

## **IDFR PROFILE AND FACILITIES**

### **Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia**

The Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations was established on 1 July 1991 under the Prime Minister's Department. On 12 August of the same year, it was officially launched by Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. On 27 March 2004, it officially became part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia. The institute is housed on the former site of the Ministry on Jalan Wisma Putra in the heart of Kuala Lumpur.

As the training institute, IDFR offers various training programmes for officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other ministries and government agencies. These include diplomatic training, pre-posting orientation, public diplomacy and media skills as well as Arabic, English, French and Spanish language courses.

IDFR also conducts training courses for international participants from developing countries under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), Colombo Plan member countries and Commonwealth countries. The courses include diplomatic training, crisis management and strategic analysis. It also regularly receives requests to train heads of mission and mid-career diplomats from other countries. Public lectures, forums, round table discussions, seminars and workshops are also organized by IDFR to complement its training courses and these see participations from government officials, academicians and university students, representatives from think tanks, non-governmental organizations and training institutes as well as members of the diplomatic corps based in Kuala Lumpur.

Among the prominent figures who have addressed audience at IDFR are Kofi Annan, Haris Silajdzic, Yasser Arafat, Benazir Bhutto, Nelson Mandela, Sultan Hassanah Bolkuh, Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Ban Ki-moon, Gareth Evans and His Royal Highness Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah, the Sultan of Perak Darul Ridzuan and the Institute's Royal Patron.

IDFR also has a panel of Distinguished Fellows who contribute ideas and support the growth of the Institute and they are made up of experienced practitioners and outstanding academicians in the field of diplomacy and international relations. To date, IDFR has established linkages with various diplomatic academies and training institutes worldwide including the Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Federation, Diplomatic Academy of Ukraine, United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy, University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Uzbekistan, London School of Economics, Tallinn University of Technology and Estonian School of Diplomacy, as well as with international affairs training institutes

of Australia and Thailand. Locally, IDFR also collaborates with the Institute of ASEAN Studies and Global Affairs, Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies, Institute of Strategic and International Studies, National Institute of Public Administration, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Malaya, Universiti Utara Malaysia, Universiti Tun Abdul Razak, Monash University Malaysia, The University of Nottingham, Association of Former Malaysian Ambassadors, Foreign Policy Study Group, United Nations Association of Malaysia, Global Movement of Moderates Foundation, Malaysian Armed Forces Defence College as well as the foreign missions, to organise public lectures, forums and roundtable discussions on various regional and international issues.

In line with the Government's call for transformation in civil service, IDFR has transformed its structure in 2015. Currently, IDFR comprises five centres namely: Centre for Political Studies and Economic Diplomacy (PSED); Centre for Leadership, Negotiation and Public Diplomacy (LNPD); Centre for Language and Cultural Diplomacy (CLCD); Centre for Competency Enhancement (CEC); and Centre for Management Services (CMS).

### **Aerial View of IDFR**



## Programmes

IDFR offers training courses/programmes under the following broad areas:

- Diplomatic Training
- Language Training
- Public Lectures and Roundtable Discussions
- Master's Programme

## Facilities

IDFR's campus, located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur, is equipped with the state-of-the-art facilities: an award-winning library, a language lab, an auditorium, a multipurpose hall, a 51-room hostel of international standard, a 120-person dining hall, gymnasium, swimming pool and other sports facilities.



- Training or Lecture Rooms, 12 in total, equipped with built-in whiteboards, PA systems and projectors

The Library plays a major role in supporting teaching, learning and research activities at the Institute. It provides reference and information services for the staff and course participants. The service is also offered to officers and staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia, Malaysia's Missions and ambassadors abroad, researchers as well as officers from foreign missions in Malaysia. Efforts to improve the library collection are continuous, in line with its objective to become a knowledge excellence centre in the field of IDFR's expertise. The library has been designated the lead for the other libraries under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia; the Ministry's, IDFR's and SEARCCT's. It is responsible to plan, manage and coordinate library services and information from the three libraries. Advisory services regarding library development is also provided from time to time. The Integrated Computerized Library System, which is an innovative initiative by IDFR, is capable of synchronising the management policy,

administration and operation of these three libraries. Besides, the library has become a benchmark in developing and implementing updated high-technology library management systems such as the library materials' security system, library materials' tracking system and self-service book loan/return system. The library has an updated collection in various forms of printed, multimedia and electronic materials. The library's material search can be accessed through the Online Public Access Catalogue (WebOPAC) at <http://webopac.kln.gov.my>. Meanwhile, detailed library information can be accessed via its portal at [www.idfr.gov.my/library](http://www.idfr.gov.my/library).



- A fully-equipped library, complete with self-access learning resources



- A fully-equipped language lab



- A new auditorium which can accommodate up to 250 people, with PA and theatre lighting systems



- A multipurpose hall that can accommodate up to 500 people



- Fifty-one hostel rooms fully equipped with kitchenette, laundry and meeting room



- Gymnasium, swimming pool, tennis cum futsal, and squash courts



- A dining hall that able to accommodate 120 people



- A Treaty Room with a maximum capacity of 50 people