



# The British Malaysian Society

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## BMS Annual Dinner



BMS president Sir Mark Moody-Stuart (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) addressing guests at the British Malaysia Society Annual Dinner, 3 October 2016

The British Malaysian Society Annual Dinner was held at The Parliament Chamber, The Inner Temple, London, Monday 3 October 2016

70 members and guests attended the dinner. Among the guests were HE Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi, Malaysian Higher Commissioner in London and Datin Rosilawati Ab Raffar, His Honour Judge Cryan (Hon) LLD, Lady Doris Butterworth and Lady Moody-Stuart

BMS president Sir Mark Moody-Stuart in his welcoming speech said the Society was achieving what it had intended from the beginning and urged more younger people to join.

There was an auction with proceeds going towards part-awards to two students from Malaysia to attend Bobby Chen's class at the Yehudi Menuhin School in December and two other Malaysian charities, Hospis Malaysia and Dignity Foundation for Children. The auction raised over £6,000.

Malaysia Airlines kindly donated two business class return tickets on Malaysia Airlines London-Kuala Lumpur for the auction.

Malaysian pianist Bobby Chen performed two pieces: Field – Variations on the Russian song "In the Garden" – Rosemary Thomas and BACH-BUSONI – Chaconne BWV1004.

## BMS now has Facebook and Twitter

Welcome news for BMS members and friends. Now social media users can click on to BMS Facebook and Twitter.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thebritishmalaysiansociety1983/>

Twitter: @BritishMsianSoc

### FORTHCOMING BMS EVENTS

#### Wednesday 19 October

Talk by Andrew Barber, "Malaysia – the outlook for 2017"

Venue: Laytons, 2 More London Riverside,  
London SE1 2AP

Time: 6.00pm to 8.30 pm

#### Tuesday 13 December

Chairman's Christmas Reception,  
The Travellers Club  
106 Pall Mall

London SW1Y 5EP

Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

OTHER EVENTS. Members will be notified of other events to which they will be invited, including those organised by My-UK and Malaysian Govt bodies, including MIDA and MATRADE Members will be advised of full details, and how to book/pay, by flyers sent out nearer the date.

[www.thebritishmalaysiansociety.org](http://www.thebritishmalaysiansociety.org)

### Other events

#### Borneo Hornbill Festival

4 December 2016

Showcase of 10 different ethnic tribes from Sabah and Sarawak, rice wine and chicken bamboo demo and cultural dance

Venue: Asia House,  
63 New Cavendish Street,  
London W1G 7LP

Time: 1pm

Free entry

#### World Travel Market

7-9 November 2016

Tourism Malaysia will be participating at the World Travel Market London 2016 from 7-9 November at ExCel.

[www.wtmlondon.com](http://www.wtmlondon.com)

## Talk by Dato' Sri Nazir Razak



Dato' Sri Nazir Razak addressing BMS members and guests at PwC, on 13 September

The Chairman of CIMB Group Dato' Sri Nazir Razak, gave a thought-provoking talk to British Malaysian Society members and guests at PwC's offices at Embankment Place, London, on 13 September.

He talked about current developments in Malaysia and the impact of the ASEAN Economic Community, and importantly how will the EU Referendum result affect Malaysia and Malaysian investments in the UK. He also said the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 was much more realistic than the 2007 ASEAN Charter. He spoke candidly about the current political situation in Malaysia and tackled a number of challenging questions and comments from the lively audience.

Dato' Sri Nazir Razak was the recipient of Asia House's Asian Business Leaders Award in 2015

## "My Malaysian experiences"

A talk by HE Vicki Treadell, British High Commissioner to Malaysia



HE Vicki Treadell, British High Commissioner to Malaysia, addressing members and guests

HE Vicki Treadell gave an informative and entertaining talk to BMS members and guests at The Inner Temple, London, Thursday 7 July.

She gave an overview of her experiences as a diplomat at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, from the day she joined the FCO up to her current position as British High Commissioner to Malaysia, which she took up on 21 October 2014.

Ms Treadell said that though there were some political problems in the country, Malaysia would overcome them.

The event was held at The Inner Temple, by courtesy of The Sub-Treasurer, Patrick Maddams, Hon FRIBA

## Malaysia-UK facts and figures, UK Investment in Malaysia

For the period 2004 to 2015, 169 manufacturing projects with total investments of USD1.9 billion (RM4.67 billion) were approved with participation from United Kingdom which is anticipated to create a total of 10,674 potential employments.

In 2015 there were 6,538 funded students and 10,744 non-funded students studying in the UK



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From the left Bobby Chen, Datin Rosilawati Ab Raffar, wife of Malaysian High Commissioner in London, and Zehan Albakri-Verden at the Society's Annual Dinner where Bobby performed two pieces.

### CHILDREN'S BOOK

## Mr Monty's Treat

By Gail Featherstone



Gail Featherstone

Gail wrote *Mr Monty's Treat* primarily to try to maintain the profile of children's palliative care in Malaysia.

The inspiration came from *Mr Iguana* bedtime stories which her husband, the late HE Simon Featherstone, British High Commissioner to Malaysia, used to tell their children when they were young

*Mr Monty* has taken on a life of his own in Malaysia and sales of the book plus associated activities such as a sponsored climb of Mount Kinabalu and KL Marathon runs have to date raised over £20,000 for Hospis Malaysia.

A link has been established between Hospis Malaysia and East Anglia Children's Hospices (EACH), and proceeds of any book sold in the UK will be donated to both.

The artwork is by Mollie Jackson

Priced at £6.99, the book is available at [www.each.org.uk](http://www.each.org.uk)

## Malaysia Investment Forum 2016



International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed delivering his keynote address at Kensington Close Hotel, 26 September.

Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed delivered his keynote address at the Malaysia Investment Forum 2016 in conjunction with the Choose Malaysia campaign.

Also addressing the Forum were Ross Hunter, Executive Director, UK-ASEAN Business Council, Michael Charlton, Managing Director & Chief Investment Officer at the Department for International Trade and Jason Feehily, Head of the Asia Business Centre, Nottingham University.

The forum also witnessed 4 Malaysian and UK companies exchanging MoUs. Mustapa is leading the biggest Malaysian trade and promotion mission to the UK, in a move for the country to create a bigger impact on British businesses and tourists.

## New UK policy won't affect Malaysian students – British High Commissioner

By Vanessa Ee-Lyn Gomes and Juliana Menon  
The Malay Mail Online, Friday October 7, 2016

KUALA LUMPUR - Malaysians studying or planning to further their education in the United Kingdom will not come under scrutiny following the recent UK regulations on foreign students.

"There are almost 17,000 Malaysian students studying in Britain who can be assured this announcement was definitely not directed at them as all of them are studying at well-known universities," British High Commissioner Vicki Treadell said.

She said the statement by Home Secretary Amber Rudd was a measure of protection for foreign students as to not be trapped by bogus universities and colleges.

"The only aim of the new restrictions was to safeguard the educational market from being used for wrong reasons," Treadell said, adding that by doing so would reduce net migration.

"Malaysian students would not be affected by the new restrictions," she added.

On Tuesday, Rudd announced major new restrictions on overseas students, including two-tier visa rules affecting poorer quality universities and courses.

She also said a review of student immigration rules should be tailored to the quality of the course and educational institution.

Treadell said the British government would scrutinise and make sure foreign students apply to legitimate colleges and universities that meet the educational standards the British government expects.

"There are numerous cases where foreign students have applied to study in United Kingdom and find out that their 'colleges' or 'universities' are merely a room in a shop house and this cannot continue any longer," she explained.

She said the British and Malaysian governments hold good ties which are viewed as beneficial for the development of the educational platform.

Extracted from The Malay Mail Online

## Malaysia Fest 2016



The annual Malaysia Fest event showcasing Malaysian food and culture, now in its 7th year, held on Saturday 24 September attracted an estimated 60,000 people to its venue in Trafalgar Square.

The unique culinary offerings of participating Malaysian restaurants here have been the pillar of strength and ingredient of success for the event.

International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed launched the event. Also present was the Malaysian High Commissioner in London, Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi

## Malaysia aims to become world's second largest PV producer by 2020

The Malay Mail Online 5 October  
KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 5 — Malaysia aims to be the second largest producer of solar photovoltaics (PV) in the world by 2020, said Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water Secretary-General, Datuk Seri Dr Zaini Ujang.

He said the current output was 12 per cent and the aim was to reach 20 per cent by then.

"Malaysia is currently ranked third in terms of solar PV production.

"According to market research, in 2015, total global shipment of solar PV amounted to 50.8 gigawatts.

"China contributed 48 per cent, Taiwan 20 per cent, Malaysia 12 per cent and Japan six per cent," he said.

He said in order to achieve the target Malaysia must adopt the green technology and not be left behind lucrative markets such as the US, Europe and Japan.

Zaini said Malaysia has pledged to reduce its greenhouse gas emission intensity of gross domestic product by 45 per cent by 2030.

PV is best known as a method for generating electric power by using solar cells to convert energy from the sun. — Bernama

Extracted from The Malay Mail Online

### Join BMS

Whatever your connection to Malaysia there is likely to be something for you within the society, especially for those who have lived or worked in Malaysia. If you have an interesting item of news or something else to contribute, please send your contribution to: [newsletter@thebritishmalaysiansociety.org](mailto:newsletter@thebritishmalaysiansociety.org)