

**High Commission of India
Kuala Lumpur**

PRESS RELEASE

**Flag Hoisting Ceremony at India House on occasion of
the 75th Republic Day of India**

The 75th Republic Day of India was celebrated with fervor and enthusiasm by the High Commission of India in Kuala Lumpur along with members of vibrant Indian community in Malaysia at the India House in the morning of January 26, 2023.

2. The celebrations began with the unfurling of the Indian national flag by H.E. B N Reddy, High Commissioner of India followed by singing of the National Anthem of India. Addressing the Indian community members gathered at the occasion, High Commissioner read out excerpts from the Hon'ble President of India's address to the Nation. High Commissioner highlighted that 2023, which marked the first year of 'Amritkaal', was a momentous year for India where a number of success stories were scripted by India including India becoming the 5th largest economy in the World, India's Chandrayaan-3 reaching the lunar south pole region, India hosting the biggest international event in its independent history i.e. the G20 Summit, and inauguration of India's new Parliament. He reminded of the efforts by everyone towards accomplishing the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047. In last 9 years, 248 million Indians have come out of multi-dimensional poverty, and India stands closer to achieving the SDG goals prior to the 2030 target. He thanked the Indian community for taking forward the Brand India by their continuous contributions to growth of New India. High Commissioner also highlighted that in 2023 India-Malaysia relations further strengthened and 2024 appears more promising for the bilateral relations.

3. The formal part of the celebration was followed by a series of cultural and patriotic programs. Cultural programs included rendition of patriotic songs and dance medleys by the students of leading Indian schools in Kuala Lumpur including the Global Indian International School Kuala Lumpur, the Sprout Academy, Kuala Lumpur and the Vikas International School. Indian associations also participated at the Flag hoisting ceremony with full enthusiasm. The Maharastra Mandal Malaysia presented a medley of Marathi songs which immersed the audience in love and pride for India. The Bharat

Club Malaysia presented a medley of two patriotic songs on this occasion ending the cultural part of the celebrations on a high note.

4. On this occasion, a prize distribution ceremony was also held for the winners of the Hindi Poetry Competition and Hindi Hand-writing competition organized by the High Commission of India on January 10, 2023 in partnership with Indian schools in Malaysia to celebrate the Vishwa Hindi Diwas. High Commissioner distributed prizes and certificates of appreciation to the winners of the competitions.

5. On the momentous occasion of the 75th Republic Day of India, High Commission of India brought out a Special Photo Exhibition, titled “**NEW INDIA- Driving India into Amritkaal**”, depicting the advancements and achievements of New India in 2023 i.e. the first year of India’s Amritkaal. The photo exhibition recapped the major milestones, events and success stories for India in 2023.

6. On this occasion, a mini Food Festival was organised by High Commission where Indian NRI women entrepreneurs in Malaysia put out food stalls with Indian delicacies and variety of food items. The food stalls from various regions of India is testimony to the growing entrepreneurial mindset of New India driven by women empowerment combined with the India’s culinary strengths.

7. The flag hoisting ceremony at the India House was attended by about 400 people. The event saw enthusiastic participation from all segments of Indian community in Malaysia.
