



Winter Activities Involving Malaysians

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50th Merdeka Bowling Tournament



Lovely lanes.

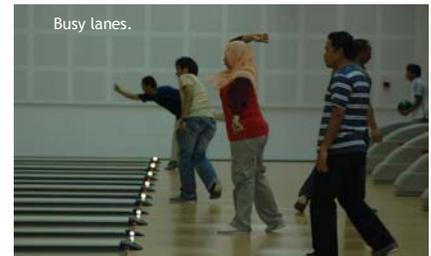
To commemorate the Malaysian 50th Merdeka Day on 31st August 2007, MAQ successfully organised an open bowling tournament at the Qatar Bowling Centre followed by a prize giving ceremony and kenduri at Al-Bayyan Clubhouse, Al-Sadd. Both events saw big turnouts with bowling 93 bowling participants and the dinner attended by more than 350 members and their families.



Satu lagi...



Strike. Give me fives....



Busy lanes.



One for the album.



Yeah, double striker....

During the bowling tournament children below the age of 8 participated in a colouring contest in the same premises. All functions were jointly sponsored by HESS and Petrominwork Sdn Bhd whose representatives were also present at both occasions. Overall Results and more news are continued on Page 2 & 3.



What's my score ?



I'm busy mommy.



Man oh man.

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50th Merdeka Kenduri

A Merdeka Day kenduri was held in the evening for the prize giving ceremony of the bowling tournament and children's colouring competition. In addition to the prize winners, lucky draws were also held where souvenirs and presents were sponsored by HESS & Petrominwork Sdn Bhd. They took the opportunity to introduce their staffs and their purpose of coming over to Qatar. They explained that their objective was to recruit staffs under their "Balik Kampong" scheme for their operations in South East Asia. Targeted at Malaysian oil and gas professionals currently working in Qatar. They have invited all interested Malaysian professionals in the oil and gas industry to attend a further presentation on their operations and welcome an open interview the following night at one of the 5-star hotel in Doha.

See the Overall Tournament & Contest Results on Page 3



Man Champion Pathy



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Co-sponsor HESS & Petrominwork Sdn Bhd



Gift from HESS to Embassy



Veteran Winner Pak Mus

The dinner main menu of Nasi Lemak and Laksa Penang were really sumptuous, supplemented by several pot luck dishes brought in by members.

The President on behalf of MAQ and members thanked HESS and Petrominwork Sdn Bhd for co-sponsoring both events and wished them good luck in their "Balik Kampong" recruitment drive and hopefully some of us will be heading back home to the comfort of our own community in Malaysia.

We hope to see you back in Doha or Kuala Lumpur soon.



Ladies Winner Arina



Kids Champion Aiman



Huge crowd.



Very Lucky Lucky Draw Winner



Teenage Champion Amirul



Colouring Contest Winner Engku Mohd Imran



Negaraku.....



Cheering frenzy at the prize giving ceremony



Continued....

The bowling competition was played over three frames each with the best three scorers declared winners for three categories respectively: children, teenagers and ladies while two additional prizes were included for the men category. As MAQ intends to make this tournament a yearly event, a Merdeka Bowling Challenge Trophy for the overall champion was introduced, sponsored by HESS. The winners for the various categories were:

Children Open:

Champion: Aiman Mazlan (295 Points)
1st Runner-up: Daniel Zain Mazalan (169 Points)
2nd Runner-up: Nurfaridah (164 Points)

Teenagers Open:

Champion: Amirul Mansor (292 Points)
1st Runner-up: Armand Zakri Mazalan (261 Points)
2nd Runner-up: Farouq (251 Points)

Men Open:

Champion: Pathy JR (505 Points)
1st Runner-up: Pak Mustafa (481 Points)
2nd Runner-up: Fizi (472 Points)
3rd Runner-up: Saiful (451 Points)
4th Runner-up: Zu Ismail/Engku Mahusin (447 points)

Ladies Open:

Champion: Sherry (476 Points)
1st Runner-up: Arina (444 Points)
2nd Runner-up: Nadia (381 Points)

The men open winner, Mr. Pathy JR, being the highest scorer at 505 points was declared the overall champion for 2007 and presented with the HESS challenge trophy.

The winners for the children's colouring competition were: Engku Mohd Imran (7 years old), Muhammad Ashraf Salim and Sheetal Kaur (both 6 years old). Hope to see you all again next year.

ASEAN Fashion Festival



Malaysian Embassy and MAQ in Qatar has recently participated in the ASEAN Fashion Festival held at the Diplomatic Club on the 16th November 2007. The team was led by First Secretary, Zahairi Baharim and his wife, Zanariyah Alias. They wore Baju Melayu, Baju Kebaya, Baju Kurung, Cheongsam, Indian dress and local wedding attire to resemble a traditional Malaysian community at large. The ASEAN Fashion Festival was one of the activities organised by the ASEAN Sports and Cultural Committee in Qatar, which consist of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

About 800 people attended the show. A Celebration of Culture showcases the designs of Filipino fashion icon Patis Tesoro. The exclusive show, organized by Qatar Expo event management in conjunction with Qatar-based charity Reach Out To Asia (ROTA). ASEAN Ambassadors has joined hands in a cultural partnership promoting bilateral and cultural ties between Qatar and the ASEAN countries.





Ramai banjiri Bazar Ramadan Malaysia di Doha



Most of the pictures are contributed by Rozie

Ramainya orang....



Zahairi flipping the Ayam Percik



Yaakob giving away goodies

Bazar Ramadan atau pasar juadah tahunan ketiga anjuran Kedutaan Malaysia di sini sekali lagi mendapat sambutan hangat dengan hampir 1,000 orang membanjiri perkarangan kedutaan untuk membeli juadah berbuka puasa di sini pada 21st Sept dan 5th Oct 2007. Bazar anjuran Persatuan Wanita Kementerian Luar Negeri (Perwakilan) bahagian Doha bukan sahaja menyaksikan gerai-gerai Malaysia tetapi juga gerai wakil kedutaan dari negara anggota Asean di sini.



Mat Salleh pun ada



Di samping juadah kuih dan makanan ringan, gerai-gerai tersebut juga menyediakan pelbagai masakan Malaysia seperti nasi dagang, nasi kerabu, nasi ayam Hainan, laksa Penang, pasembor, ayam percik dan air batu campur. "Adalah mudah untuk menganjurkan bazar tahun ini kerana semua orang tahu apa yang harus dibuat dan apa yang dijangkakan, terima kasih kepada pengalaman lalu. Peserta menyediakan lebih banyak makanan dan datang awal untuk membuat persediaan," kata pemangku ketua Perwakilan di sini, Zanariyah Alias, isteri kepada Kuasa Usaha Tetap Malaysia di sini, Zahairi Baharum. Turut serta ialah Presiden MAQ, Yaakob Abd Rahman.

Walaupun bazar dibuka mulai pukul 2 hingga 4 petang namun orang ramai mula tiba seawal 1.30 tengah hari dan menjelang 2 petang, semua tempat letak kereta di Kedutaan Malaysia dan bersebelahan di Kedutaan Sepanyol dipenuhi. "Anehnya, kami mempunyai ramai tetamu Arab tahun ini walaupun kami hanya mengumumkan acara ini di akhbar berbahasa Inggeris sahaja," kata Zanariyah.



Ekspatriat Algeria, Soraya Malki dan dua anak perempuannya kecilnya mengunjungi bazar itu bersama kakak iparnya, seorang rakyat Malaysia. "Makanan di sini tidak begitu sesuai untuk saya. Saya harap untuk mencari pakaian tradisi, kraftangan dan cenderahati dari Malaysia tetapi hanya sebuah gerai sahaja menjual barangan itu," katanya. Jurutera dari Malaysia Lam Yau Kin pula kecewa sedikit dengan apa yang disediakan di bazar berkenaan.

"Tahun lepas, saya belanja hampir RM200 dengan membeli makanan untuk diri saya dan juga untuk kawan-kawan dari negara asing. "Nampak lebih banyak jenis barangan tahun ini tetapi tidak ada barangan yang saya cari," katanya, yang berasal dari Ipoh, Perak. Menurut Zahairi, ekspatriat Malaysia di Qatar kini berjumlah lebih 1,000 orang, iaitu sekali ganda berbanding semasa kedutaan dibuka tiga tahun lepas. Beliau, yang juga Setiausaha Pertama, kini menjadi ketua kedutaan sementara menunggu ketibaan pengganti duta pertama Malaysia di sini Dato'Ku Jaafar Ku Shaari.

All news excerpts from local Malaysian Newspapers - The Star



Suhoor reception with a Malaysian touch

SHASHANK SHERKAR

DOHA A choice of sumptuous Malaysian delicacies such as chicken soup, fried mee hoon, sambal udang and air badung formed a perfect suhoor menu during the reception held at the Malaysian embassy premises on Friday. Served in a traditional atmosphere with a Malaysian touch, the event was one of the many Ramadan related functions events organised at the embassy.

The presence of people from different religions including Buddhists and Christians, and the variety of Malaysian food served have made the Ramadan events at the embassy different from the other functions being organised in



Children at the Malaysian embassy's reception on Friday. (JALAL PATHYDOOR)

Doha during the Holy Month. "We are only following Malaysian traditions. People from different religions celebrate all festivals together. Muslims attend the festivals of

Christians and Buddhists and vice versa," said Zahairi Baharim, first secretary at the embassy.

The embassy has also adopted Arabic ways of observing Ramadan.

"We organise functions such as Garangao where we distribute gifts to children. We would say that observing several traditions has added a special flavour to the Malaysian celebration," said another Malaysian embassy official.

Authentic Malaysian fare 'with chilli' served at the embassy is another major attraction at the embassy functions.

"Several food items are special only to us. Katruf, sambal udang and fried mee hoon are all authentic Malaysian dishes. The popular drink eyebalando, a mixture of 7Up and milk, is also served," Baharim said.

Women from ASEAN countries will also organise a Ramadan Bazaar at the embassy on October

5. The event is being coordinated by the Ladies' Association of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia also known as Perwakilan Doha. The association had organised another Ramadan Bazaar earlier this month.

"This is the third year of the Ramadan Bazaar and the first time in which all ASEAN members are taking part. We want visitors to feel at home and taste authentic Malaysian food," said Zanariyah Alias, acting chairperson of Perwakilan Doha.

Though the majority of stalls at the bazaar will be Malaysian, ladies from Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Singapore and Brunei will also sell traditional food and clothes.

News excerpts from local Qatar Newspapers - Qatar Tribune

Did You Know?

Garangao (Karangkao)

Garangao (also pronounced as karangkao) is a traditional Middle Eastern and Qatari custom that is being practiced in many of the Gulf countries. The custom celebration is akin to Halloween. On the 14th night (middle) of Ramadan, when the fasting is half over, children dressed up in beautiful traditional clothes and go from house to house in pursuit of candy and nuts. The giving of candy and nuts is a symbol of giving food to the disadvantaged people of the world.



Here in Qatar, as in other Gulf countries, there is no better place to celebrate this tradition than in the schools. The school had their Garangao on that particular week and all the parents will get a letter from the school informing them about the said activity that was going to take place. The children may come to school in National dress and bring candy and nuts to give away or share with their school mates. The same will be done at home around the friendly neighbours after school.



Eid Adha and Ibadah Korban at the Embassy

The Malaysian Embassy and MAQ collaborated in organising the Isyak prayer berjemaah, Eid Adha prayer, Takbir Raya and Ibadah Korban on the 18th and 19th December 2007 respectively.

Kambing Korban (Syrian Goat) are brought over to the Embassy premises for slaughter and distributed among the needy and for those who came and helped. Most of the slaughter work have been done voluntarily.

Eid Adha prayer started at 8.30 am and slaughter of the goats commenced around 10 am. These goats were gathered in the premises prior to the slaughtering activities.

Delegates from ASEAN countries are among the guest of the occasion. Breakfast were served to all the guest and participants of the Eid and Ibadah Korban.



All pictures are contributed by Mohd Adam

The New Ambassador of Malaysia to Qatar, 'Dato' Shahrul with the Malaysians at the Embassy premises



Asean counterparts were also present



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MAQ Family Cup Soccer Fiesta

Just before the close of 2007, MAQ has again successfully organised the MAQ Family Cup Soccer Fiesta on Friday, 28th Dec 2007 at the Al-Sadd Sports Club Football Pitch starting at 7 in the morning.

The games were played by seven-a-side teams on a round robin basis. The prize giving ceremony for the winners will be held during the combined Embassy/MAQ Open House planned on Thursday night, 3rd Mar 2008 at the Embassy premises.

MAQ has also announced the establishment of Malaysian Soccer Team.

The event was launched by the new Malaysian Ambassador to Qatar, Dato' Shahrul Ikram Yaakob who also lead the Embassy Team in the Celebrity Match against the MAQ Committee Team ending with a tie (0 - 0). The rather chilly winter temperature in the morning at around 12 degrees C had not deterred the players and the supporters when over a hundred MAQ members came to cheer the teams. No doubt everybody enjoyed the outing. Happy New Year to all.



Beautiful day for a soccer match

Dato' Shahrul and MAQ Committee Members at the stand upon launching of the fiesta

Results of the soccer match are as follows:

- Mengarut FC emerged as Champion
 - Sontoloyo FC vs Mengarut FC (2 - 2)
 - Mengarut FC vs Tiger FC (4 - 1)
 - Sontoloyo FC vs Tiger FC (1 - 1)
- Finale : Sontoloyo FC vs Mengarut FC (1 - 1) Full Time
- Penalty Shoot Out : Mengarut FC (3), Sontoloyo FC (2)
- Golden Boot Award : Azrie Daud (4 goals)
- Young Talented Player : Afiq Anuar



Mengarut FC (Captain - Malik Ismail)



Sontoloyo FC (Captain - Rahim Husain)



Tiger FC (Captain - Khalid Saleh)



Sejuknya Pagi ni.....



All pictures are contributed by Dr. Mohamed Zain



Roti Canai, Tea Tarik Special, Nasi Lemak Singapore, Mee Hoon Goreng, Sandwiches, Donuts, Nasi Himpit, Rendang, Ayam Goreng, Serunding, etc. Panjangnya list makanan.....



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- Day Trip on 18th January 2008
 - Lunch provided
 - About QR 150 per person
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 - Destination : Inland Sea, State of Qatar
 - Closing date : 10th January 2008
- Overnight Trip on 28th - 29th March 2008
 - Dinner, breakfast, tents & bathrooms will be provided
 - About QR 250 per person
 - Drive your own 4 X 4 Vehicle
 - Destination : Inland Sea, State of Qatar
 - Closing date : 20th March 2008

Welcoming Golf Tournament for the New Ambassador

To welcome the newly arrived H.E Malaysian Ambassador to Qatar, Dato' Shahrul Ikram Yaakob, the Malaysian Golfers Qatar (MGQ) organised a mini golf tournament on Wednesday, 2nd Jan 2008 evening over 9 holes at the Academy Course of the Doha Golf Club. Eighteen (18) members participated with the first four players teeing off at 6pm.

The weather was very good, as also the scores. Several players played below par and deserve some handicap cuts, probably with violent protests. The winners are decided based on stableford points with full 9 holes handicap.

As a matter of interest, H.E Dato' had 40 strokes, and with a handicap of 4, obtained 16 points.

Prizes for the winners were presented during the Embassy/MAQ Open House function.

Congratulations to all winners. For the non winners, keep on trying. Till our next game, KEEP ON GOLFING.

The following are the overall results :

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Champion: | Haji Daud Hashim (22 points) |
| 1st Runner-up: | Nor Azmi Sudin (19 points o/c) |
| 2nd Runner-up: | Haji Farid Amin (19 points o/c) |
| 3rd. Runner-up: | Haji Amran Nongchik (17 points o/c) |
| 4th Runner-up: | Mohd Nasir Juri (17 points o/c) |
| 5th Runner-up: | Ramli Rahim (17 points o/c) |



New Born



Boy

First born is always a joy

Daddy : MOHD NIZAM BIN MOHD NASIR
 Mommy : MARLIZA BINTI MOHAMAD
 Baby : MUHAMMAD DANISH ALKHWARIZMI
 Date of Birth : 2nd September 2007
 Place of Birth : Kuala Terengganu Specialist Hospital
 Malaysia



Girl

Another Girl makes 5

Daddy : MUHAMAD RAMZI BIN MUHAMAD
 Mommy : KARTINI BINTI MUSTAPA
 Baby : SITI HAWA
 Date of Birth : 11th December 2007 at 3 am
 Place of Birth : Woman Hospital, Doha



Boy

3 Boys run in the family

Daddy : KAMARUL BAHRI BIN MUSTAPHA
 Mommy : YUSRITA BINTI ABD AZIZ
 Baby : MUHAMAD KAMAL
 Date of Birth : 20th August 2007 at 7.30pm
 Place of Birth : Al-Ahli Hospital, Doha

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- Closing date : 15th January 2008

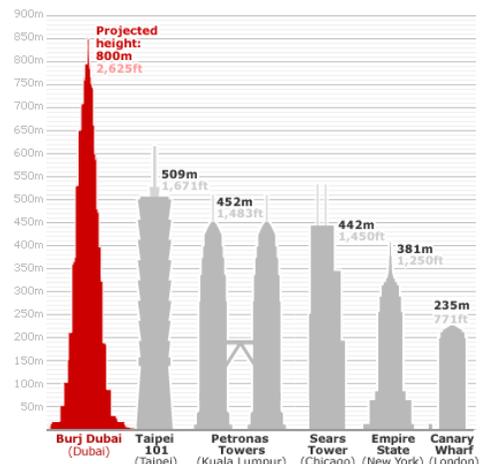
Did You Know ?

The tallest building in the world now is in Dubai



The Burj Dubai tower is 555 metres (1,831.5 feet) tall in July 2007 and has surpassed the 553-metre- (1,824.9-feet) CN Tower in Toronto, Canada, which held the record for the world's tallest free-standing structure since 1976.

When completed, the skyscraper will feature more than 160 floors, 56 elevators, luxury apartments, boutiques, swimming pools, spas, exclusive corporate suites, Italian fashion designer Giorgio Armani's first hotel, and a 124th floor observation platform.





Fog - is basically stratus clouds which lower to the ground. When the fog "lifts," it rises from the surface as a deck of stratus clouds. Fog can also "burn off," or dissipate to leave clear skies behind.



The best advice for handling heavy fog is to stay home and wait for it to lift before traveling. If you cannot avoid traveling during foggy conditions, there are a few basic safety tips you should follow.

- If you must drive in fog, allow more time for your journey
- Check and clean your windshield, windows and lights before driving. Use your windshield wipers and defrosters at all times. Using your air conditioner in conjunction with your defrosters works best
- See and be seen. As a general rule, drivers should use low beams only. High beams will reflect off the fog, creating a "white wall" effect
- If you drive into a patch of fog, slow down gradually so the car behind you has time to slow too
- To heighten your awareness in your murky surroundings, open your window part way and turn off the radio
- Maintain a safe following distance from the car in front of you. Leave yourself plenty of room for stopping. You should always be able to stop within your range of vision
- Slow down and keep to safe speed. Don't be tempted to keep up with the vehicle in front of you, as it can give a false sense of security
- Don't speed up to get away from a vehicle which is too close behind you, and always resist the urge to overtake as you may find visibility ahead in much worse than you actually think
- Stay patient. Do not pass
- Don't hunch forward over your steering wheel. You'll see better in your normal driving position
- Use the right side of the road for guidance
- If the fog gets too dense, pull off the road, leave your headlights on, start the flashers, turn on your interior lights, and sound your horn occasionally
- Remember that fog can drift rapidly and is often patchy. People often think that fog is clearing and suddenly find themselves back in thick fog
- Turning at an intersection in fog needs particular care. Open your windows so that you can hear oncoming vehicles. Use your turn signals well beforehand and while waiting to turn. Keep your foot on the brake pedal so that your brake lights are on as an extra warning
- If possible, find an off-street parking space for your car and never leave it on the "wrong" side of the road
- If your vehicle breaks down, get it off the road if you can. If you can't do this, make sure you turn the hazard warning lights on

