



## **HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA KUALA LUMPUR**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **VISIT OF “ALL PARTY INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION” TO MALAYSIA (18-20 APRIL, 2016)**

An all party Indian Goodwill Parliamentary delegation is currently visiting Malaysia between 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

The delegation consists of six Hon'ble Members of Parliament from six major political parties from India including Samajwadi Party (SP), Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Indian National Congress (INC), Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), Shiv Sena and Biju Janata Dal (BJD). The leader of the delegation is Shri Ravi Prakash Varma, Hon'ble Member of Parliament from the Samajwadi Party. The delegation consists of Members from both the Lower House (Lok Sabha) and the Upper House (Rajya Sabha). Also accompanying the delegation is Shri Afzal Amanullah, Secretary General of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Ministry of Minority Affairs.

The all party Indian Parliamentary delegation called on the Hon'ble Speaker of the Malaysian Parliament Hon'ble Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Pandikar Amin Haji Mulia, this morning on 19th April, 2016. During their meeting, the delegation conveyed the greetings of the Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha of India as well as the Parliament of India and conveyed their felicitation on the successful holding of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association meeting in Sabah in January this year. The leader of the Indian delegation referred to the historical and close ties between India and Malaysia as well as close links between the Parliamentarians of the two countries. They also referred to the successful visit of the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi to Malaysia in November last year. They extended an invitation to the Hon'ble Speaker of Malaysia to visit India.

The Hon'ble Speaker of Malaysian Parliament Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Pandikar Amin Haji Mulia referred to the close relations between India and Malaysia and conveyed his admiration for the democratic practices of the Indian Parliament. He accepted the invitation extended to him to visit India. Hon'ble Mr. Kulasegaran, Member of Parliament from Ipoh was also present during the meeting, along with Datuk Roosme Binti Hamzah, Secretary of the Dewan Rakyat.

Yesterday (April 18, 2016) the High Commissioner of India, H.E. Shri T.S. Tirumurti, hosted a dinner reception in honour of the visiting Parliamentary delegation for the Indian community in which leaders from all major Malaysian Indian political parties and prominent leaders of the Malaysian Indian community were present. Also present were prominent members of the business community. The Indian Parliamentary delegation will also be visiting various places of interest and meeting of prominent dignitaries in Malaysia before their departure on April 20, 2016.



The leader of the Indian Parliamentary delegation Shri Ravi Prakash Varma and the Hon'ble Members of Parliament presenting a gift to Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Pandikar Amin Haji Mulia, Hon'ble Speaker of Malaysian Parliament



The leader of the Indian Parliamentary delegation Shri Ravi Prakash Varma meeting with Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Pandikar Amin Haji Mulia, Hon'ble Speaker of Malaysian Parliament

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Members of Parliament along with the Heads and Leaders of political parties of Malaysia who had attended the reception hosted in honour of the Parliamentary delegation from India for the Indian community on April 18, 2016 at Hotel Renaissance, Kuala Lumpur