyberjaya and Kuala Lumpur, Monday enabled them to learn about the advancement the country had attained in such areas as

agribusiness, manufacturing, ICT, biotechnology as well as sustainable development.

The heads of state and government as well as ministers attended a briefing on 'Transforming and Realising National Visions' at the Prime Minister's Office in Putrajaya.

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Malaysian Foreign Minister says...

## Africa Has Much to Gain



African nations attending LID 2011 can use Malaysia's transformational leadership initiatives and transformational policies to tailor-make their own policies to suit their domestic needs to tackle

head-on global challenges and new realities.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Dato' Sri Anifah Aman (*pic*) said Kuala Lumpur stands ready to share its experiences in implementing the Government Transformation Programme (GTP), Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) and New Economic Model (NEM) premised on the inclusiveness of the 1Malaysia concept.

He said this was a crucial ingredient in order to achieve their visions to become developed countries.

"Given the challenges that governments face today with global developments and rise in commodity prices, governments cannot operate under the business as usual mode, but embrace change," he told Bernama.

African and Caribbean heads of state

and government as well as ministers were briefed on Monday at the Prime Minister's Office in Putrajaya on the 1Malaysia concept, GTP, ETP and NEM.

Anifah said the GTP, ETP and NEM could serve as a case study for other participating countries of LID to consider their efforts to transform their own administrations and societies.

"Sharing transformational experiences and case studies will help us all."

Asked how Malaysia's policies would suit Africa, Anifah said Malaysia and African countries shared a lot of similarities as developing countries.

"If you look at the demography of African states, they are also based on a multi-ethnic and pluralist society. Some countries in Africa have developed and modelled their national visions based on our Vision 2020," he said.

### Investing with CSR in Mind

Companies and entrepreneurs venturing into Africa must not only invest for the long term but also give priority to corporate social responsibility (CSR), said an official from Sime Darby Plantation Sdn Bhd.

"You cannot venture into Africa blindly for quick gains," said its Head of Plantation Upstream, Helmy Othman Basha.

Speaking at the business forum, he said Sime Darby, which has operations in Liberia turning degraded and aban-

doned areas into thriving plantations, has also invested in infrastructure.

"We're like a mini UN (United Nations) there. We provide schools and buses, and develop settlements and proper housing for the community," he said.

Helmy also said the perception that Africa was not a safe place was unfounded, pointing out that most African countries have been peaceful over the past 20 to 30 years.

Matrade says that for Malaysian companies...

## Africa is a Gold Mine

Africa represents a 'gold mine' of trade and investment opportunities for Malaysian companies to capitalise on, said Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (Matrade) chief executive officer Datuk Noharuddin Nordin (*pic*).

He said Malaysia had a lot to offer African countries based on its expertise in areas such as infrastructure development, construction, downstream petroleum activities, power generation as well as innovative financing and banking.

Malaysian companies are currently undertaking 93 projects in 27 countries in Africa.

Africa's economy is growing despite the recent global financial crisis, Noharuddin told Bernama.

"The most important thing now is for us to entice the business fraternity to consider expanding to Africa," he added.

Noharuddin said Africa's growth was not by chance but due to relentless efforts by the governments in improving its banking and education systems, thus creating opportunities for investors.

Trade and investments between Malaysia and Africa saw a more than six-fold increase, from USD1.13 billion in



2001 to USD8.2 billion in 2010.

He said Africa accounted for only 2.1 per cent of Malaysia's total trade while Malaysia made up only 1.6 per cent of Africa's total trade.

## No Plan for Asean in LID

There is no plan to include Asean in LID, said Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak (*pic*).

"No. We don't want too many countries to be involved. We will maintain the present format of the African and Caribbean countries," he said in reply to a question at a news conference.

Najib said including Asean would make LID too big to manage.

Besides Malaysia, the other Asean countries are Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Meanwhile, former Malaysian Prime Minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi

called on African countries to replicate the strong regional cooperation prevailing in Asean to foster economic integration among them.

"Asean is a good example for member countries to understand and cooperate with one another, ensure regional stability, do well economically, and help poorer nations," he told reporters on the sidelines of LID 2011.

Abdullah, a Fellow Emeritus of the Commonwealth Partnership for Technology Management (CPTM), said Asean currently enjoyed a certain prosperity, and added that the region was peaceful, stable and doing well economically.

"Some Asean members are doing



well, and because of that we have been able to help the poorer Asean countries benefit from economic prosperity and stability of the region," he said.

## An Invitation to Smart African Children



Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor (centre) with Tanzania's First Lady Salma Kikwete (left) and Mate Musokotwane, wife of Zambia's Finance and National Planning Minister (right). Looking on is Malaysian Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil.

Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, wife of the Malaysian Prime Minister, has invited all participant countries of LID to send two smart children each to the 'Permata Pintar' School Holidays Camp to be held at the end of this year in Malaysia.

Rosmah, who is patron of the Permata Negara early childhood care and education programme, said the children would have to pass a special examination set by the organiser, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), to be included in the camp.

"We (Permata) will fully sponsor the selected children. They will have to sit for the special examination at the Malaysian missions in their respective countries," she told reporters after the wives of leaders attending LID 2011 visited the Permata Pintar centre at UKM in Bangi, Selangor.

## Tanzania Seeks More Malaysian Investors

Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete (*pic*) is hopeful more Malaysians will invest in the country's manufacturing, mining and agricultural sectors after LID 2011.

He said they were welcome to explore opportunities in Tanzania's telecommunications, and information and communications technology sectors.

"Of course we need investments from Malaysia. We can collaborate in many areas," he told reporters after participating in a dialogue on 'Innovative Financing for Transformation'.

At the session, Malaysia's Central

Bank Governor Tan Sri Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz delivered a presentation which impressed Kikwete.

He was taken up with the development of Malaysia's financial system which the President felt should be emulated by the East African country.

"There are so many things (that we can emulate such as) the capital market, how you've been promoting small- and medium-scale enterprises and so on," he said, adding that such a move was needed as Tanzania was on the development path.

Tanzania's economic growth is fore-



cast to grow by 5.8 per cent this year.

The country's main exports are, among others, gold, sisal, cloves, coffee, cotton, cashew nuts, minerals and tobacco.



## Focus

- 1** Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak (right) and his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, welcoming leaders and delegates to the dinner held in conjunction with LID 2011 on Sunday.
- 2** The briefing on the 1Malaysia concept, the Government Transformation Programme (GTP), the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) and the New Economic Model (NEM) gets under way for heads of state and government and ministers attending LID 2011 at the Malaysian Prime Minister's Office in Putrajaya.
- 3** The leaders and ministers leaving the Prime Minister's Office after the briefing.
- 4 & 5** African heads of state and government and ministers attending LID 2011 were able to see some of the physical development in Putrajaya, Malaysia's modern administrative centre, as they cruised on Putrajaya Lake.
- 6** The leaders and ministers disembarking from the boat after the cruise.
- 7 & 8** The leaders and ministers proceeding to the Retreat Session after lunch at Cyberview Lodge in Cyberjaya.
- 9** The Retreat Session.
- 10** Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (centre) with Zimbabwe's Deputy Prime Minister Prof. Arthur Mutambara (right) and Tanzania's Minister of Industry, Trade and Marketing, Mary Nagu.
- 11** Wives of the leaders and ministers visited the Permata Pintar centre at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in Bangi, Selangor. (From left) Malaysian Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil with Pauline K. Kalonzo, wife of Kenya's Vice-President; Salma Kikwete, wife of Tanzania's President and Mate Musokotwane, wife of Zambia's Minister of Finance and National Planning.
- 12** Delegates get a briefing at the Proton national car assembly plant in Shah Alam, Selangor.
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- 14** A delegate from Zimbabwe, Paul Mavima (right), finds out more about a product from Malaysian Agri Hi-tech Sdn Bhd senior manager Nor Herdhawati Jailani.
- 15** Delegates observe an employee at work at Sirim Berhad in Rasa, Selangor, to get a first-hand experience of operations at the industrial research organisation.
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## Zambia Setting Up Economic Zone with Help from Malaysia



Zambia is constructing a special economic zone planned by Malaysia's Kulim Hi-Tech Park and Japan International Cooperation Agency, said its Finance and National Planning Minister, Dr Situmbeko Musokotwane (*pic*).

He said the economic zone was the result of learning from countries like Malaysia to develop Zambia as a middle income country, adding that the country was now ready to receive business investments from Malaysia.

"At a time when Malaysia was poor, business communities from America and Japan took the risk to come and invest here. I believe that Africa, especially Zambia, is ready to give them investment opportunities," he told reporters on the sidelines of LID 2011.

The 1,700 hectare-Kulim Hi-Tech Park in Kedah is the first high-technology industrial park in Malaysia.

It targets technology-related industries, primarily in the fields of advanced electronics, telecommunications, biotechnology, advanced materials, research and development, and emerging technologies.

Musokotwane said learning from Malaysia's openness towards foreign investors and business practices has yielded positive results in foreign direct investments to his country.

"We've since received about USD5 billion in investments in the mining sector, and also other major investments as a result of opening up to countries like Japan.

"There's a factory currently under construction by Hitachi to fabricate heavy equipment spare parts for other African countries like Congo, Tanzania and Angola," he added.

Musokotwane also disclosed that a Malaysian Islamic banking institution has been given a licence to operate in Zambia.

Agreeing with LID founder and Malaysia's former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad that the World Bank should focus more on African countries, he said the bank should help those countries create infrastructure that would leverage their private sector, rather than focusing on small projects.

## Namibia Wants to Learn from Malaysia

Namibia has a lot to learn from Malaysia, especially in terms of improving its financial system, its deputy prime minister Marco Hausiku (*pic*) said today.

He said Malaysia's deliberate finance programmes enabled the country to develop faster than some other countries.

"You have exposed the business community to various deliberate financing programmes, including the one that I've learnt about today, which provides interest-free loans.

"And, these are some of the issues that we want to learn and emulate in our own financial system, especially access to financing for businessmen," he told reporters after a forum on 'Innovative Financing for Transformation and Poverty Eradication', held in conjunction with LID 2011 Sunday.



## Africa's Economic Zones Offer Scope

Special economic zones set up by African countries offer immense potential for Malaysian firms to expand their business into the continent, said a World Bank official.

"Africa is the new frontier for investors with a changing business landscape coupled with the availability of land and resources," World Bank Senior Private Sector Development Specialist Ganesh Rasagam said.

Major opportunities are in store for investors, with governments realising the importance of embarking on reforms to improve the business environment in

their respective countries, he said.

"Many have started to ease regulations to spur business start ups, strengthen property rights and improve efficiency in commercial dispute resolution (and) all these will attract investors' attention," he told Bernama after speaking at the Malaysia-Africa Business Forum Sunday.

Ganesh said Malaysian companies can also assume a role in Africa's growth story especially in sectors like agribusiness, education, manufacturing, tourism and health services.

Meanwhile, Quality Chemical In-

dustries Ltd Chief Executive Officer Emmanuel Katongole, in his talk at the business forum, said Africa was on the verge of transforming into an emerging economy on the back of better governance and rising spending power.

Katongole, who is from Uganda, said many African countries have managed to overcome major post-independence problems after British colonialists left the continent.

He said the lack of proper strategies earlier had led to political and economic instability which widened the gap between the rich and poor.

## Mara Training for African Students

by Wan Nor Azura Mior Abd Aziz & Nurulhuda Che Das

Mara, a Malaysian government agency which provides aid, training and guidance in business and industry, will spearhead efforts to provide technical and vocational training for African students.

Mara Investment Director Salmah Hayati Ghazali said technical training was imperative for school dropouts to mould them into skilled personnel to help African nations eradicate poverty and restructure society.

"We see Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Uganda, Namibia and Kenya showing keen interest in technical and vocational studies for their students.

They have asked for assistance and guidance at the ongoing LID," she told Bernama.

Salmah said Mara's technical education institutes could provide a second chance for tertiary education to students who are unable to pursue higher education in colleges and universities.

Currently, Mara has a technical training centre in Khartoum, Sudan, she added.

Meanwhile, Mara International Relations Unit manager Kamaruzaman Ani said another similar centre is being built in Juba in southern Sudan.

The centre, which is 90 per cent complete, would take in about 100 trainees in December, he said.

Kamaruzaman said the Mara-devised technical training programmes received encouraging response from the locals.

"Indeed, they welcome our efforts to train their teenagers to become skilled personnel. That's why we decided to open another training centre in Sudan," he said.

The centre would offer training in automation, building technology, plumbing, electrical work and repairing air conditioners, he said.

## FRIM Tie-Up in Biotech Research

After having established links with Nigeria in joint research and forest development, and possibly soon with Gabon, the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (Frim) has set its sights to extend similar collaboration in biotechnology to other African countries.

FRIM director-general Datuk Dr Abdul Latif Mohmod said the linkage would facilitate the transfer of technology to African countries and enable them to exploit natural bio-resources.

The technology transfer would go a long way in creating a bio-technology industry and a market for forestry-based products from Africa, he said.

African countries were rich in natural resources but they lacked R&D and technology development, Abdul Latif told Bernama after a presentation on the role of FRIM in nurturing biotechnology through R&D to LID 2011 delegates who visited FRIM.

FRIM has established a twin campus with the Forest Research Institute of Nigeria and expects to sign an MoU with Gabon by September for R&D on herbal products and forestry development.



FRIM's HQ in Kuala Lumpur is surrounded by a lush forest.

## Limkokwing Goes to Uganda

The Limkokwing University of Creative Technology will open a campus in Uganda, its fourth in Africa, revealed Ugandan Vice-President Edward Sekandi.

"Limkokwing has announced that they will be opening a campus in Uganda,"

Sekandi said, adding that he visited the university in Cyberjaya on Saturday.

He said this during the session on 'Realising National Visions Through Socio-Economic Transformation' at LID

2011 Sunday.

More than 12,000 students are currently studying in Limkokwing's campuses in Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland.

Later Sunday evening, Sekandi met Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak for a bilateral meeting at the premier's suite at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC).

Speaking to Bernama after the meeting, Sekandi said both countries would further enhance trade ties and

cooperate in the field of education and innovation.

"We had a good bilateral meeting in which we discussed specific technical aspects of bilateral trade and how to further increase the number of Ugandan students pursuing tertiary education in Malaysia," he said.

Sekandi was optimistic the bilateral meeting would open the gateway for businessmen from both countries to identify new export products.

## Courses on Transformation

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"They're keen to send their officers over to learn about the programme in-depth," he said, adding that this proved that the government's transformation agenda was being recognised by both developed and developing countries.

Earlier, the delegates were given a two-hour briefing on the transformation programme by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Idris Jala, who is also chief executive officer of the Performance Management and Delivery Unit (Pemandu).

Established in 2009, Pemandu's main objective is to oversee the im-

plementation, assess the progress, facilitate and support the delivery system and drive forward the GTP and ETP.

Najib said the leaders identified several issues that had contributed to low production of food on the African continent. They include the use of low-yielding seeds, lack of technology, low-skilled workers, irrigation problems and lack of access to credit.

He said the Commonwealth Partnership for Technology Management (CPTM) may be able to look into this matter via the Smart Partnership concept.

On energy, Najib said a similar approach may be applied to boost energy production in Africa by attracting the participation of Malaysian Independent Power Producers (IPP) by way of a viable business model.

Najib said he also briefed the leaders on the "Global Movement of the Moderates" towards achieving peace and tolerance, which had been well received by the leaders.

"The president of Tanzania even said that the concept may be useful in efforts to end the conflict in neighbouring Burundi," he added.

## LID Goes to the Field

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They learned about the concept of 1Malaysia: People First, Performance Now; the Government Transformation Programme (GTP); the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) and the New Economic Model (NEM).

The two-hour briefing was given by Malaysian Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Idris Jala, who is chief executive officer of the Performance Management and Delivery Unit (Pemandu).

After the briefing, the VIPs were taken on a cruise on the Putrajaya Lake. This was followed by lunch at Cyberview Lodge in Cyberjaya.

In the afternoon, the heads of state and government and ministers gathered for the Retreat Session on 'Future Direction of Smart Partnership/LID' at Cyberview Lodge. Their discussions centred on the topics of 'Food and Energy Security', 'Social Media for Transformation', 'Global Movement of the Moderates', and 'Future Direction of the Dialogue/Smart Partnership'.

Over working dinner, at the Malaysia Petroleum Club at the Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur, the heads of state and government as well as ministers held discussions on the CPTM/Smart Partnership Group and CPTM Fellows Endowment Fund; proposals for new CPTM Fellows and future activities;



Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak (seventh from left) with the leaders who attended LID 2011 after their Retreat Session at Cyberview Lodge in Cyberjaya.

future direction of the LID and Smart Partnership Dialogues; and the venue of the Smart Partnership Dialogue in southern Africa.

Meanwhile, the other LID delegates, divided into five groups, visited various research institutions for the 'Dialogue in the Field' and enriched themselves with information on 'The Business of Agriculture'; 'Competitiveness in Manufacturing'; 'Promoting ICT Enterprises'; 'Nurturing SME Start-Ups in Biotechnology'; and 'Climate Change and Sustainable Development'.

Delegates from the five groups later attended a dinner and workshop to prepare for the Plenary Session. There was also a Breakout Session for Club 29ers, involving youth representatives from the LID participating countries, in prepa-

ration for the Plenary Session.

LID 2011 goes into the Plenary Session Tuesday on the topic of 'Sharing and Learning', with reporting back by representatives on the Dialogues in the Field and the Business Forum as well as by youth representatives.

The meeting then proceeds to the closing session on 'The Way Forward' where it will come up with an Outcome Document LID 2011. An announcement can be expected on which African country will host the next Southern Africa International Dialogue (SAID) and when the next LID, the 10th in the series, will be held, this time back on the legendary resort island of Langkawi.

Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak is scheduled to deliver the closing speech.