

**SPEECH**

**H.E. DR. GUENTER GRUBER**

**Former Ambassador of Germany to Malaysia**



**Name:** Dr. Guenter Gruber  
**Date of Birth:** October 4, 1948  
**Legal Status:** Married with three children

**After attending high school in Munich: Apprenticeship as a tax counselor in Munich.**

**From 1971 - 1974 Study business administration at the university of applied Science in Munich: Degree Diplom Betriebswirt (MBA).**

**1974 - 1975 Postgraduate in European Integration Studies at the University of Leeds and University Nice/France.**

**1975 - 1978 Postgraduate studies in Macro Economics at the Free University Berlin, PHD at the Free University Berlin: thesis: The social and economical implications of the entry of new member states to the European Economic Community.**

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| <b>1978-1980</b>   | <b>Management trainee Program with the Dresdner Bank.</b>  |
| <b>1981</b>        | <b>Entry to the German Diplomatic Service</b>  |
| <b>1983-1985</b>   | <b>Economic Counsellor German Embassy in Paris</b>   |
| <b>1986 -1989</b>  | <b>Cultural Counsellor at the German Embassy Jakarta</b>   |
| <b>1989/1991</b>   | <b>Economic Department of the German Foreign Ministry tasked with the Multilateral Economic Implications of the German Unification</b> |
| <b>1991 -1994</b>  | <b>Deputy Ambassador, German Embassy Singapore</b>   |
| <b>1994 - 1996</b> | <b>Head of Public relations in the German Foreign Ministry</b>   |
| <b>1996 -2000</b>  | <b>Speaker of the German Mission to the UN and Director of the German Information Office, New York</b>                                 |
| <b>2000 - 2004</b> | <b>Head of the Department SEA and Pacific in the German Foreign Ministry</b>   |
| <b>2004-2008</b>   | <b>German Consul General, Sydney</b>   |
| <b>2008 - 2013</b> | <b>German Ambassador to Malaysia</b>   |

**Special focus on International Cooperation in Education, Global Climate issues and promoting small and medium size companies**

**Since retirement in July 2013:**

- (i) Board member of SGL Malaysia & IKA Germany**
- (ii) Visiting Professor University Applied Science  
Rosenheim**
- (iii) Director Merica Group of Companies (plantations,  
smart renewable energy solutions)**
- (iv) Advisory Board of WWF Malaysia**

**Hobbies: Promoting promoting sustainable living, music  
(Guitar), tennis, golf, bicycle**

**Applied for MM2H in August 2014**