Office of The Defence Adviser
Malaysian High Commission
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Dear Sir,

Pingat Jasa Malaysia - Eligibility and Acceptance

I write to enquire regarding the eligibility for the Pingat Jasa Malaysia (PJM) by Gurkha soldiers who served with the British Army and also by members of the Malaysian Army and/or Malaysian citizens who enlisted in the British Army and were, I understand, known formally as "Locally Enlisted Personnel" (LEP). I was very fortunate to have served with members of both groups in Malaysia and some, being unable to correspond themselves, have asked me to pose the following questions:

1. Gurkhas - Non-British Citizens

    a. If not British citizens, e.g. citizens of Nepal, are Gurkhas eligible to apply for the PJM and, if so, through whom should they submit an application?

    b. Has the PJM been offered to them via either the Government of Nepal or the UK?

    c. If they are able to apply, are the eligibility criteria the same as for Australian/New Zealand citizens, or the same as for British citizens (the criteria, not yet officially confirmed in the latter case, appear to be different)?

2. Malaysian Citizens

    a. Are Malaysian citizens who enlisted in the British Army (e.g. LEP) eligible for the PJM?

    b. If so, through whom should they submit their application?

    c. If not, is there an equivalent Malaysian medal for Malaysian citizens they can apply for?

I would be very grateful for any help you can give me answering these questions - thank you for your help.

Yours faithfully,

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