

## **MALAYSIA**

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## **I. BASIC FACTS**

**Name of the country** : **Malaysia**  
**Capital** : **Kuala Lumpur**

**States and Capitals:**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>State/ Federal Territory</b>	<b>Capital</b>
1.	Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur	Kuala Lumpur
2.	Federal Territory Labuan	Labuan
3.	Johor	Johor Bharu
4.	Kelantan	Kota Bharu
5.	Kedah	Alor Setar
6.	Melaka	Melaka
7.	Negeri Sembilan	Seremban
8.	Pahang	Kuantan
9.	Perak	Ipoh
10.	Perlis	Kangar
11.	Pulau Pinang	George Town
12.	Sabah	Kota Kinabalu
13.	Selangor	Shah Alam
14.	Serawak	Kuching
15.	Terengganu	Kuala Terengganu

**Population** : 27.73 million  
**Currency** : Ringgit Malaysia (RM)  
**Languages spoken** : Bahasa Malaysia, English, Chinese, Tamil & Punjabi

**Latitude/Longitude and time zone details of country, capital**

**Kuala Lumpur** Latitude : 3° 8 N  
Longitude : 101° 42 E

**Time Zone:** UTC/GMT +8 hours

**Government:**

Yang di-Pertuan Agong XIII (King)	Al-Wathiqu Billah Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah	<a href="http://www.malaysianmonarchy.org.my/">http://www.malaysianmonarchy.org.my/</a>
Prime Minister and Finance Minister	Dato' Sri Najib Tun Razak	<a href="http://www.pmo.gov.my">http://www.pmo.gov.my</a>
Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister	Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin	<a href="http://www.treasury.gov.my">http://www.treasury.gov.my</a>
Foreign Minister	Datuk Anifah Aman	<a href="mailto:drrais@klm.gov.my">drrais@klm.gov.my</a>
International Trade & Industry Minister	Datuk Mustapa Mohamed	<a href="http://www.miti.gov.my">http://www.miti.gov.my</a>

**The Central Bank:**

Bank Negara Malaysia  
Jalan Dato Onn  
50480 Kuala Lumpur  
Tel: 603 26988044  
Fax: 603 26945986  
Website: [www.bnm.gov.my](http://www.bnm.gov.my)

**Membership of Organizations:**

UN, OIC, NAM, G-20, ASEAN, EAS, APEC, Commonwealth, D-8

**Major Industries:**

Electrical and Electronic products, Crude Petroleum, Petroleum Products, Rubber, Palm Oil & Palm Oil based Products, Timber & timber based products, LNG, Other Manufactured Good and Articles & Articles of Apparel

**Significant Economic Activities:**

**Global Trade and Investment:**

**Total Exports:** RM 663.51 billion (US\$189.6 billion) in 2008. Major destinations of Malaysian exports are Singapore, USA, Japan, China, Thailand, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, India, Australia, and Netherlands.

**Total Imports:** RM 521.5 billion (US\$149 billion) in 2008. Main exporters to Malaysia are China, Japan, Singapore, USA, Thailand, Taiwan, Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Germany & Hong Kong SAR

**Major Universities and Scientific Institutions:**

Universiti Malaya (UM) [ <a href="http://www.um.edu.my">www.um.edu.my</a> ]
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) [ <a href="http://www.ukm.my">www.ukm.my</a> ]
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) [ <a href="http://www.utm.my">www.utm.my</a> ]
Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) [ <a href="http://www.usm.my">www.usm.my</a> ]
Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) [ <a href="http://www.upm.my">www.upm.my</a> ]
Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia (UIAM) [ <a href="http://www.iiu.edu.my">www.iiu.edu.my</a> ]
Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia(UTHM) [ <a href="http://www.uthm.edu.my">www.uthm.edu.my</a> ]
Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (UPNM) [ <a href="http://www.upnm.edu.my">www.upnm.edu.my</a> ]
Akademi Sains Malaysia [ <a href="http://www.academisains.gov.my">www.academisains.gov.my</a> ]
Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) [ <a href="http://ww.frim.gov.my">ww.frim.gov.my</a> ]
The Malaysian Institute of Food Technology [ <a href="http://www.mift.org.my">www.mift.org.my</a> ]
Palm Oil Research Institute Of Malaysia (PORIM)
The Plastics & Rubber Institute Malaysia
Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI)
Institute of Medical Research (IMR)
Malaysian Technology Development Corporation (MTDC)
Standards and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia(SIRIM)
Malaysian Institute of Microelectronic Systems (MIMOS)
Malaysian Biotechnology Information Centre (MABIC)

**Important Think Tanks on Foreign Related Issues:**

Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) [www.isis.org.my]	ISIS Malaysia is engaged in a wide range of activities focusing on objective and independent policy research and fostering dialogue and debate between the public sector, the private sector and academia.
Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) [www.asli.com.my]	An independent organization that promotes leadership and strategic thinking through conferences, training programmes, briefings, publications and international dialogue
Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR) [www.idfr.gov.my]	IDFR is a training institute for Malaysian Foreign Service.
Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) [www.ikim.gov.my]	IKIM deals with strategic national and international issues concerning the understanding of Islam as a complete way of life and the relationship between Islam and the dynamics of contemporary society
Malaysian Economic Research Corporation (MERC)	Malaysian Economic Database and Statistics.
Malaysian Institute for Economic Research (MIER) [www.mier.org.my]	
National Economic Action Council (NEAC) [www.neac.gov.my]	Established in 1998 as a consultative body to the Malaysian Government to deal with the economic crisis
Perdana Foundation [www.perdana.org.my]	

**Major Tourist Attractions:**

Lakes	Dayang Bunting, Chini, Kenyir & Temenggor
Beaches	Batu Ferringgi, Desaru, Tanjung Bidara, Port Dickson, Cherating, Bisikan Bayu, Rantau Abang, Teluk Chempedak, Damai Beach & Layang laying beach
Caves	Batu Caves, Mulu Caves, Niah Caves, Perak Temple Caves, Gua Kelam & Gua Tempurung
Highlands	Genting Highland, Cameron Highland, National Park, Bukit Bendera, Fraser Hill & Mount Kinabalu
Islands	Langkawi, Pangkor, Tioman, Redang, Perhentian & Sipadan
Mountains	Mount Kinabalu, Gunung Ledang, Gunung Mulu & Gurung Tahan
Shopping	Melaka, Penang, Kuala Lumpur, Johor Baru, Kota Baru & Langkawi

**Major art forms, cultural Traditions and venues/ Museums**

**Major festivals** held in Malaysia are National day, Idul Fitr, Chinese New Year, Deepawali, Christmas, Thaiponggol, Mooncake Festival – Nation wide; National Water Festival – State of Kelantan; Lantern & Penang International Dragon Boat Festival – Penang; Nine Emperor Gods Festival – Penang; Thaipusam – Hindu religious festival (late January or early February) – Batu Caves Kuala Lumpur; Borneo Cultural Festival – Sibu, Sawarak; Tadau Kaamatan (Harvest

Festivals) – Sabah; Gawai Dayak – celebrated in Sarawak on 1<sup>st</sup> June every year is both a religious and social occasion; Flora Fest – Kuala Lumpur and Kuala Lumpur (Petronas Twin Tower, KL Tower).

**Museums** – National Museum – Kuala Lumpur; Islamic Arts Museum – Kuala Lumpur; Tunku Abdul Rahman Memorial – Kuala Lumpur; Tun Abdul Razak Memorial – Kuala Lumpur; Tun Hussein Onn Memorial – Kuala Lumpur; State Museum – Shah Alam[ Perak State Museum – Taiping; Kedah State Museum – Alor Setar; Mahsuri The Legend – Langkawi; Perlis State Museum – Kangar; Kelantan State Museum – Kota Bharu; Terengganu State Museum – Kuala Terengganu; Sultan Abu Bakar Museum – Pekan; Abu Bakar Royal Museum – Johor Bahru; Historical site – St John’s Fort Melaka; Palace/Royal Museum – Sri Menanti; State Museum – Kota Kinabalu and State Museum – Kuching.

**Major newspapers:**

Bernamea (National News Agency)	Tel:603- 20504532 Fax:603-26929466	<a href="http://www.bernama.com">www.bernama.com</a>
New Straits Times	Tel: 603- 22823322 Fax: 603-22821434	<a href="http://www.nst.com.my/">http://www.nst.com.my/</a>
Business Times (incorporated in New Straits Times)	Tel:603 22822628 Fax: 603 22825424	<a href="http://www.nst.com.my/">http://www.nst.com.my/</a>
The Star	Tel: 603 79671388 Fax: 603 79542544	<a href="http://www.thestar.com.my">www.thestar.com.my</a>
The Sun	Tel:603 77852635 Fax:603 77852624 / 25	<a href="http://www.sun2surf.com/">http://www.sun2surf.com/</a>
The Edge Financial Daily	Tel: 603-77879988 Fax: 603-7787 9829	<a href="http://www.bizedge.com">www.bizedge.com</a>
Nanyang Siang Pau (Chinese daily)	Tel: 603 78726888 Fax : 78726800 / 900	<a href="http://www.mediatico.com/en/goto.asp?url=10355">http://www.mediatico.com/en/goto.asp?url=10355</a>
Sin Chew Jit Poh (Chinese daily)	Tel: 603 79582888 Fax : 603 79556881	<a href="http://www.sinchew.com.my/">www.sinchew.com.my/</a>
Berita Harian (Malay daily)	Tel: 603 22822323 Fax :603 22822425	<a href="http://www.bharian.com.my">www.bharian.com.my</a>
Utusan Melayu (Malay daily)	Tel:603 92214245 Fax:603 92229784	<a href="http://www.utusan.com.my/">www.utusan.com.my/</a>
Tamil Nesan (Tamil daily)	Tel: 603-92216411 Fax: 603-92210440	<a href="http://www.tamilnesan.com.my/">www.tamilnesan.com.my/</a>
Malaysia Nanban (Tamil daily)	Tel: 603 62515981 Fax : 603 62515986	<a href="http://www.nanban.com.my">www.nanban.com.my</a>

**TV Channels:**

Radio-Television Malaysia (RTM)	Tel: 603 55691777 Fax :603 55692520	<a href="http://www.rtm.net.my">www.rtm.net.my</a>
NTV 7	Tel: 603 77266333 Fax: 603 77260972	<a href="http://www.ntv7.com.my">www.ntv7.com.my</a>
TV 3	Tel: 603 95436688 Ext. 3250 Fax:603 95439078	<a href="http://www.tv3.com.my">www.tv3.com.my</a>
ASTRO	Tel: 603 7726 6333 Fax:603 7726 1367	<a href="http://www.astro.com.my/">http://www.astro.com.my/</a>

TV9:	Tel : 603 7728 8282 Fax: 603 7726 8282	<a href="http://www.tv9.com.my">www.tv9.com.my</a>
8TV:	Tel : 603 77288282 Fax: 603 77268282	<a href="http://www.8tv.com.my">www.8tv.com.my</a>

### **India-Malaysia Relations**

India and Malaysia have age-old political and cultural ties and the influence of India can be discerned in the social mores of the Malays, the etymology of their language and the rituals of royalty. The traditional starting point for the history of modern Malaysia is the founding of the Malacca Sultanate in 1497, when the Hindu Raja Parameswaran of Malacca converted to Islam.

Though Relations between India and Malaysia predate the advent of Christianity, marked by mercantile ties, bringing in its wake the influence of Hinduism and Buddhism to the Malay Peninsula, India established formal diplomatic relations with Malaysia in 1957. The year 2007-08, marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between India and Malaysia. Bilateral relations have traditionally been close and friendly with frequent high level visits between the two countries. Indian Presidents have visited Malaysia many times – Dr. Rajendra Prasad in 1958, Shri V.V. Giri in 1973, Shri Fakhruddin Ali in 1977 and Vice Presidents, Dr. Zakir Hussain in 1966 and Shri Krishan Kant in 1997 (G-15). In recent times, Prime Minister V.P. Singh visited Malaysia in 1990, Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao in 1995, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 2001 and in 2003 and Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh in December 2005 to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> India-ASEAN Summit and first East Asia Summit. On the Malaysian side, the King of Malaysia (Agong V) visited India in 1974. Prime Minister Mahathir visited India in 1983, 1987, 1993, 1994, 1996 and in October 2002. Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi visited India in December 2004.

### **Defence Cooperation**

The first MoU on Defence Cooperation between India and Malaysia, signed in 1993, provides for widening the scope of bilateral cooperation to include joint ventures, joint development projects, procurement, logistics and maintenance support and training of the Malaysian defense personnel in India at various levels, including at the National Defence College and Staff College. India has been a regular participant at the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition. Indian Naval ships frequently visit Malaysian ports. Set up under the provisions of the MOU, the annual Malaysia-India Defense Cooperation Meeting (MIDCOM), co-chaired by the Defense secretaries is hosted alternatively by India and Malaysia.

India-Malaysia defence relations have steadily grown over the years from military training to include supply of defence equipment and enhanced security dialogues. India accepted Malaysia's request to train Royal Malaysian Air Force personnel on operation and maintenance of Su-30 aircraft by the Indian Air Force and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. The ground training for 135 personnel by HAL and 102 personnel by Indian Air Force was carried out in India. A 31-member Indian Air Force Training Team is deployed in Malaysia since February 2008 for a period of two years to conduct the 'flying' and 'technical' training. The 7<sup>th</sup> Malaysia-India Defence Cooperation Meeting (MIDCOM), co-chaired by two Defence Secretaries was held in Kuala Lumpur on 14-16 January 2009. Based on the decisions in the MIDCOM, Service Staff Talks for Army, Navy and Air Force have been operationalised. Hon'ble Raksha Mantri undertook a very successful visit of Malaysia in January 2008, which was followed by official visits by Chief of Army Staff and Chief of Air Ataff in February and August 2008.

### **Indian Community**

There are over 1.9 million people of Indian origin in Malaysia, possibly the largest PIO community outside the Indian sub-continent. The majority of people of Indian origin came to Malaysia as plantation labourers, and this remains the single largest group even today. However, the Indian

community is well represented in the teaching, medical and legal professions. In the private sector, Indians are mostly in the retail business and sundry services.

The Malaysian Indian Congress (MIC), a partner in the Barisan Nasional coalition, suffered significant losses during the recently concluded elections on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2008. MIC now has 3 seats in the Parliament. Samy Vellu has been conferred with “Bharatiya Samman Award” during Pravasi Bhartiya Divas in January 2003 held at New Delhi by the Government of India. The other main Indian Parties are – the People’s Progressive Party (PPP) (a pre-dominantly Indian party although multi-racial in character) and Indian Progressive Front, which supports the Government from outside. Minor Indian parties are Malaysian Indian Muslim Congress (KIMMA) and Parti Panjabi Malaysia. Apart from this, there are approximately 1,53,000 Indian workers and expatriates in Malaysia.

The Malaysian Indian community maintains close family and social ties with India. A large number of Malaysians visit India either to study, to meet their relatives and friends, as tourists or for business. At one time (in the 1960s and 1970s), an estimated 30,000 Malaysian students were in Indian institutions of learning at any point. This number has decreased substantially since then. However, a large number of doctors in Malaysia today are Indian-trained. Manipal Medical College alone has over 3000 alumni in Malaysia.

### **Cooperation between Parliaments**

The cooperation between the Parliaments of India and Malaysia has been long-standing. There have been frequent visits by the parliamentarians from India to Malaysia and Malaysia to India. In recent times, the Hon’ble Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha Shri K. Rahman Khan led a delegation of five members to Malaysia from 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2004. Hon’ble Speaker of Lok Sabha, Shri Somnath Chatterjee visited Kuala Lumpur in April 2005. He also participated with 54-member delegation at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) held in Kuala Lumpur from 1-9 August 2008. The Deputy Speaker of House of Representatives of Malaysia led a 10-member delegation to India from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2004. This was followed by the visit of the Speaker of House of Representatives Tan Sri Dato’ Ramli Ngah Talib from 25<sup>th</sup> July 2005 with a 9-member delegation. In 2007, he had also led a 32-member Parliamentary delegation to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, New Delhi.

Malaysian Parliament has been supportive of Indian candidatures to various multilateral bodies, including their support to the candidature of Shri Somnath Chatterjee, Hon’ble Speaker of Lok Sabha to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) for the Asia-Pacific region. During the CPA meeting in Kuala Lumpur in August 2008, India successfully supported the candidature of the Malaysian candidate Mohd. Shafie Apdal for the post of the Chairman of the CPA. Malaysia had also supported the candidature of the Hon’ble Speaker of West Bengal Legislative Assembly, Shri Hashim Abdul Halim for the post of Chairman of the Executive Committee of the CPA.

Indian Parliament has also been providing training slots to Malaysian parliamentary officials to the Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training (BPST) continuously. Over 30 Malaysian parliamentary officials have undergone training at BPST.

### **Economic and Commercial Relations**

India-Malaysia economic and commercial relations have expanded significantly since 1991. At present, there are 100 Indian companies operating in India, including 69 Indian joint ventures in sectors ranging from palm oil refining, power, railways, civil construction, training, information technology and biotechnology. In addition, sixty Indian IT companies have offices in Malaysia, and most of them enjoy Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) status in Malaysia.

India is Malaysia’s largest trading partner in the South Asian region, while Malaysia is India’s second largest trading partner in the ASEAN. Bilateral trade since India initiated liberalisation measures indicate that the two-way trade increased by 17 times since 1992 (US \$ 0.6 billion) to 2008 (US \$10.5 billion). Noticeably, in 2005, it crossed US\$ 5 billion mark for the first time. The two-way trade more than doubled by 2008, as compared to figures in 2005. Matching the 2007 performance of US \$ 8.14 billion (Indian exports US \$2.1 billion and imports US \$6.03 billion) or

about 24% growth, the two-way trade during 2008 has reached US \$ 10.5 billion registering 29% growth over the preceding year

### **Major Malaysia Exports to India**

Mineral Fuel, Machinery & Transports, Chemicals, Animal & Vegetable Oil, Manufactured Goods, Crude materials & Manufactured articles.

### **Major Indian Exports to Malaysia**

Food, Manufactured Goods, Machinery & Transports, Chemicals, Crude Materials, Mineral Fuels & Manufactured Articles.

### **Indian Investments in Malaysia:**

Cumulative Indian investments in Malaysia from 1980 to 2008 are about US \$ 1.47 billion. Indian companies have started making sizeable investments in Malaysia. Indian investments during 2007 were about US \$ 1 billion with major acquisitions by Indian companies including Reliance Industries Limited take over of Hualon Corporation, Ballarpur Industries Limited of the Thapar Group take over of Sabah Forest Industries, and Larsen & Toubro's buy-out of the switchgear business of Tamco Corporate Holdings.

Satyam Computers Ltd. unveiled its largest software development hub outside India in Cyberjaya. Wipro has expanded its Malaysian operations by launching a Global Service Management Centre (GSMC) in Cyberjaya in 2008. Indian public sector undertakings particularly IRCON, HMT, EIL, BHEL, and IOC have been engaged with the Malaysian industrial sector since the 1970s. IRCON International Ltd. (a company under the Ministry of Railways, GOI) has been actively engaged in the development of railways in Malaysia since 1988. IRCON was awarded Double Tracking Project on Seremban – Gemas Railway section worth over US \$ 1 billion in 2007.

### **India's Investment interests in Malaysia:**

IT & IT Enabled Services, biotechnology, bio-diesel, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, chemical and chemical products, engineering goods, healthcare, higher education, financial services, banking, agriculture and related sectors, SME development, energy, auto components, wood and wood products, paper and pulp industry, plantation, palm oil and derivatives.

### **Malaysian Investments in India**

Malaysia is the 21<sup>st</sup> largest investor in India as per the cumulative FDI approved from January 1991 to 2007, with more than 210 FDI approvals, valued at US\$ 1836.18 million. Malaysia is emerging as a major investor in India, with investments in pipeline in the power, oil refineries, telecommunication and electrical equipment industries, besides highway and other infrastructure development projects. Khazana Nasional Berhad made strategic investments in India during 2007. Maxis plans to invest in India between US \$ 4 to 5 billion in 2009-10 and another company TMI US \$ 1.8 billion in 2009. Malaysian Airports Holdings Bhd has a 10 % stakeholder in Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad.

In parallel, there has been a surge in Malaysian private sector initiatives in India, particularly in the infrastructure sector, as evident from Malaysian companies either completing or are carrying out construction projects worth US \$ 6 billion in India.

### **Bilateral visits:**

Bilateral relations have traditionally been close and friendly with frequent high level visits between the two countries. There have been numerous and frequent exchanges at the Ministerial level between India and Malaysia. There is a wide convergence of foreign policy objectives of both



countries as members of the NAM, the Commonwealth, G-15, and G-77. India and Malaysia have cooperated on a wide range of international economic issues under the umbrella of South-South Cooperation and in WTO.

### Visits from India to Malaysia

President Dr. Rajendra Prasad	1958
Vice President Dr. Zakir Hussain	1966
President Shri V.V. Giri	1973
President Shri Fakhruddin Ali	1977
Prime Minister V.P. Singh visited Malaysia	1990
PM P.V. Narasimha Rao	1995
Vice President Shri Krishan Kant	1997
PM of India Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee	May, 2001
PM of India Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee	February 2003
MOS for Science and Technology Shri Bachi Singh Rawat	October 2003
Minister for Textiles Shri Shah Nawaz Hussain, Minister of State for I&B Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad and Minister of State for Commerce & Industry Shri Satya Brata Mookherjee	December 2003
Minister for Shipping Shri Shatrughan Sinha	February 2004
Minister of Power Shri P.M. Sayeed	September 2004
MOS for Overseas Indian Affairs, Shri Jagdish Tytler	September 2004
Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Kamal Nath	November 2004
Minister of Communication and Information Technology Shri Dayanidhi Maran	January 2005
Smt. P Lakshmi, Minister of State & Health Family Welfare	August 2005
Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Kamal Nath	December 2005
Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh	December 2005
Minister of State for External Affairs Shri Rao Inderjeet	April 2006
Defence Minister Shri A.K. Antony	January 2008
Minister of Railways Shri Lalu Prasad Yadav	May 2008
Minister of Communications and Information Technology Shri A. Raja	May 2008
Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Shri Vayalar Ravi	October 2008

### Visits from Malaysia to India

The King of Malaysia (Agong V)	1974
Prime Minister Tuanku Abdul Rahman	1962
Prime Minister Tun Hussein	1979
Prime Minister Tun Hussein	1980 (for CHOGM)
Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad	1983 (for NAM)
Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad	January 1987
Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad	December 1993
Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad	1994 (for G15)
Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad	1996 (To receive Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding)
Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad	October 2002 (for India-ASEAN Business Summit)
Dato' Seri S Samy Vellu, Works Minister	Visited India in 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004 and 2005
Datuk Amar Leo Moggie, Minister of Energy, Communications and Multimedia	March 2001

Dato' Seri Dr. Ling Liong Sik, Transport Minister	March 2001
Minister of Transport, Dato' Seri Ling Liong Sik	May 2002
Minister of Education, Mr. Musa bin Mohamad	August 2002
Minister of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin	November 2002
Minister of Entrepreneur Development Dato' Seri Mohamed Nazri bin Tan Sri Abdul Aziz	December 2003
Prime Minister Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi	December 2004
Minister in the Prime Minister's Office Dato' Mustapa Mohamad	January, 2005
Datuk Peter Chin Fah Kui, Minister of Plantation Industries	March, 2006
Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Dato' Sri Haji Mohd. Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak	June 2006
Minister of Science, Technology & Innovation Dr. Jamaluddin Jarjis	November 2006
Dato' Seri Albar Foreign Minister visited New Delhi	February 2007
Dr. Koh Tsu Koon, Chief Minister of Penang	March 2007
Dato' Seri Dr. Chua Soi Lek Minister of Health	24 March to 1 April 2007
Dato' Mustapa Mohamed, Minister of Higher Education	June 2007
Tan Sri Dr. Zeti Akhtar Aziz, Governor of the Central Bank of Malaysia, Bank Negara	November 2007
Dato' Seri Rafidah Aziz, Minister of International Trade and Industry	December 2007
Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, Chief Minister of Sarawak	January 2008
Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu, Minister of Works	January 2008
Dato' Seri Mohd. Zin Mohamad, Minister of Works	November 2008
Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities Senator A. Kohilan Pillay	February 2009

#### **Science and Technology cooperation:**

A bilateral agreement on cooperation in the field of Science and Technology was signed in September 1998. India-Malaysia Joint S&T Committee was established and its first meeting took place in New Delhi on March 1-2, 2001. A joint workshop on Advanced Materials was organized by National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur and SIRIM, Malaysia in March 2002.

In May 2001, two MoUs on Cooperation in Space Technology were signed between Antrix Corporation and Astronautic Technology (M) Sdn. Bhd. (ATSB) and Binariang Satellite Systems Sdn. Bhd. In December 2004, an agreement was signed between Antrix Corporation and MEASAT Satellite Systems Sdn Bhd of Malaysia to jointly produce a satellite and market its capacity in Southeast Asia region. Two agreements were also signed in December 2004 to promote cooperation in education and research in biotechnology in Malaysia.

#### **Education:**

A large number of Malaysians pursue their studies in India. During 1960s and 1970s, an estimated 30,000 Malaysian students were in Indian institutions of learning. This number has

decreased substantially since then. Over 30% of doctors in Malaysia today are Indian-trained. Manipal Medical College alone has over 3000 alumni in Malaysia.

The first joint venture medical college- Melaka Manipal Medical College- between India and Malaysia has started functioning with the Manipal Academy of Higher Education as the Indian partner, under a twinning programme. Replicating the experience, Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, a Deemed University in Salem in Tamil Nadu, has established twinning arrangements with Penang International Dental College (PIDC) in 2005. There are efforts to continue these successful examples through twinning programme with various prominent educational institutions in India.

Under the International Student Exchange programme, the Management and Science University (MSU) based in Kuala Lumpur established an arrangement with the Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore wherein 150 Malaysian students would study entire MBBS programme in the latter, and the Malaysian Medical Council would recognize such degrees. Interestingly, all Malaysian students are recipients of Majelis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) scholarship, which is meant for only Bumiputera students. So far, two batches of students numbering about 290 have joined the MBBS course in Bangalore.

The Asia e University (AeU), a dual-mode multinational university set up by Malaysia in its capacity as Prime Mover for e-education in pursuance of a decision taken by the Ministerial Meeting of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), launched its first programme outside Malaysia in Chennai in January 2009. A four-member delegation from Asia e University (AeU) led by its Chairman Tan Sri Prof. Syed Jalaluddin Syed Salim and President/CEO Prof. Dato' Dr. Ansary Ahmed visited New Delhi following the launch of AeU and its programmes in Chennai. The delegation met with senior officials in the Ministry of External Affairs responsible for ACD matters.

The Global Indian International School established its first branch school in Kuala Lumpur in May 2006. It has been recognised by CBSE up to Standard X, and it is now in the process of securing recognition for the higher grades. Another Indian school Vikas International School, owned by Vidhyaa Vikas Trust from Tamil Nadu, was established in January 2009. It is in the process of seeking recognition from CBSE.

The High Commission administers a Trust Fund with a corpus of Malaysian Ringgit 1.2 million and provides scholarships to deserving Malaysian Indian students. The Government of India provides seats to a few Malaysian students in Medical and Engineering colleges under the "Nomination of Self-Financing Foreign Students Scheme". Malaysian students could also avail of seats in all technical and higher educational institutions under the 15% supernumerary seats reserved for foreign students.

Indian-origin Malaysian students as well as Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) can avail a recently instituted scholarship programme namely Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) to study in Higher and Technical Institutions, except Medical and other related courses, in India. A total of 100 admission-cum-scholarships are offered worldwide annually. Scholarship covers up to 75% of Institutional Economic Cost (IEC) which includes tuition fee, hostel fee and other institutional fees; or up to a maximum of US \$ 3,600 per year in select institutions and courses, and post admission services.

Under ITEC, training in India is provided to Malaysian candidates in various fields such as banking, Information Communication and Technology (ICT), audit and accounts, hydrology, management, and journalism. Participants are provided with international airfare, accommodation and board, training and monthly allowance in India. For the current year 2008-09, 30 slots have been earmarked for Malaysia under the ITEC Programme. Interested professionals from non-governmental institutions may contact the High Commission of India for applying under the ITEC Programme.

Under the TCS of the Colombo Plan, scholarships are awarded to Malaysian candidates for undergraduate, postgraduate and research towards a Ph.D. degree. At the undergraduate level a

few scholarships are also available for engineering degrees or diploma courses. The scholarships in this scheme are of two categories, namely, Category I meant for training of officers coming for short or medium-term courses and Category II meant for students, trainees, undergraduates and postgraduates coming for short, medium or long-term courses. For the current year 2008-09, 20 slots have been earmarked for Malaysia under the TCS of the Colombo Plan. Interested professionals as well as students may contact the High Commission of India for applying under the TCS of the Colombo Plan.

Details of training programmes as well as scholarships available under various schemes mentioned above are available on High Commission of India website [[www.indianhighcommission.com.my](http://www.indianhighcommission.com.my)].

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