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Malaysia

Priorities

Finalise the negotiations on a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, a Free Trade Agreement and a FLEGT agreement (timber).

Expand dialogue and strengthen cooperation in areas such as green technology and renewable energy, sustainable forest management, sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Top 3 Facts

Upper middle-country with a GDP **growth of 5.3% in 2012.**

28.3 million citizens of which 67.4% are Malays, 24.6% Chinese and 7.3% Indians.

Religion: 61.3% Muslims, 19.8 % Buddhist, 9.2 Christians and 6.3% Hindus.

More than 2.000 EU companies are established in Malaysia.
In 2010 the EU investment stock in Malaysia reached €4.3 billion.

The EU is Malaysia's fourth largest trading partner with a total trade of €33 billion in external trade. More than 60% of the EU-Malaysia trade is concentrated in the machinery and transport sector.

Did you know?

Malaysia became independent from Britain in 1957 and consists of 13 states. The Malay Federation was created in 1963. Singapore left the Federation in 1965.

The flag have 14 stripes of equal width that represent the equal status in the federation of the 13 member states and the federal government, while the 14 points of the star represent the unity between these entities. The crescent represents Islam, the country's official religion; the blue canton symbolizes the unity of the Malaysian people; the yellow of the star and crescent is the royal color of the Malay rulers.

"TUN" is the most senior federal title and there can be no more than 25 living recipients at any one time.

Kuala Lumpur has the tallest twin towers in the world. The Petronas Twin Towers are **450 meters tall and has 88 floors.**

The Bintagor trees, found only in Sarawak, is believed to contain properties that could help fight the virus that causes AIDS.

Mount Kinabalu which is the highest peak in South East Asia (4100 meters).



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Main links:

The web-site of the EU Delegation to Malaysia:

http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/malaysia/index_en.htm