

High Commission of India
Kuala Lumpur

Press Release

**“Language & Shared Heritage :
Role of Sanskrit in India - Malaysia Historical Connect”**

High Commission of India and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre in partnership with Universiti Malaya and Malaysia-India Heritage Society organised a seminar on “Language & Shared Heritage : Role of Sanskrit in India - Malaysia Historical Connect” on Thursday, 10 April 2025 at the Asia Europe Institute, Universiti Malaya Kuala Lumpur.

2. Tan Sri Dato’ Seri Utama Dr.Rais Yatim, Former Speaker, Dewan Negara & Founder-Chairman, Yayasan Budi, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and delivered the key note address. Speaking on the occasion, Tan Sri highlighted the influence of Sanskrit in Southeast Asia region, including Bahasa Melayu and its stellar role in deepening the historical and cultural ties between India and Malaysia.

3. Welcoming the gathering, High Commissioner of India to Malaysia H.E.Mr.B.N.Reddy, highlighted the efforts of Government of India in preserving the age old languages in recognition of their rich legacy. The seminar focussing on Sanskrit’s role in the Malaysia-India shared heritage, he said, will further strengthen Malaysia-India bilateral relations.

4. Associate Deputy Chancellor, Professor Dr Yvonne Lim Ai Lian represented Universiti Malaya at the event and addressed the gathering.

5. Prominent language scholars and academicians including Dr. Amir Rashad Bin Mustaffa, Dr Nasha Bin Rodziadi Khaw, Dr Ooi Eng Jin, Associate Professor Dr Mattia Salvini, made presentations on the topic “Sanskrit & its legacy – Language & Literature across Asia” in the plenary session which was moderated by Prof Dr Surinder Pal Kaur, Dean, Faculty of Languages & Linguistics, Universiti Malaya.

6. A coffee table book published by Malaysia-India Heritage Society & Yayasan Budi featuring the presentations by various speakers held at the first ever International Conference on India- Malaysia Shared Heritage held in Kuala Lumpur on 19 August 2023 was released on the occasion jointly by the Chief Guest of Honor and High Commissioner of India H.E.Mr.B.N.Reddy. High Commissioner handed copies of the coffee table book to Universiti Malaya Library on the occasion.

7. The event was attended by over 200 members including academias and students from Universiti Malaya, MIH society members, various community and cultural associations, as well as teachers and students from Global Indian International School, members of media.

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