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CLOSING CEREMONY AND CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION FOR THE MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (MTCP): STRATEGIC ANALYSIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS 2015 AND DIPLOMATIC TRAINING COURSE FOR UMS STUDENT AMBASSADORS

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The Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia will be hosting a closing ceremony and certificate presentation to participants of Diplomatic Training Course (DTC) and Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP): Strategic Analysis Course held from 27 July 2015 and 14 August 2015 respectively.

As a the leading training institute for diplomacy and international relations, IDFR has been conducting The Strategic Analysis for International Participants under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) since 1991. The course is one of the many offered under MTCP and conducted at IDFR which demonstrates Malaysia's commitment to share its development experiences and expertise in the area of diplomacy, with its counterparts, thus contributing to human capital development among fellow developing countries. The programme is designed to enhance participants' knowledge on strategic thinking and security analysis in today's world as well as to expose the participants to the changing political, security and strategic global environment.

This year, 22 participants from 18 countries underwent three weeks of training and covered various issues such as human rights, national and international security, strategic communication with media and international negotiations. The participants are from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei, Guinea, Cuba, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Morocco, Mauritius, Nigeria, The Philippines, Sri Lanka, Timor Leste, Uganda and Uzbekistan.

As part of IDFR's outreach programme to synthesise diplomacy and international relations to budding young diplomats and university students, IDFR has also conducted the Diplomatic Training Course (DTC) for Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Student Ambassadors. The course was attended by fourteen (14) students from UMS and two Perdana Fellows currently attached to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The course is aimed to provide participants with knowledge and diplomatic skills in the conduct of diplomatic and foreign relations as well as exposure to basic theories of public diplomacy and international relations. Participants were also involved in the workings of the recent ASEAN Ministerial Meeting which provided invaluable networking and exchange of knowledge between the participants and diplomats.

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