50th Merdeka Bowling Tournament

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.

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.

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► Close Collaboration with the Malaysian Embassy
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► Fellow Malaysians to talk to and rely on in good & bad times
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► Learn & Gain knowledge through our Heritage & Religious Activities
► Enjoy Group Outdoor Activities e.g. BBQ, Sand Dunning, Picnics, Expedition, etc.
► Excursion Trips outside Qatar like Umrah, DSF, Oman, UAE, etc.
► Involve in many Sports Activities
► Discounted Rates on Airline Tickets, Hotels, Hospitals & Clinics, Restaurants, Holiday Package, etc.

All pictures are contributed by Rozie
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.

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.
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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: Nurfariah (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


All news excerpts from local Malaysian Newspapers - The Star
Suhoor reception with a Malaysian touch

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.

News excerpts from local Qatar Newspapers – Qatar Tribune

Garangao (Karangkao)

“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 food such as nasi lemak and sambal udang are main sources of food and drink served at the embassy,” said a Malaysian who attended the event.

“Several food items are special only to us. Perhaps, sambal udang and fried mee hoon are all traditional Malaysian dishes. The popular drink, bahulu and milk, is also served,” Baharum said.

“Greetings 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 Duta. 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 enjoy at home and taste authentic Malaysian food,” said Aminah, another observer at the embassy.

“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.

“Did You Know?”

Garangao (Karangkao)
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.
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.

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
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:

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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

Malaysian Soccer Team

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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 used 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