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EU-MALAYSIA NEWS

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE "FINDING EUROPE IN MALAYSIA" PHOTO

In conjunction with Europe Day (9 May) and the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Delegation, the Delegation of the European Union to Malaysia has launched a photography competition. You can view the photos and like your favourite ones on the Delegation's facebook page. There is still time left to submit your entry before **26 April 2013** and win fantastic prizes including flights to Paris!

See the terms and conditions [here](#).



EU TIMBER REGULATION IN EFFECT FROM 3 MARCH 2013 [➤ More](#)

MARIE CURIE ACTIONS: BIDS FOR €227 MILLION IN RESEARCH NOW OPEN

Marie Curie individual fellowships support the mobility of researchers within and beyond Europe - as well as helping to attract the best foreign researchers to work in the EU. The fund will be awarded to some 1,000 experienced researchers. Deadline for applications is 14 August. [➤ More](#)



THE EU DELEGATION IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!

'Like' us at www.facebook.com/EUinMalaysia for more on the latest European events and projects taking place in Malaysia as well as news from the EU and our partner organisations.

NEWS FROM EU INSTITUTIONS



EU AND VIETNAM HOLD SECOND ROUND OF HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS

The EU and Vietnam noted with satisfaction the progress made in broadening and intensifying the bilateral relationship over the past year, notably in areas such as human rights, security and defence, trade, migration and the environment.

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INTERNAL SECURITY: WHAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE?

The Commission's annual report on the implementation of the EU's Internal Security Strategy highlights that cybercrime, along with trafficking in human beings and the increase in violent extremism are major security threats that the EU continues to face, together with money laundering and corruption. [➤ More](#)

'EU MEMBER STATES MUST RESPOND TO THE INCREASE IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING'

Commissioner Malmström stated she expected all Member States to fulfil their obligations and transpose the Anti-trafficking Directive into national law without delay. [➤ More](#)

COMMISSIONER WELCOMES ERD ON HELPING THE POOR; CALLS ON MEMBER STATES TO FULFIL THEIR COMMITMENTS

Development Commissioner Andris Piebalgs [welcomed](#) the new European Report on Development (ERD) on how global action can best support the efforts of the poorest countries in achieving development. He said that "*even in times of crisis Europeans show their deeply rooted solidarity with partner countries*" and called on all Member States to redouble their efforts. [➤ More](#)

PRELIMINARY DATE ON THE OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA) FOR 2012 HAD JUST BEEN PUBLISHED

Preliminary data indicates the EU 27 will contribute EUR 50.525 million in ODA in 2012 [➤ More](#)

SCHENGEN INFORMATION SYSTEM (SIS II) GOES LIVE

The second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) entered into operation to increase security and facilitate free movement within the Schengen area. [➤ More](#)

STATEMENT OF EU HIGH REPRESENTATIVE CATHERINE ASHTON ON BEHALF OF THE E3+3 FOLLOWING TALKS WITH IRAN

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SPEECH BY COMMISSIONER DAMANAKI: 'MARITIME SECURITY: AN EU APPROACH' [➤ See](#)



FIRST ROUND OF EU-JAPAN FTA NEGOTIATIONS BEING HELD

The first round of EU-Japan FTA negotiations is being held in Brussels this week following the official launch of negotiations on 25 March 2013. Mauro Petriccione from DG Trade and Jun Yokota, the Japanese Chief Negotiator, Special Representative of the Government in charge of the negotiations on the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between the EU and Japan, participated in the plenary session of the negotiations addressing issues including non-tariff barriers and the further opening of the public procurement market. [➤ More](#)

Photo: Handshake between Jun Yokota, on the left, and Mauro Petriccione

COMMISSIONER ANDOR: THE CRISIS AS A CATALYST FOR CHANGE

Addressing a High level tripartite ILO/IMF/EC panel in Oslo, European Commissioner responsible for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, László Andor, emphasised the importance of the focus on policy coherence. He stated that the crisis in Europe has been a catalyst for profound change in the EU which is now heading towards a more balanced architecture for the European Monetary Union. [➤ More](#)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND IMF STATEMENT ON CYPRUS

The European Commission and the International Monetary Fund stated they would stand by Cyprus and the Cypriot people in helping to restore financial stability, fiscal sustainability and growth to the country and its people. [➤ More](#)

STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON PORTUGAL

The European Commission welcomed the Portuguese Government's confirmation of its commitment to the adjustment programme following the decision of the Portuguese Constitutional Court on the 2013 state budget. [➤ More](#)

JOINT STATEMENT BY U.S. TREASURY SECRETARY LEW AND COMMISSIONER BARNIER

The statement reaffirms the strong determination to cooperate closely in strengthening the global financial system. [➤ More](#)

COMMISSION PROPOSES TO MODERNISE THE EU'S TRADE DEFENCE INSTRUMENTS

The European Commission today made a proposal that aims at adapting the EU's rulebook to tackle unfair competition from dumped and subsidised imports to the contemporary challenges facing the EU's economy. Read more [here](#) and check out some Q&As [here](#)

PARLIAMENT VOTES REFORM PACKAGE TO STRENGTHEN EU BANKS

From 1 January 2014, EU banks will be stronger thanks to a cap on banker's bonuses to curb speculative risk-taking, step up capital provisions to help banks cope better with crises and stiffen supervision. [➤ More](#)

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

*a world you like
with a climate you like*

CLIMATE ACTION: EUROPEAN COMMISSION ENGAGES INDUSTRY TO SPREAD BEST CLIMATE PRACTICES

Industry and public sector representatives from 10 European Member States recently participated in a field trip to visit leading energy efficiency business-cases in Denmark. The field-trip is the first in a series of events arranged by stakeholders in support of the Commission flagship campaign on climate action A world you like. Since its launch in October last year, more than 150 partners have joined the campaign as partners and supporters. [➤ 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. Latest publications include the Key Facts Leaflet, Trade & Investment 2012 Booklet, Cooperation 2012 Booklet and the Study in Europe Guide for Malaysian Students. To obtain a copy, please contact delegation-malaysia-press@eeas.europa.eu

NEWSLETTERS from the EU Institutions by subject

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