

COURTESY CALL TO DYMM TUANKU RAJA PERLIS

30 MAY 2016

The OFA KL & Selangor (KL&S), comprising a strong 4-member team led by our President, Dato' Mohd Mahyidin, Vice President, Ivan Ooi, Hon. Secretary, Geoffrey Ong and Committee member, Syed Azhar together with 12 others including 10 members of OFA (Penang), headed by its President Mr Billy Yeoh, PIBG Chairman, Mr Johari Mohd Yussof and the new PFS HM, Mr Omar Rashid made a memorable courtesy call to our Royal Patron, DYMM Tuanku Raja Perlis, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Ibni Almarhum Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail on 30th May 2016 at the Istana Arau, Perlis.

The group arrived at the palace at 11.00 am and went on a very interesting tour of the Royal Gallery which included collections and memorabilia of the Perlis Royal Family.

Besides our Royal Patron, DYMM Tuanku, the occasion was also graced by another Old Free ie DYTMM Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Ibni Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Jamalullail, the Raja Muda of Perlis. The event started with a word of thanks to Tuanku for agreeing to receive the group and an introduction of all committee members present including the Head Master and the Chairman of the PIBG.

Dato' Mahyidin and Mr Billy Yeo then briefed Tuanku regarding the recent activities of the Associations and in particular the coming Bicentenary activities. This include the following: the Drive in September from the school to Ditissham, the birth place of Rev. Hutchings, the Founder of the School; the Speech Day and Bicentenary Dinner program and the Bicentenary Golf tournament. Official invitations were then extended to Tuanku for these events.

Our President took the opportunity to request DYMM Tuanku to support our application to restore the original PFS name to the school as a precedent had been set by St John's Institution recently. The official application is being officially led by the PIBG.

Towards the end, there were exchanges of mementos from the DYMM Tuanku to OFA and from OFA and OFA KL&S to DYMM Tuanku. And, last but not least, OFA KL&S Dato' President extended an invitation to Tuanku for a dinner in Kuala Lumpur to introduce the new Committee members at a convenient time in the near future.

The group was then invited to lunch which was ended, not with the famed Harum Manis mango (which was out of season) but with a taste of durian. On the whole, it was indeed a very successful event as Tuanku was receptive to the matters and

plans presented. Tuanku also suggested a Golf tournament to be organized in Kangar in 2017 both for the Old Frees in Penang and KL/Selangor. The Sports committee will henceforth start work on this.

Tuanku had also graciously extended an invitation for another visit next year to Arau whereupon we shall try to coincide with the famed Harum Manis season!

Signing in of Guest book by the Dato President (left) and VP Ivan Ooi (right)



Dato' President OFA KL&S (left) and President OFA (right). (More joint programs soon!)



OFA KL&S Reps.
(Syed Azhar, Dato' Mahyidin, Ivan Ooi,
Geoffrey Ong)



Official invitations to DYMM Tuanku



Mementos to DYMM Tuanku from OFA (Pg) and OFA KL&S



KL Sel reps. with Tuanku and Raja Muda Perlis



The entire visiting contingent



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