



High Commission of India,
Kuala Lumpur

Press Release

Celebration of the ITEC Day 2025

The High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur celebrated Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day on 8th January 2026. The occasion was graced by the participation of senior officials from the Government of Malaysia including Dato' Seri Jana Santhiran Muniayan, Secretary General, Ministry of Transport; Dato' Haslina Binti Abdul Hamid, Secretary General, Ministry of National Unity; Dato' Ts. Dr. K. Nagulendran, Secretary General, Ministry of Youth and Sports and Major General Dato' Indera Zahari Bin Mohd Ariffin, Assistant Chief of Staff Defence Operations and Training, Malaysian Armed Forces.

2. The ITEC Day celebration was joined by an impressive turnout of 110 ITEC alumni from various Malaysian ministries such as the Ministry of Unity, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Ministry of Human Resources, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Digital, and the Ministry of Defence, and also senior officials from the Public Service Department (JPA), Royal Malaysian Police, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, Malaysian Border Security Agency, Traditional & Complementary Medicine Division, Economic Planning Unit (EPU).

3. High Commissioner B.N. Reddy, in his welcome address, underscored ITEC programme over the last six decades has demonstrated the commitment of India to share its experience and expertise to fellow countries of the Global South covering diverse sectors and disciplines through training opportunities, consultancy services and feasibility studies. ITEC also illustrated the competence of India as a provider of technical know-how and expertise based on partnership, mutual benefit and solidarity.

4. In the bilateral context, High Commissioner highlighted the renewed momentum rendered to the ITEC programme by the elevation of bilateral relations to Comprehensive Strategic Partnership during the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister of Malaysia YAB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim to India in August 2024, wherein India announced 100 special ITEC slots, over and above the 40 annual ITEC slots, in the emerging domains of cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine learning. Also additional 100 ITEC slots were offered for the period 2025-26 for mid-level civil servants from the Government of Malaysia at the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) in India in good governance and digital governance-related curated programmes.

5. The High Commissioner also highlighted the significant increase in training programmes offered for the members of the Royal Malaysian Armed

Forces in the premier defence institutions in India, which touched an all-time high of 40 ITEC slots in 2025.

6. The beneficial impact of ITEC programmes was eloquently presented by eight ITEC alumni, who spoke about their experiences attending the ITEC courses in India. The ITEC alumni who were from a wide range of Ministries and government agencies, including Public Service Department (JPA), Ministry of Health, *Yayasan Inovasi Malaysia*, Academy of Sciences Malaysia, Royal Malaysian Police, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Broadcasting Department of Malaysia and Malaysian Armed Forces Headquarters, credited ITEC for helping them reorient as well as upgrade their expertise in the chosen domains. In particular, they highlighted the quality of training they received, the bond that they shared with personnel from training institutes and course-mates from various other countries, as well as conveyed appreciation for the excellent support extended by the training institutes in India.

7. The ITEC Day celebration also included a Kathak Dance recital based on Vande Mataram theme to commemorate the 150 years of the National Song of India. The recital was performed by Ms. Priyadarshini Sanyal, Teacher of Indian Culture (Kathak) at the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Culture Center (NSCBICC) and her students.

About ITEC Program

The ITEC Programme was instituted on 15 September 1964 as a bilateral programme of assistance of the Government of India. Technical and economic cooperation was considered to be one of the essential functions of foreign policy. ITEC is the flagship programme of the Government of India's capacity building effort, not only because of its magnitude and wide geographical coverage but also for innovative forms of technical cooperation. The ITEC programme is a visible symbol of India's role and contribution to the Global South cooperation.

The ITEC Programme, fully funded by the Government of India, has evolved and grown over the years. Under ITEC, over 161 countries developing countries in Asia, Africa, East Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean as well as Pacific and Small Island countries, are invited to participate in the Indian developmental experience acquired over seven decades of India's existence as a free nation through training opportunities, consultancy services and feasibility studies.

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