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EU-MALAYSIA NEWS



EU AMBASSADORS & TRADE COUNSELLORS VISIT CYBERJAYA

EU Ambassadors and Trade Counsellors visited Cyberjaya on a trip organized by InvestKL. Ambassador Vandebon said, "Our visit today showcased a number of the technological advancements being made by multinational companies operating in this hub and this is prime example of where European companies can use this hub successfully to support their business growth for the ASEAN region and globally."

Photo: Ambassador Vandebon addressing fellow EU Ambassadors and representatives from InvestKL and MIGHT.

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER THE EU-FAO FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT, GOVERNANCE AND TRADE PROGRAMME: The new deadline is 30 June 2013. [➤ More](#)

NEWS FROM EU INSTITUTIONS



EU AND SINGAPORE CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS ON A PARTNERSHIP & COOPERATION AGREEMENT (PCA)

"This Agreement is a qualitative step forward in our bilateral engagement and complements and reinforces the Free Trade Agreement, for which negotiations have recently been concluded. We work together bilaterally, as well as in international and regional fora, in particular in ASEAN where Singapore is a key player." said EU High Representative Catherine Ashton. [➤ More](#)

Photo: HRVP Catherine Ashton meeting Singapore Foreign Minister K. Shanmugam

'DEFENDING NATIONAL INTERESTS, PREVENTING CONFLICT'

[➤ More](#) on HRVP Catherine Ashton's speech at the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore (1 June).

WORLD CONGRESS AGAINST DEATH PENALTY BEING HELD IN MADRID

Thousands of members of civil society, political representatives, lawyers and journalists from the five continents attending the event are aiming to develop new strategies for universal abolition of the death penalty. [➤ More](#)

PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL HERMAN VAN ROMPUY NOTES NEED TO REALISE GENDER EQUALITY

During his speech at the European Gender Equality Index Launch conference the President of the European Council noted that although the principle of equality is prominently enshrined in the EU Treaties, it has yet to be fully realised in practice. [➤ More](#)

ARMS TRADE TREATY OPENS FOR SIGNATURE AT THE UN ON 3 JUNE

The EU has invested significantly in the UN process leading to the adoption of the Treaty by an overwhelming majority of UN member states on 2 April 2013. The EU has now completed its internal procedures, enabling EU Member States to sign the Treaty on matters covered by EU competence, and firmly believes that the Treaty, when effectively and widely implemented, will contribute towards more responsible and more transparent international arms transfers. [➤ More](#)

"AMBITIOUS" FINAL REPORT OF THE UN HIGH LEVEL PANEL ON POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA COMMENDED

Development Commissioner Pielbags commended the report which sets out a universal agenda to eradicate extreme poverty by 2030 and ensures sustainable development of the planet. Building on the lessons learned from the current Millennium Development Goals and taking into account the follow up of the Rio+20 outcome, the Panel made it clear that the post-2015 framework should address the whole range of root causes of poverty and unsustainable development, including equality, equity, human rights, peace and stability. [➤ More](#)

EU PARTNERS WITH BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION TO FIGHT POVERTY-RELATED DISEASES

The two organisations have pledged to work together to fight HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other poverty-related diseases that together affect more than 1 billion people worldwide. The partnership will invest in research and development of life-saving interventions to improve the health and well-being of people living in developing countries. [➤ More](#)

WORLD'S MAJOR REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS DISCUSS DEMOCRACY AND RULE OF LAW

The Third High Level Meeting of the Inter-Regional Dialogue on Democracy (27-28 May) in Brussels recognised that Regional Organizations are among the key players in the inter-play between democracy and development in their regions. Dialogue among regional organisations can provide a platform and act as an enabler of an effective multilateralism. [➤ More](#)

ECONOMIC NEWS



MOVING EUROPE BEYOND THE CRISIS: COUNTRY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS 2013

"Since each of our Member States is in a different situation it is only natural that sometimes they see solutions differently. But the European Commission has the obligation to look at Europe as a whole. What it does, and it is unique in that sense, is to offer a comprehensive response that is both tailored to individual Member States and good for the European economy as a whole. Europe needs a consensus on the policies that are both right for us as a Union, and right for each Member State," said Commission President Barroso at the launch of the package. [➤ More](#)

PRESIDENT BARROSO OUTLINES PRIORITIES AHEAD OF G8 SUMMIT

Trade and the economy, taxation and transparency will be the focus of the summit in which the EU is committed to playing an active role. [➤ More](#)

COMMISSION CONCLUDES LATVIA IS READY TO ADOPT EURO IN 2014

The Commission found that Latvia has achieved a high degree of sustainable economic convergence with the euro area and proposed that the Council decide on Latvia's adoption of the euro as from 1 January 2014. [➤ More](#)

PREFERABLE TRADE TERMS FOR MYANMAR/BURMA REINSTATED

Myanmar/Burma will be re-admitted to the EU's Generalised System of Preferences Regime (GSP). This will help promote the country's economic development. [➤ More](#)

FIRST ESTIMATE FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2013

First estimates from Eurostat revealed that the EU27 external current account recorded a surplus of €21.8 billion (0.7% of GDP) in the first quarter of 2013, compared with a deficit of 7.7 billion (-0.2% of GDP) in the first quarter of 2012. [➤ More](#)

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

GREEN WEEK 2013

The thirteenth edition of Green Week under the banner "Cleaner Air for All" was held from 4-7 June in Brussels and saw 3000 participants gather for three days to discuss air-related issues. In his closing remarks, Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for Environment, announced he will soon launch a comprehensive air policy package, with a revised and strengthened air policy strategy setting 2020 as the deadline to implement and ensure full compliance with existing air quality legislation. [➤ 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 2013 EU-Malaysia Key Facts Leaflet, Trade & Investment 2013 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

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