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**THE** Foreign Affairs Ministry's (KLN) 2021 Diploma in Diplomacy (DiD) programme wrapped up with two cohorts last Friday.

Participants of the first cohort (DiD 1/2021) spent the first two months at the ministry for on-the-job training, followed by four months at the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs (IDFR) on a full-time basis.

For the second cohort (DiD 2/2021), the participants were required to go through on-the-job training at the ministry for five months.

The flagship programme from the IDFR for junior administrative and diplomatic officers from KLN aims to produce Malaysia's future diplomats.

According to Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Datuk Kamarudin Jaffar, there were two cohorts this year because last year's group had to be postponed, while the 2021 group only started in June.

A total of 43 government officials participated in the DiD programme and this year also marked the IDFR's 30th anniversary.

"Participants were trained according to their specific posting, as well as every aspect of diplomatic work.

"If they are posted in another country, their priority is to maintain our diplomatic relationships with the country they are posted to, while those posted to multilateral bodies like the United Nations (UN) or the Association of South-East Asian Nations Secretariat, they must master the ways the UN handles things," Kamarudin said.

Due to the pandemic and travel restrictions, many of the DiD programme's scheduled study visits and attachments abroad had to be cancelled.

"While these were certainly unfortunate, I believe that in handling such setbacks, we have managed to forge a more resilient and determined group of diplomats who will soldier on and keep the Malaysian flag flying high in the future," Kamarudin said.

He added that despite travel restrictions, foreign services are still operating as it is crucial to maintain good diplomatic ties even in times of crisis.

"Through this foresight, Malaysia managed to secure numerous assistance and aid from our bilateral partners t. ↑ with the pandemic.

"On this note, I was also able to negotiate with my counterparts in several regions to collaborate in channelling consular assistance for stranded Malaysians and to bring them home safely," he said.

During the pandemic, Kamarudin added, diplomats have the crucial task of striking bilateral deals with vaccine-producing countries.

"This goes to show just how important it is for our diplomats to be quick-witted and on their toes as the world is rapidly changing."

The deputy minister advised the new DiD graduates to be resilient, adaptable and versatile, as more challenges await them.

"Among others, emotional intelligence and empathy are important as consular matters will be inevitable and when it comes to services, customer satisfaction is key when serving abroad," he added.

This year's top graduates were Nizhan Faraz Rizal and Nidyakala Manian.

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