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EU-MALAYSIA NEWS

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: 5th SWITCH ASIA - PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Deadline for submissions is 2 January 2013. [> More](#)

2nd EU-PENANG DAY (21 NOVEMBER)

Ambassadors and Chargés d'Affaires from 19 European Union diplomatic missions participated in various events in Penang such as a trade & investment forum and a futsal match. [> More](#)

PLEADINGS COMPETITION GRAND FINALS HELD AT THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Jointly organised by the EU Delegation, Bar Council and SUHAKAM, the Pleadings Competition grand finals on 10 December featured 12 law students debating on whether the death penalty was compatible with international human rights norms and principles. [> More](#)

Photo: A finalist from HELP University's team arguing the prosecution's case



NEWS FROM EU INSTITUTIONS

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NOBEL PEACE PROJECTS TO HELP 23,000 CHILDREN AFFECTED BY CONFLICTS

On 10 December, the EU was awarded the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize for its over six decades' contribution to the advancement of peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights in Europe.

The European Union's Nobel Peace prize money as well as a contribution from the European Commission totalling to €2 million will fund four projects under the EU Children of Peace initiative. The projects aim to provide basic education and child-friendly spaces for Syrian, Colombian, Congolese and Pakistani children who have been displaced, living in refugee camps or [affected by conflict](#). [> More](#)



FROM WAR TO PEACE: A EUROPEAN TALE

Read the address by Presidents Van Rompuy and Barroso on the acceptance of the Nobel Peace Prize Award to the European Union [here](#).

THE RIGHT TO EQUAL INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC LIFE: HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2012 (10 DECEMBER)

"We believe that everyone must be free to exercise their right to equal participation. Women and young people have been at the forefront of many of the democratic movements that we have witnessed this year and have been an inspiration to people around the world," said High Representative Catherine Ashton in a [declaration](#) on behalf of the EU. [> More](#)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL VOICES STRONG OPPOSITION TO ISRAELI PLANS TO EXPAND SETTLEMENTS IN WEST BANK

The Council also reiterated the EU's call for the immediate, sustained and unconditional opening of crossings for the flow of humanitarian aid, commercial goods and persons to and from the Gaza Strip. [> More](#)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION PROVIDES €3 MILLION EMERGENCY AID TO TYPHOON BOPHA VICTIMS

The emergency assistance was targeted to vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly and households run by single women. [> More](#)

EU BOOSTS FUNDING FOR SYRIA TO KEEP UP WITH INCREASING HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

The European Commission will provide additional humanitarian funding of €30 million to help people affected by the Syrian crisis, bringing its total contribution to over €126 million. The new aid will target approximately 2 million people in Syria, and a considerable number of the more than 474,000 Syrians who have fled across the borders. [> More](#)

ECONOMIC NEWS



EU AND SINGAPORE CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS FOR FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (16 DECEMBER)

The EU-Singapore FTA will be the EU's second ambitious agreement with a key Asian trading partner, after the EU-Korea FTA, which has been in operation since July 2011. The agreement is also the EU's first "green" FTA especially designed to promote green growth, in line with the EU's "2020 strategy" for a competitive economy. [> More](#)

Photo: Singapore Minister for Trade and Industry Lim Hng Kiang and EU Trade Commissioner Karel de Gucht

NEGOTIATIONS FOR EU-JAPAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT GIVEN GREEN-LIGHT [> More](#)

EUROPEAN COUNCIL AGREES ON ROADMAP FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

In addition, Member States' leaders agreed to hand over key supervisory tasks over their banks to the European Central Bank. [> More](#)

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT APPROVES HISTORIC EUROPEAN UNITARY PATENT PACKAGE

Efforts to create a common patent applicable across all European countries have been made since the 1960s but for a number of reasons have never been successful. The unitary patent will allow patent protection to be obtained for 25 Member States on the basis of a single application and without further administrative formalities, like validation and translation requirements, in the Member States. [> More](#)

COMMISSION PROPOSES IMPROVED RULES TO ENFORCE EU RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS

"The EU's membership in the World Trade Organisation and bilateral trade agreements help the EU economy. Those agreements must be respected for them to deliver results. When international trade disputes prove that other countries haven't played by the rules, the EU needs to be able to react efficiently and swiftly to defend its interests", said EU Trade Commissioner Karel de Gucht. [> More](#)

EURO AREA INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GOODS SURPLUS OF €10.4 BILLION IN OCTOBER

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EURO AREA ANNUAL INFLATION DOWN TO 2.2%

EU annual inflation was 2.4% in November 2012, down from 2.6% in October. [> More](#)

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

DOHA CLIMATE CONFERENCE TAKES MODEST STEP TOWARDS A GLOBAL CLIMATE DEAL IN 2015

The Conference laid the basis for more ambitious international action against climate change in the short term, paved the way for a new global climate agreement to be finalised in 2015 and enabled a second period of the Kyoto Protocol to start on 1 January 2013. [> More](#)

Photo: EU Commissioner for Climate Action Connie Hedegaard at the UN Climate Change Conference in Doha



COMMISSION AWARDS €1.2 BILLION TO KICK START 23 INNOVATIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

The projects were selected from the first call for proposals for the NER300 funding programme, and will be co-financed with revenues obtained from the sale of 200 million emission allowances from the new entrants' reserve (NER) of the EU Emissions Trading System. [> More](#)

EU RESOURCES

EU-MALAYSIA PUBLICATIONS

The EU Delegation annually publishes various material which gives an overview of the cooperation between the EU and Malaysia. 2012 publications include the Key Facts Leaflet, Trade & Investment Booklet, Cooperation Booklet and the Study in Europe Guide for Malaysian Students. To obtain a copy, please contact delegation-malaysia-press@eeas.europa.eu

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