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High Commission of India
Kuala Lumpur



Celebration of ITEC Day 2023 in Malaysia

The High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur celebrated the ITEC Day on 19 September 2023. ITEC (Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation) Programme, fully funded by the Government of India, currently offers over 14,000 courses to 200,000 participants from 161 countries. H.E. Datuk Mohamad Bin Alamin, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Malaysia was the Guest of Honour.

Among the distinguished guests were H.E. Dr. Nagulendran, Secretary General of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Malaysia, Major General Datuk Mohamed Fauzi bin Khamis, Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel Services of Malaysian Armed Forces, Dato' Ganeson, Director General, South East Asia Regional Centre for Counter Terrorism, Dato Dr. Shazalina Zainul Abidin, Director General, IDFR, Dato' Syed Mohamad Bakri Bin Syed Abdul Rehman, UnderSecretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Fabian Bigar, CEO, MyDigital Corp.

The event was well-attended by senior officials from Government of Malaysia including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, Traditional & Complementary Medicine Division of Ministry of Health, Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Human Resources, Ministry of MITI, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Economy, Malaysian Armed Forces and several agencies under the Government of Malaysia. Several Malaysian officials and professionals who are Alumni of the ITEC programme have attended the event.

Addressing the audience, H.E. Datuk Mohamad Bin Alamin, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Malaysia, congratulated India on such an extensive ITEC programme. He stated that ITEC further reinforces the close and friendly relations between India and Malaysia through beneficial exchanges in capacity building and skill development. YB Deputy Minister added that these programmes not only add to an individual's skills and training, but also enhance their exposure and horizons by being able to interact with similar participants from across the world. He also hoped that we continue to deepen and diversify our cooperation under Malaysia's Technical Cooperation programme (MTCP) and India's ITEC framework.

High Commissioner, H.E. Mr. B.N. Reddy, addressed the audience outlining the spirit of ITEC programme i.e. partnership, growth and prosperity for all, also reflecting the spirit of India's G20 Presidency in 2023 ("Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" which means "The World is One Family". HC stated that ITEC Programme is demand-driven and offers contemporary and relevant courses to all developing countries. HC highlighted that ITEC programme has continuously evolved to meet the contemporary needs and challenges of the world. The spectrum of the courses offered is wide including machine learning, big data, artificial intelligence, leadership skills, environmental audit, railway infrastructure, smart farming, etc. High Commissioner encouraged Malaysians from

various walks of life – from the Government, academia, civil society, private sector, businesses to look at ITEC as a platform that facilitates exchange of views among nationals of all participating countries, thus working as a feedback mechanism for India and hosting institutes too.

There are over 320 Malaysian nationals who have benefited from the ITEC programme. ITEC Alumni shared their experiences from attending the courses in India, how it was relevant for their respective fields of work, and how the experience and training helped them apply those learnings in everyday work and life. A video on ITEC on the ITEC Programme was screened.

Students of Padma Nrithyalaya Arts, Kuala Lumpur, under the guidance of Smt Vinoshree Shangkar, presented classical Indian dance performance and a fusion of Indian and Malay dance resonating the theme of the G20 presidency of India “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” which means “The World is One Family”.

ITEC Programme also offers a wide range of courses to all the three wings of Defence Services, viz., Army, Air Force and Navy at prestigious institutions like National Defence College, Defence Services Staff College, etc. The training covers Security and Strategic Studies, Defence Management, Marine and Aeronautical Engineering, Logistics and Management, etc.

Government of India has been deputing Ayurveda and Siddha practitioners and Ayurveda therapists in Malaysia under the ITEC programme to practise and offer consultations and treatment at Malaysia’s public health hospitals.

The encouraging trend of senior level officials and professionals from within and outside the Government joining ITEC courses points to the efficacy of the courses for capacity building, empowerment and upgrading of skills. There is now a visible and growing awareness among other countries about the competence of India as a provider of technical know-how and expertise as well as training opportunities, consultancy services and feasibility studies. These programmes have generated immense goodwill and substantive cooperation among the developing countries.

At the celebrations, The High Commission of India has showcased One District One Product (ODOP) programme of Government of India, displaying diverse products and artifacts from various parts of India, reflecting the unique crafts from across India. The ODOP Initiative is aimed at manifesting the vision of the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi to foster balanced regional development across all districts of the country.

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High Commissioner, H.E. Mr. B.N.Reddy with H.E. Datuk Mohamad Bin Alamin, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Malaysia and senior officials from Government of Malaysia, ITEC Alumni and other distinguished guests



H.E. Datuk Mohamad Bin Alamin, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Malaysia, addressing the audience



High Commissioner, H.E. Mr. B.N.Reddy, addressing the audience



Malaysian nationals who were ITEC Alumni, sharing their experience of attending ITEC Courses in India with the audience