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Press Release

ITEC Day Celebrations in Malaysia

High Commission of India organized a function on 16 January 2019 at 'India House' to mark the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day commemorating the close educational, technical and economic cooperation between India and Malaysia. A large number of academicians, members of think-tanks, prominent Malaysians alumni from Oxford and Cambridge, Malaysian Government officials who had participated in capacity building training programmes in India, and members of the media were among those in attendance at the event.

Addressing the gathering, the Indian High Commissioner Mridul Kumar recalled the existing strong ties that the two countries enjoy, especially the field of capacity-building and hoped that the partnership would reach newer heights with both India and Malaysia currently in the forefront of a knowledge revolution.

The High Commissioner encouraged Malaysians to take full advantage of ITEC courses, particularly those under the AYUSH Scholarship Scheme for Malaysia, and also the Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC). The High Commissioner also invited Malaysian Government officials and professionals to participate in the fully sponsored capacity-building training programmes offered by the Government of India under ITEC.

The ITEC Programme was launched in 1964 as a bilateral programme of assistance of the Government of India. Under the Programme about 161 countries in Asia, East Europe, Africa and Latin America are invited to benefit from India's developmental experience acquired over seven decades since independence. Each year, 87 training institutions provide 369 training courses to candidates from developing countries. The capacity-building training in India is provided in various fields such as banking, Information Communication and Technology (ICT), audit and accounts, hydrology, management, remote sensing and journalism, etc. The candidates nominated under the ITEC Programme are provided return air-tickets, accommodation, full board, training fees and monthly allowance in India.

Since 2007, 266 Malaysian candidates have participated in and benefitted from the ITEC training. At present, Malaysia is allotted 45 training slots every year under the programme.

Some of the past participants of the ITEC training courses shared their feedback and fond memories of their training in India with the other participants and dignitaries present at the function.

To mark the occasion, ayurvedic herbal saplings were planted by selected dignitaries at the lawns of India House.
