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**CLOSING CEREMONY  
MANDARIN LANGUAGE COURSE 2023  
THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2023**

On 16 November 2023, the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR) in collaboration with the Han Culture Centre Malaysia (HAN) hosted the Closing Ceremony of the Mandarin Language Course 2023 at the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations in Kuala Lumpur.

The closing ceremony marked the end of the 45 contact hour-course that was conducted from 26 August to 28 October 2023, every Saturday from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. This Mandarin language course is offered to all officers from various Ministries. The ceremony was attended by 24 participants of the basic level and 10 participants of the intermediate level from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other ministries, government agencies and the private sector in Malaysia.

This Mandarin language course is an outcome of the collaborative effort between IDFR and HAN. The course was initiated by IDFR and HAN to meet the great demand from various parties who are interested in learning the basic Mandarin language. The course is tailored to equip the participants with the necessary skills to fulfil their requirements while socialising or working in any Mandarin environment. As the training arm of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Centre for Languages and Cultural Diplomacy of IDFR regularly runs foreign language courses on an annual basis.

The ceremony is honoured by the attendance of the Director General of IDFR, Dato' Syed Bakri Syed Abdul Rahman, the President of the Han Culture Centre Malaysia, Dato' Goh Hin San and the Education Counsellor of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, Mr Zhao Changtao. The ceremony was also graced by the presence of senior officials, and officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, IDFR, HAN and other Ministries.

On behalf of IDFR, we hope that all participants have achieved the stated objective of the course. It is also hoped that this programme will benefit the participants and will instil their interest in learning higher levels of the Mandarin Language.

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