



Australian High Commission, Kuala Lumpur

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## **Australian High Commissioner meets Minister of Housing and Local Government**

Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia, HE Andrew Goledzinowski, met today with Minister of Housing and Local Government, YB Puan Zuraida Kamaruddin.

The High Commissioner congratulated YB Zuraida on her election to the Malaysian Parliament and appointment as Minister of Housing and Local Government and she congratulated him on being the first Ambassador to call on her.

They discussed the new government's housing priorities and areas of mutual interest in which Australia and Malaysia could share views and policy experience, including affordable housing; empowering local government; and recycling.

“It was a pleasure to meet Minister Zuraida and hear about her vision for Malaysia's affordable housing needs. We also took the opportunity to discuss other priorities for the new government, including policies supporting women's empowerment, indigenous people and refugees,” Goledzinowski said. “I was pleased to note that the Minister expressed interest in an early visit to Australia to further pursue discussions on these issues.”

Australia first established a diplomatic presence in Kuala Lumpur in 1955. Our relationship is anchored by close defence and security ties, as well as by strong people-to-people links through education, business, migration and tourism. In 2015, the relationship was elevated to a strategic partnership, reflecting the enduring nature of our bilateral ties.