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U.S. AMBASSADOR CELEBRATES U.S.-MALAYSIA TIES IN SABAH

*Sabah Museum receives Peace Corps 50th anniversary exhibit and English Access
Microscholarship Program for secondary school students*

U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia, Paul W. Jones, and Sabah Minister of Tourism, YB Datuk Masidi Manjun today officiated the closing ceremony for the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Peace Corps program in Malaysia, at the Sabah Museum in Kota Kinabalu.

At the first opening ceremony of the Peace Corps exhibit in Kuala Lumpur on April 12, 2012, U.S. Ambassador Paul W. Jones said, “American Peace Corps Volunteers were proud to play a small part in the great story of Malaysia’s early development. In thousands of communities across Malaysia, an encounter between two worlds became a meeting of minds, ideas and connections that reached across cultural and linguistic barriers.”

The Peace Corps 50th anniversary exhibition was first launched at the Lincoln Corner in the Kuala Lumpur Library on April 12, 2012. There were two photo exhibits – one which traveled the length and breadth of Peninsula and the other in East Malaysia that travelled to Kuching, Miri and Kota Kinabalu.

With the Sabah Museum’s unique collection and connection to America, it is only fitting that the exhibition of photos and memories of the Peace Corps volunteers, host families and friends will become part of the museum’s permanent collection.

To continue this special bond between U.S. and Sabah, the U.S. Ambassador also today launched the English Access Microscholarship program with the Deputy Chief Minister of Sabah Datuk Dr. Yee Moh Chai. The English Access Microscholarship program in Sabah is a two-year program that provides English language education 50 underserved students, ages 13-20 at four secondary schools. This program is funded by the U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and is operated by International English Center (IEC).

For online information about the 50th Anniversary of Peace Corps Malaysia:

U.S. Embassy: http://malaysia.usembassy.gov/pcv_photoexhibit.html

For information about the English Access Microscholarship:

<http://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/english-access-microscholarship-program>