



PRESS RELEASE
DIPLOMATIC TRAINING COURSE FOR MYANMAR OFFICIALS

The Government of Malaysia is organizing a diplomatic training course for fifty (50) government officials from the Republic of the Union of Myanmar from 22 November to 12 December 2012. The training course is one of the outcomes following the Official Visits of YAB Dato' Sri Najib Tun Hj Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia and YB Dato' Sri Anifah Hj Aman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia to the Republic in March 2012.

The diplomatic training course would be conducted by the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP). The objectives of this course are to equip the participants with the necessary knowledge and to enhance their capabilities in the preparation for Myanmar assuming the ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014 as well as to organise the ASEAN Summit and other ASEAN related Meetings. The participants will be given exposure and training on issues related to ASEAN particularly the role the role and functions of the ASEAN Chair as well as overall preparations in organising the ASEAN Summit and other ASEAN related Meetings.

Malaysia and Myanmar have established formal diplomatic ties since 1957. Both countries have been enjoying good and warm bilateral relations in various fields such as in trade and investment, capacity building and technical cooperation, banking and finance, joint hydrocarbon exploration, defence, tourism, plantation and sports. The total bilateral trade between the two countries in 2011 is RM2.43 billion, which registered an increase of 26.8% compared to 2010.

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