

PRESS RELEASE

Official visit of the Perak State Government (Malaysia) to the Danube Commission

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On April 20th 2015, the Danube Commission hosted the official visit of the Honourable Dato' Seri Dr. ZAMBRY Abd Kadir, Chief Minister of the Perak State Government from Malaysia with his delegation of high-ranking civil servants and diplomats. The Danube Commission was represented by its Presidency and the Secretariat.



The meeting aimed at sharing experiences gained in the sector of inland navigation and discussing the latest developments in the Danube and European waterway sector.

In his opening address, Ambassador Rade DROBAC, President of the Danube Commission, stressed the importance of strengthening ties between the European and Asian regions, recognizing the progress made and challenges ahead in this special field. He also stated that special attention shall be paid to common problems that both Danube and Sungai Perak River regions may face: obstacles to navigation, high and low water levels and floods. Issues like river engineering works, dredging measures and sedimentation problems were also discussed on this occasion.

Chief Minister, Dr. ZAMBRY and his delegation showed a special interest in the activities and initiatives presented by Mr. Alexander F. STEMMER, Deputy Director-General of the DC Secretariat.

Dr. ZAMBRY emphasized that the delegation of Perak has been looking forward to a more deepened co-operation with the DC since their visit to the DC in 2011 in order to benefit from the DC's technical experience in fighting against infrastructural problems in the waterway system.

Both parties welcomed the prospect of developing on the bilateral dialogue and deepening of cooperation in various technical areas.