



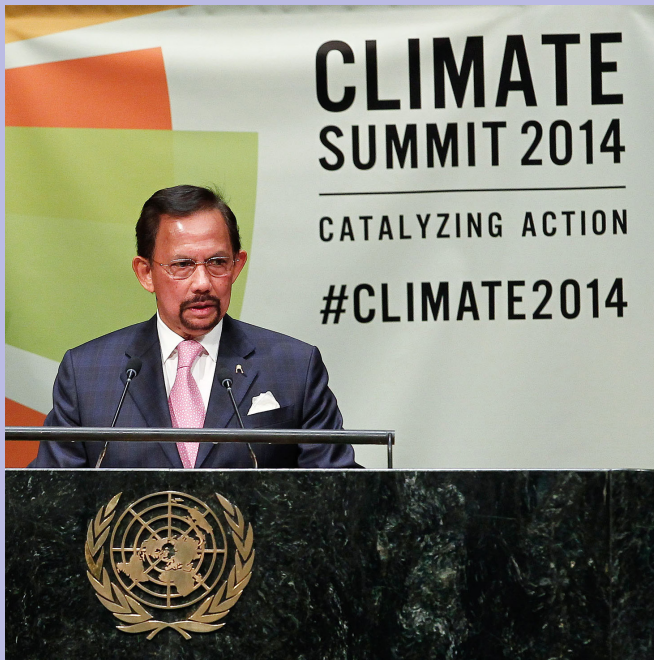
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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivers his *titah* (royal speech) at the United Nations Climate Change Summit, stating that Brunei Darussalam is ready to play its role in protecting the environment in a more comprehensive manner.

HM: Brunei Darussalam to cut energy use by 63 per cent

NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, September 23 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam said in his *titah* at the United Nations Climate Change Summit that the sultanate is targeting a 63 per cent reduction in total energy consumption by 2035.

Brunei Darussalam aims to achieve the target by reducing fossil fuel demand for inland energy use, and through a revised power tariff that encourages energy savings.

His Majesty added that, as of 2013, Brunei Darussalam has managed to attain an average reduction in energy consumption of 13.9 per cent, besides aiming to generate at least 10 per cent of total power from new and renewable resources by 2035.

As reflected in Brunei Darussalam's Vision 2035 development plan, His Majesty said the country's priority is to

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His Majesty graces UBD's 26th convocation ceremony

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 6 – His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Chancellor of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) consented to award certificates to 1,020 graduates at UBD's 26th convocation ceremony held at the Chancellor's Hall.

Of the total, 612 graduates were degree holders, 396 were masters holders, and the rest were PhD graduates, the highest record in the university's history.

Producing 12 PhD graduates was another proud achievement by UBD as ten of them were recipients of the Graduate Research Scholarship, said UBD's Vice-Chancellor, Dato Paduka Dr. Haji Zulkarnain bin Haji Hanafi.

At the ceremony, His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam announced in his *titah* that a centre for Advanced Material and Energy Science would be created to train the workforce in conducting researches on energy conversion and functional materials.



His Majesty consents to present a master degree to one of the UBD graduates.

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>> BRUNEI IN BRIEF

Official name is Negara Brunei Darussalam.

Capital is Bandar Seri Begawan.

It is located on the north-west of Borneo Island in Southeast Asia.

Land size is 5765 sq. km.

Population is estimated at 422,700 people (2012).

It is divided into four districts – Brunei-Muara, Tutong, Belait and Temburong.

Malay is the official language but English is widely spoken.

Islam is the official religion and it allows other religions to be practiced.

National carrier is Royal Brunei.

It has an equatorial climate, a uniform temperature, high humidity and heavy rainfall.

Public Warning: The trafficking of controlled drugs carries the death penalty in Brunei Darussalam.



His Majesty receives audiences



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to receive in audience at the Istana Nurul Iman.

They were:

1. The Honourable Major General (Rtd.) Dato' Seri Jamil Khir bin Haji Baharom, the Minister in the Prime Minister's Office of Malaysia, on September 8.
2. The Ministers and Heads of Delegation attending the Asia Pacific Info-Communications Technology Ministerial Meeting in Brunei Darussalam, on September 11.
3. His Excellency Dr. Ahmad Mohamed Ali, The President of the Islamic Development Bank, IDB Group, on September 17.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to present diplomatic credentials to four Brunei Darussalam's newly-appointed envoys. The ceremony was held on September 13 at the Istana Nurul Iman.

They were:

1. His Excellency Dato Paduka Haji Alaihuddin bin Pehin Orang Kaya Digadong Seri Lela Dato Seri Utama Haji Awang Mohamad Taha, Brunei Darussalam's High Commissioner to Malaysia.
2. His Excellency Colonel (Rtd.) Pengiran Haji Kamal Bashah bin Pengiran Haji Ahmad, Brunei Darussalam's High Commissioner to Canada.
3. His Excellency Colonel (Rtd.) Nooradin bin Haji Ya'akob, Brunei Darussalam's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
4. His Excellency Awang Haji Mahadi bin Haji Maidin, non-resident Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to receive diplomatic credentials from newly-appointed foreign envoys to Brunei Darussalam. The ceremony was held on September 13 at the Istana Nurul Iman.

They were:

1. His Excellency Amphay Kindavong, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Lao People's Democratic Republic.
2. Her Excellency Noriko Iki, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan.
3. Her Excellency Loan Forgeron, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Republic of France.



Her Majesty receives audiences

Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam consented to receive in audience the spouses of the Brunei Darussalam newly-appointed ambassadors and high commissioners. The ceremony was held on September 20 at the Istana Nurul Iman.

They were Datin Dayang Hajah Mariani binti Haji Bungsu, spouse of Brunei Darussalam's High Commissioner to Malaysia; Pengiran Hajah Halipah binti Pengiran Haji Kamaluddin, spouse of Brunei Darussalam's High Commissioner to Canada; Dayangku Ratna Suria binti Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Hamzad, spouse of Brunei Darussalam's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; Dayang Mahani binti Haji Taja'ah, spouse of non-resident Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan.



HRH The Crown Prince receives audience

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office consented to receive in audience the newly-appointed High Commissioners and Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam on September 17. The ceremony took place at Qashr Al-Meezaan.

They were His Excellency Dato Paduka Haji Alaihuddin bin Pehin Orang Kaya Digadong Seri Lela Dato Seri Utama Haji Awang Mohamad Taha, Brunei Darussalam's High Commissioner to Malaysia; His Excellency Colonel (Rtd.) Pengiran Haji Kamal Bashah bin Pengiran Haji Ahmad, Brunei Darussalam's High Commissioner to Canada; His Excellency Colonel (Rtd.) Nooradin bin Haji Ya'akob, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; His Excellency Awang Haji Mahadi bin Haji Maidin, the non-resident Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik received in audience male hajj pilgrims.



Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah received in audience female hajj pilgrims.

Their Majesties receive greetings from hajj pilgrims

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 1 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam consented to receive in separate audiences intending hajj pilgrims at the Istana Nurul Iman.

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah received in

audience male pilgrims, while Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah received audience from the female pilgrims.

A total of 400 people will perform the hajj on September 10 and 11, comprising of 205 men and 195 women. The numbers were set according to quota given by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia limited the number of pilgrims from each country to implement its responsibility of ensuring that the hajj ritual programme would be carried out properly for the sake of the

safety, well being and comfort of the intending pilgrims while they were in the holy land.

This was due to the upgrading works being carried out at the two holy mosques namely Masjidil Haram in Makkah Al-Mukarramah and the Nabawi Mosque in Madinah Al-Munawwarah.

The pilgrims were accompanied by a team of six medical officers, 14 nurses as well as five hajj liaison officers.

His Majesty also consented to present the male pilgrims with Ihram clothings, and *telekung* (a prayer robe) to the women pilgrims.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office consented to receive audiences from the newly-appointed envoys to Brunei Darussalam on September 17. The audiences took place at Qashr Al-Meezaan.

They were:

1. His Excellency Amphay Kindavong, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Lao People's Democratic Republic.
2. Her Excellency Noriko Iki, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan.

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to send congratulatory messages to:

- His Excellency Truong Tan Sang, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and His Excellency Nguyen Tan Dung, the Prime Minister of Socialist Republic of Vietnam in conjunction with the republic's 69th National Day on September 2.
- His Majesty King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques on the occasion of the kingdom's 84th National Day on September 23.
- His Excellency Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China in conjunction with the 65th anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China on September 30.

His Majesty bestows orders and decorations on 339 recipients

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 4 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to present Brunei Darussalam's orders and decorations to 339 recipients from both the government and public sector in

conjunction with His Majesty's 68th birthday celebration.

His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah were also present at the ceremony, which was held at the Istana Nurul Iman.

Out of the awardees, 67 recipients were granted the Most Honourable Order of Seri Paduka Mahkota Brunei, 3rd class (SMB).

Another 14 recipients received the Most Eminent Order of Islam Brunei, 4th class (SUB).

The largest group comprising of 248 recipients were awarded with the Most Blessed Order of Setia Negara Brunei (PSB).

In addition, another group of 10 government employees received the Most Eminent Order of Islam Brunei, 5th Class (PUB).

Pengiran-pengiran cheteria, cabinet ministers, members of the legislative council, deputy ministers, pengiran-pengiran peranakan, pehin-pehin manteri, manteri-manteri pedalaman, members of diplomatic corps based in Brunei Darussalam, permanent secretaries and heads of department were also present.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consents to present a state decoration to one of the 339 recipients.

His Majesty awards 'Sultan's Scholar' to five students

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 20 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to award the 'Sultan's Scholar' scholarship to five students at the Istana Nurul Iman.

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, and His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul Malik ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah were also present.

The students were:

Awang Muhammad Nasruddin bin Haji Sulaiman, a former student of Tutong Sixth Form Centre. He will further his

studies in Chemistry at Oxford University.

Awangku Ahmad Faris Ramadhani bin Pengiran Haji Sallehuddin, a former student of Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Tahfiz Al-Quran Institute. He will continue his studies in Takhassus Al-Quran Wal Qiraat at Mahad Qiraat, Al-Azhar, Shoubra, Egypt.

Dayang Izyan Nayli binti Haji Abdul Aziz, a former recipient of the Special Scheme of the Human Resource Fund Scholarship who completed A-Level in Cardiff, United Kingdom. She will continue her studies in Physical Natural Sciences at Cambridge University, United Kingdom.

Dayang Nurul Syadirah binti Awang Sayang, a former recipient of the Special Scheme of the Human Resource Fund Scholarship who completed A-Level at Harrogate Ladies' College, United Kingdom. She will continue her studies in Mathematics, Operational Research,

Statistics and Economics at Warwick University.

Dayang Rozana binti Awang Mustafa, a former student of Sayyidina Ali Secondary School. She will continue her studies in Physics at Imperial College London, United Kingdom.

The 'Sultan's Scholar' is the most prestigious scholarship offered in Brunei, awarded with the aim to create knowledgeable, skilled, disciplined and virtuous individuals for the future well-being of our religion, nation and monarch.

It is one of the capacity building programmes introduced by the government through Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Foundation as a means to realise the Brunei Vision 2035.

Since the scheme was first introduced in 2006, a total of 36 students have been awarded the scholarship.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, The Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik in a group photo with the recipients of the scholarships.

His Majesty describes youths as a formidable force

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 4 - Youths need to be wiser and cautious in evaluating and choosing change while possessing a clear, strong and stable self-identity.

It is also important to cement this identity with pure religious and cultural values so that the change is not shadowed by undesirable elements.

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam reminded the nation's youths in his *titah* at the 9th National Youth Day held at the Indoor Stadium of the Hassanal Bolkiah National Sports Complex, Berakas.

In the *titah*, the monarch stressed the need to seek and plan constructive change, not one that damages oneself.

The ceremony began with the reading of Surah Al-Fatihah and *Doa Selamat* led by the State Mufti, The Honourable Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia Dr. Ustaz Awang Haji Abd Aziz bin Juned.

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam also pointed out that the country's youths has a major role in protecting and elevating the status of the nation and the potential to pattern the nation in whatever way they desire.

His Majesty added that 50 per cent of the country's population are youth and the huge figure is in itself a formidable force to be reckoned with.

The highlight of the celebration was the presentation of youth awards in four categories by His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam: Youth Association Award, Distinguished Youth Leadership Award, Youth Service Award and Excellent Youth Award.

The Youth Association Award was given to Putra Seni, as an appreciation for the youth's contributions to the development of youth, for raising the country's profile and for organising activities for local youth focusing on



The highlight of the Youth Day celebration is the presentation of awards by His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam:

community, economy and voluntary. They received a plaque, a certificate and BND5,000.

Meanwhile, Awang Mohd. Zefri bin Mohd. Zain Ariff was awarded the Distinguished Youth Leadership Award. This award was presented in recognition and appreciation for his continuous contribution to the society. He received a plaque, a woven cloth, a certificate and a cash prize of BND3,000.

Awang Mohd. Anwar bin Awang Mohammad received the Youth Service Award for his voluntary and continuous contribution to the community. He received a plaque, woven cloth, certificate of appreciation and BND3,000.

The Excellent Youth Award was awarded to youth who had actively been contributing to youth development. The recipient was Lee Yingshi, who also received a plaque, a woven cloth, a

certificate and cash price of BND3,000.

His Majesty and other members of the royal family also consented to tour a mini exhibition at the foyer of the Indoor Stadium of the Hassanal Bolkiah National Sports Complex.

The exhibition showcased youth activities in voluntary work, entrepreneurship and arts.

It portrayed youth as an integrated force actively involved in various fields in upholding the nation's aspiration.

The National Youth Day Assembly is a platform for assessing the progress of youth development objective toward creating excellent Brunei youth.

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(His Majesty graces UBD's 26th convocation ceremony)

His Majesty also congratulated UBD for being ranked in Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World rankings this year, but also reminded the university to run consistently and not lose its ground in the league table.

In his welcoming address, the Vice Chancellor touched upon the institution's developments since its last convocation.

UBD discovered a new method to detect non-halal elements in food, cutting the test time to one to two minutes, compared to its conventional method that

took up to an hour. The method can also detect elements as light as one pictogram.

This year, UBD was also awarded the international patent for the first time for its invention of a tape-casting machine, which can help the industry to produce thin ceramic substrates at a lower cost.

Since its establishment in 1984, UBD has continued to undergo transformation and positive development.

UBD is now included in the top 50 list of universities in Asia with a growing number of international student admissions, which reflects UBD's gradual recognition by the world.

The university has also been

strengthening its strategy to enhance the teaching and learning of its graduates to generate world-class researches that meet the international standards.

UBD plays an important role, on par with the government and private sector, in educating the citizens especially youths to be knowledgeable and to excel with strong Islamic values in accordance with the Malay Islamic Monarchy concept.

His Majesty graces Sarawak Regatta

KUCHING, SARAWAK, September 7 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented

to attend the final event of the Sarawak International Dragon Boats Regatta at the Kuching Waterfront, Sarawak.

Upon arrival at the Kuching International Airport, His Majesty was greeted by Sarawak Governor, His

Excellency Tun Tan Sri Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib bin Haji Mahmud.

His Majesty then consented to watch the races, witnessing the Brunei national team competing against paddlers from Sandakan and Thailand.

The competition ended with Cahaya Zen, managed by His Excellency, emerging as the winner while the national team settled for third place.

During the race, His Majesty, along with His Excellency, boarded a cruise ship touring along Sarawak River, to observe the special category, the Diplomatic Dragon Boat Race.

After disembarking, His Majesty consented to present a trophy and prize to His Excellency.

Later in the day, His Majesty consented to attend a luncheon at the Hilton Hotel after taking a brief walk along the banks of Sarawak River with His Excellency.

The Sarawak Regatta has a long history, which began in 1872.

It highlights the cultural diversity of the communities in Sarawak, which consists of various ethnic groups.

The theme for this year's regatta was 'Race for the Harmony', depicting the warmth and harmony of the people of Sarawak in welcoming visitors.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam launching a race at the Kuching Waterfront as Sarawak Governor, His Excellency Tun Tan Sri Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib and other leaders look on.

HRH The Crown Prince pays official five-day visit to Singapore



His Royal Highness The Crown Prince paying a courtesy visit to Prime Minister of Republic of Singapore, His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong.



His Royal Highness The Crown Prince receiving a *pesambah* (a gift) from the Deputy Minister of Ministry of Finance and also the Chairman of MAS Republic of Singapore.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, August 31- His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman departed for the Republic of Singapore for a five-day official visit.

Their Royal Highnesses were accompanied by their children, Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim and Yang Teramat Mulia

Pengiran Anak Muneerah Madhul Bolkiah.

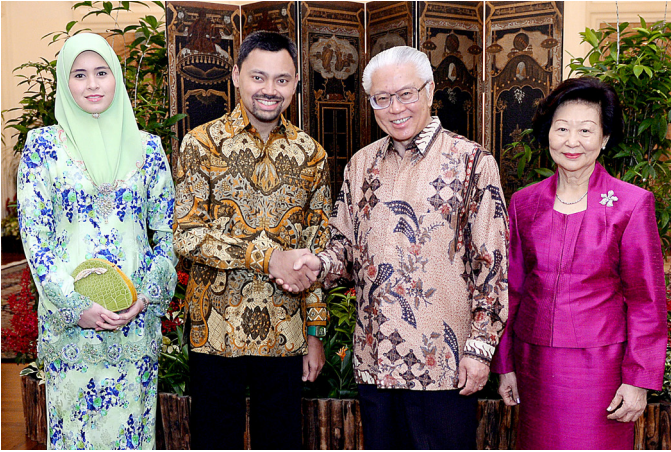
Brunei Darussalam's delegation included the Minister of Development, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Indera Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Suyoi bin Haji Osman; the Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, Yang Mulia Dato Paduka Awang Haji Ali bin Haji Apong; the Deputy Minister of Finance, Yang Mulia Dato Paduka Haji Bahrin bin Abdullah; Deputy Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces and also Commander of the Royal Brunei Land Forces, Brigadier General Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Yussof bin Haji Abd

Rahman; and the High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to the Republic of Singapore, His Excellency Haji Awang Saiful Bahri bin Haji Awang Mansor.

Present at His Majesty's Flight Hangar in Rimba to say farewell were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah as well as other members of the royal family.

Pengiran-pengiran cheteria; cabinet ministers; the State Mufti; the commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces; the commissioner of the Royal Brunei Police

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Their Royal Highnesses attending a luncheon hosted by the President of Republic of Singapore, Dr. Tony Tan Keng Yam and his wife, The First Lady, Mary Chee Bee Kiang at the Yusof Room.



Their Royal Highnesses touring the Henry Park Primary School during the five-day official visit.

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Force; and permanent secretaries at the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Ministry of Education with their respective spouses were also present.

On the first day of the official visit, His Royal Highness The Crown Prince consented to visit the Multi-Mission Range Complex (MMRC) at Pasir Laba Camp and was awarded the Advanced Combat Skills Badge of Honour and Light Strike Vehicle Driving Licence.

Upon arrival at MMRC, His Royal Highness was greeted by the Singapore Minister of Social and Family Development and the Second Minister of Defence, His Excellency Chan Chun Sing; Chief of Army, Major General Perry Lim; and the Future System Technology Architect, Rear Admiral Harris Chan Weng Yip.

At the conference room, His Royal Highness was briefed on MMRC by the Chief of Army.

His Royal Highness, accompanied by Brunei Darussalam delegates, also consented to present souvenirs in honour of his visit.

In the afternoon, His Royal Highness The Crown Prince consented to pay a courtesy call to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong.

Upon arrival, His Royal Highness was greeted by His Excellency and consented to sign the Visitor's Book.

At the West Drawing Room, His Royal Highness and His Excellency held a meeting. Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Singapore have for a long time enjoyed close relations based on friendship, understanding and mutual respect.

His Royal Highness then consented to join a luncheon at the Yusof Room hosted by the His Excellency.

In the same afternoon, His Royal Highness The Crown Prince, who is also the Chairman of Monetary Authority Brunei Darussalam, consented to hold a meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Chairman of Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), His Excellency Tharman Shanmugaratnam.

His Royal Highness was greeted upon arrival by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Chairman of MAS.

Bilateral relations between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Singapore continue to develop in recent years. Both countries have closed cooperation in the financial area while trade relations continue to flourish.

His Royal Highness, with the delegation, was accompanied by the Singapore Minister of State at the Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Defence, His Excellency Doctor Mohamad Maliki bin Osman, and Mayor of the South East District of the Republic of Singapore as the Minister-in-Attendance.

During the five-day official visit, His Royal Highness The

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His Royal Highness The Crown Prince attends the 'Immersive Urban Ops Live-Firing' Demonstration.



His Royal Highness The Crown Prince taking a morning walk with Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister, Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs.



His Royal Highness The Crown Prince visiting the National Stadium and Singapore Sport Hub, Kallang.

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Crown Prince and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah consented to visit Henry Park Primary School.

Their Royal Highnesses were accompanied by their children, Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim and Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Muneerah Madhul Bolkiah.

Upon arrival at the school, Their Royal Highnesses were greeted by Singapore Minister for Education, His Excellency Heng Swee Keat, and His Royal Highness consented to sign the Visitor's Book.

Their Royal Highnesses were then briefed on the school by the principal of Henry Park Primary School, Mr Chia Soo Keng, and the Vice Principal, Mrs Cheryl Tan, and afterward consented to tour the school.

During the visit, His Royal Highness consented to receive *pesambah* (a gift) in the form of a painting from Nur Nadya binti Muhamad Hermi, a student of the school.

Their Royal Highnesses then consented to present gifts to a number of students.

Then, Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim and Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Muneerah Madhul Bolkiah also consented to receive *pesambah* from the school.

In conjunction with the visit, His Royal Highness consented to present a special gift to the school's principal.

In the evening, His Royal Highness consented to attend a dinner hosted by the Minister of Manpower of the Republic of Singapore, His Excellency Tan Chuan-Jin.

His Royal Highness was greeted upon arrival by the Minister of Manpower of the Republic of Singapore; Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transport, Mrs Josephine Teo; Minister of State, Ministry of Health, Dr Lam Pin Min; Chief of Army, Singapore Armed Forces, Major General Perry Lim and Deputy Secretary (Community, Youth and Sports), Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, Mr Hugh Lim.

Visiting the National Stadium and Singapore Sports Hub, Kallang was also in the agenda of the five-day visit.

Upon arrival, His Royal Highness was greeted by the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, and the Second Minister for Communications and Information, His Excellency Lawrence Wong; the Minister of State, Ministry of National Development, His Excellency Desmond Lee Ti-Seng; the Chairman of Sports Singapore, Mr Richard Seow Yung Liang; the Chief Executive

Officer, Urban Redevelopment Authority, U-R-A, Mr Ng Lang and the Board Member, Sports Hub Pte Ltd, Mr Ludwig Reichhold.

In a special room, His Royal Highness was briefed on the Singapore National Stadium and Singapore Sports Hub by the Chief Operational Officer of the hub.

His Royal Highness was also briefed on the preparation of Singapore as host of 2015 Southeast Asian Games by the Chief Strategic Development and Marketing Group, Sports Singapore, Mr Toh Boon Yi.

Apart from that, His Royal Highness was also briefed on 'Land Use Planning in Singapore: Master Plan 2004 and the Greater Southern Waterfront'.

To conclude the visit, Their Royal Highnesses consented to receive *pesambah* in the form of a photo album of Their Royal Highnesses' official visit at Singapore.

Present at Changi International Airport to bid farewell to His Royal Highness and Her Royal Highness were the Minister for Communications and Information, and Minister-in-Charge of Muslim Affairs, His Excellency Associate Professor Doctor Yaacob Ibrahim; the Minister of State at the Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Defence, and Mayor of the South East District as the Minister-in-Attendance, and the High Commissioner of the Republic of Singapore to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Jaya Ratnam.

The High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to the Republic of Singapore and spouse, as well as officers from the High Commission of Brunei Darussalam to the Republic of Singapore were also present.

HRH Crown Prince awards diplomas to 98 UBD graduates



His Royal Highness The Crown Prince consents to award a diploma to one of the graduates.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 6 - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Pro-Chancellor of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), consented to present diplomas to 98 UBD graduates.

Of the total, 15 graduated with Post Graduate Diploma, 10 with Advance Diploma and 73 with Diploma.

The graduates were those who had completed the Post Graduate Diploma in Education from the Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Institute of Education; Advance Diploma in Child Care, Midwifery Health Science, Nursing Health Science and Paramedic; Inclusive Education in Early Childhood Education and Counselling from the Pengiran Anak Puteri Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah Institute of Health Science.

His Royal Highness was greeted upon arrival by the Minister of Education, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong and Vice-Chancellor of UBD, Dato Paduka Dr. Haji Zulkarnain bin Haji Hanafi.

HRH The Crown Prince commissions new patrol ship

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 8 - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and General of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF), consented to commission a new patrol vessel, Kapal Diraja Brunei (KDB) Daruttaqwa at the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN), Naval Base in Muara.

KDB Daruttaqwa, weighing 1,600 tonnes, is 80 metres long and 13 metres wide, and has the maximum speed capacity of 20 knots. The ship, armed with a light gun, is equipped with sensor and radar system, and has a helicopter-landing base.

In his *sabda*, His Royal Highness said that by the consent of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, His Royal Highness was

pleased to proclaim the commissioning of the KDB Daruttaqwa.

To bless and mark the start of the commissioning ceremony, the Surah Al-Fatihah and *Doa Selamat* was led by the Assistant Chief of RBAF Religious Department, Captain Ariffin bin Amit.

His Royal Highness then boarded the KDB Daruttaqwa, where His Royal Highness was briefed on the vessel's descriptions by the ship's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Awang Khairil bin Abdul Rahman.

His Royal Highness then presented the commissioned flag to KDB Daruttaqwa's commanding officer.

Shortly thereafter, His Royal Highness also consented to tour the exhibition showcasing the activities and training done on the KDB Daruttaqwa throughout its voyage from Germany to Brunei

Darussalam.

KDB Daruttaqwa embarked on its first expedition from Germany's Lemwerder Harbour to Brunei Darussalam on July 15 that took about 46 days.

During the 10,626 nautical mile journey, the vessel crossed the Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Ocean, Suez Canal, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean, Strait of Malacca and the South China Sea.

At the ceremony, His Royal Highness also consented to sign the parchment and poster on KDB Daruttaqwa's maiden voyage.

The vessel's commission reflected another achievement in the modernisation of the RBN's main asset, in line with the requirement in combating any elements and activities that may threaten the stability and interests of the nation.

Upon arrival at Base Jetty for the ceremony, His Royal Highness was greeted by the Deputy Minister of Defence, Yang Mulia Dato Paduka Haji Mustappa bin Haji Sirat; the Commander of the RBAF, Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Dato Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd. Tawih bin Abdullah and the Commander of the RBN, First Admiral Dato Seri Pahlawan Abdul Aziz bin Haji Md Tamit.

Soon after arrival, His Royal Highness received the royal salute and inspect the guard of honour mounted by 107 RBN personnel led by Major Haji Nor Airwin Haji Md Ali.

Before leaving, His Royal Highness also consented to receive *junjung ziarah* from the officers and crews of the new vessel.



His Royal Highness The Crown Prince receiving a *pesambah*.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and General of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) in a group photo.

His Royal Highness The Crown Prince on board the Rigid Inflatable Craft (RIC) (insert photo).

National campaign to combat non-communicable diseases

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 9 - The Ministry of Health launched a national campaign in hopes of preventing and controlling non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, in a *sabda* at the launch, said that NCDs such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and hypertension has been the main causes of deaths in the country in the past 10 years.

Practicing healthy lifestyle is the key to controlling and preventing NCDs, said Deputy Permanent Secretary (Professional and Technical) at the Ministry of Health, Yang Mulia Dr. Hajah Rahmah binti Haji Mohd Said in her address.

She also stated that good health and free of NCDs could increase longevity, improve productivity and quality of life as well as the country's socio-economic development and prosperity.

Thus, the campaign, in a bid to raise public awareness on healthy lifestyle and NCDs, would be extended to other districts in the beginning of 2015 as said by the Minister of Health, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Johan Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Adanan bin Begawan Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Mohd. Yusof.

It would include activities such as talks concerning healthy lifestyle and food demonstration.

Subsequently, His Royal Highness visited the exhibitions on combating NCDs, which ran until September 21.

The exhibitions, a joint partnership with the private sector, focused on creating a tobacco-free environment, promoting a healthy and balanced diet particularly in choosing ingredients, and increasing physical activities.

At the launch, His Royal Highness also watched a video presentation on the implementation of the Multi-sector Action Plan on Non-Communicable Diseases (BruMAP-NCD) 2013-2018.

BruMAP-NCP aims to control and prevent NCDs by creating a healthy environment, reducing risk factors as well as increasing support from the government, private organisations and the community.

The campaign, themed 'Our Health, Our Responsibility. Act Now!', was organised to followup the implementation of BruMAP-NCD, to further spread awareness and educate the public on NCDs.

Prior to attending the launch of the campaign, His Royal Highness was greeted by the Minister of Health upon arrival at ministry's Dewan Al-'Afiah in Berakas.



His Royal Highness The Crown Prince tours the Healthy Lifestyle Exhibition on the Prevention and Controlling of non-communicable diseases.



His Royal Highness The Crown Prince talks to a child receiving a dental treatment as the Minister of Health looks on.

HRH The Crown Prince graces Brunei ICT Awards

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 10 - His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, consented to grace the Brunei Info-Communications Technology Awards (BICTA) held at the International Convention Centre (ICC), Berakas.

His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik was also present.

In his welcoming address, the Minister of Communications, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Hamzah Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdullah bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar said the award was intended to stimulate innovation and creativity among the local participants in a conducive and competitive environment.

At the ceremony, His Royal Highness, as BICTA's royal patron,

consented to present prizes to the winners in each category: School Project, Tertiary School Project and ICT industry.

Receiving a total of BND10,000, Teleconsult Sdn. Bhd. won the ICT Industry category with its product, 'SkyEye', which allows users to control drones to closely monitor and record high-rise structures.

The runner-up winner was PHMD Publishing Company with its project 'Salam Halal', winning BND5,000, while MeSixty Sdn. Bhd.'s 'Best of Halal' won the third prize of BND2,500.

In the Tertiary School Project category, International Graduate Studies (IGS) College's 'Virtual Watch Fitting' won the first prize of BND7,000 while both runner-ups Institute Technology Brunei (ITB)'s 'The Sulu Princess' and Nakhoda Ragam Vocational School (SVNR)'s Staff Network projects received BND3,500 each. Also in the third place, ITB won BND1,750 with its project,

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'6ScienceZap'.

Meanwhile, no team won first prize in the School Project category.

However, Chung Hua Middle School BSB's Android application 'Heritage of South East Asia' won second prize of BND2,000, and its Android application 'Green Wave' came in third, winning BND1,000.

Also landing third place, Chung Hua Middle School Kuala Belait won with their educational guidance system 'HeDGes'.

This year, the Royal Patron Award, given to the best project among first-place winners, was snatched by Teleconsult Sdn. Bhd for its 'SkyEye'.

His Royal Highness also consented to present the Islamic ICT Award to ITB and the Sultan Saiful Rijal Technical College (MTSSR).

The winners received a trophy and a certificate respectively.

Since BICTA was first introduced in 2004, the industry had seen encouraging growth, not only in the number of participants, but also in the variety, quality and originality of the submission, said the minister.

This year's BICTA theme, 'Empowering a Digital Nation', portrayed the country's efforts to encourage innovators to utilise digital tools to contribute to the national socio-economy development.

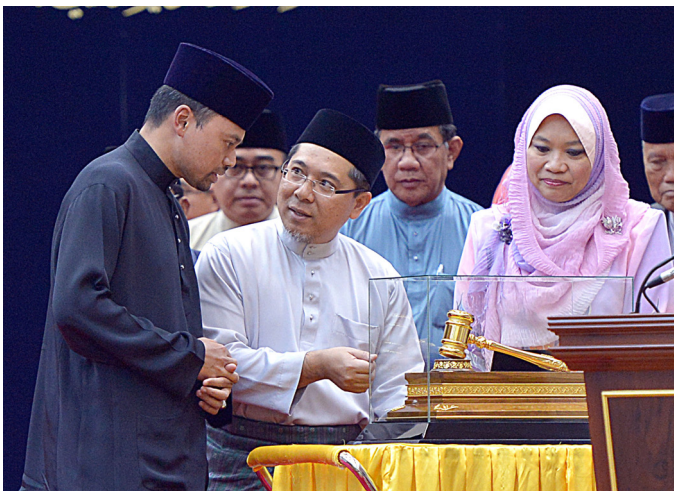
Upon arrival at the ICC, His Royal Highness The Crown Prince was greeted by the Minister of Communications; Deputy



His Royal Highness The Crown Prince presenting a trophy to the winner of ICT Industry Category, Teleconsult Sdn. Bhd.

Secretary-General of International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Mr. Zhao Houlin; Secretary-General of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT), Mr. Toshiyuki Yamada; other senior officials from the Ministry of Communications; and heads of delegations who attended the Ministerial Meeting of Asia Pacific Information and Communications Technology (ICT) held in Brunei Darussalam on 10 and 11 September.

HRH The Crown Prince officiates UNISSA's 4th 'Mahrajan Hafli al-Takharruj'



His Royal Highness The Crown Prince consents to receive a *pesambah* from UNISSA Rector, Dr. Haji Nur Arfan.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 13 – His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Pro-Chancellor of Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), consented to officiate UNISSA's 4th 'Mahrajan Hafli al-Takharruj', a convocation festival, held at UNISSA's auditorium in Gadong.

At the official opening of the exhibition, His Royal Highness launched a total of 10 books, which were written by UNISSA's teaching workforce as their research products.

The UNISSA Rector, Dr. Haji Nur Arfan bin Haji Zainal, in his welcoming address, said this year's theme was 'Al-Quran and As Sunnah Generate a Visionary Ummah'. He added it was a simple theme with a deep meaning.

He also spoke of the theme being significant in producing an educated and highly-skilled society rooted with strong Islamic values, which was in line with Brunei Vision 2035.



His Royal Highness The Crown Prince looks at one of the exhibitions

Several religious, academic and informative programmes were among the activities organised this year to foster warm relations between the UNISSA community and the public.

Upon his arrival at UNISSA, His Royal Highness was welcomed by the Minister of Communications, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Hamzah Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdullah bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar as the Vice Chairman of UNISSA Council; Acting Minister of Education, Yang Mulia Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Yusoff bin Haji Awang Ismail and the UNISSA Rector.

'Mahrajan Hafli al-Takharruj' was organised to show UNISSA's enthusiasm in celebrating the success of its undergraduates who will be receiving their respective degrees on their convocation ceremony, which will take place on November 1.



His Royal Highness The Crown Prince consents to launch the new ITB Student and staff Center.



His Royal Highness The Crown Prince officiates ITB gallery.

HRH Crown Prince launches ITB's first convocation festival

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 30 - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkhiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's office, as the Pro-Chancellor of Institute Technology Brunei (ITB) consented to inaugurate ITB's first convocation festival held in conjunction with its graduation at the institution in Tungku, Gadong.

At the ceremony, His Royal Highness consented to officially launch the new ITB student and staff centre.

The centre functions as a one-stop centre that provides facilities and services for staff and students regarding matters on administration, personal matters and academic issue, as well as responding to inquiries from the public.

His Royal Highness also consented

to launch the ITB gallery using a mobile phone website application designed by a group of ITB students.

The gallery was themed 'Past, Present & Future' that exhibited information related to the institution's history, development and future plans.

It acted as a platform for documenting and presenting ITB's journey as a university.

His Royal Highness also consented to visit the new library where His Royal Highness was briefed on its facilities.

Apart from that, His Royal Highness consented to watch performances by members from eight Executive Committees (Exco) of the ITB Student Representative Council.

More than 100 students participated in the presentations representing each of

the Exco: the Religious and Spirituality Exco, Leadership Exco, Development and Mentoring Exco, Sports Exco, Culture Exco, Publicity and Info-Communications Technology Exco, Community Service and Project Exco, Economics and Entrepreneurship Exco and Health, Safety and Environment Exco.

Prior to the launch of the festival, His Royal Highness was greeted by the Minister of Education, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong, as Chairman of the Council of ITB, upon arrival at ITB's Phase 2 building.

Her Royal Highness launches Domestic Science Exhibition

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 20 - Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman consented to launch the Domestic Science Exhibition in conjunction with His



Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah takes a closer look at the products being displayed at the exhibition.

Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's 68th birthday celebration.

Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, was also present at the event held at the International Convention Centre in Berakas.

Upon arrival, Her Royal Highness was greeted by the President of PERTIWI, Datin Hajah Siti Hajar binti Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Setia Dato Paduka Haji Awang Mohd. Yussof.

As co-chairperson of the Domestic Science Exhibition, Datin Hajah Siti Hajar, in her welcoming remarks, said that the exhibition was intended to highlight the economic opportunities available to housewives that could generate additional income from activities such as cooking and craftsmanship.

This year's exhibition was themed 'Household Towards A National Vision'.

It was divided into six categories: education, family welfare services, health and safety, food and economy, clothes, and household management equipments.

As a token of appreciation, Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah consented to present souvenirs and certificates to the participants.

This year saw participation by local and foreign companies, small and medium businesses, *mukim* and village associations, and government agencies.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, President of the Brunei Darussalam National Olympic Council (BDNOC) attending the opening ceremony of the 17th Asian Games in Incheon.

BDNOC President attends 17th Asian Games



Brunei Darussalam is represented by 11 athletes competing in sepak takraw, fencing, karate and TaeKwon-Do.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah attending the 33rd General Assembly of the OCA in Songdo Convensia, the Republic of Korea.

INCHEON, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, September 19 - His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, the President of the Brunei Darussalam National Olympic Council (BDNOC), consented to attend the 17th Asian Games.

Brunei Darussalam was represented by 11 athletes competing in four of 36 sport events: sepak takraw, fencing, karate and TaeKwon-Do.

His Royal Highness also awarded medals to the winners of the women's Sabre Individual Fencing.

Republic of Korea's fencer Lee Rajin won gold medal after defeating her compatriot, silver medallist Kim Jiye On 15-11 while the bronze was shared by Li Fei and Shen Chen from China.

Aside from the women's event, His Royal Highness also consented to watch the men's Epee Individual, which was won by the host country's Jung Jinsun against fellow countryman Park Kyoungdoo 15-9.

As for Brunei Darussalam's fencer Muhammad Yunus bin Haji Hamid, despite his best efforts, he failed to progress in the men's sabre event.

In connection with the 17th Asian games, His Royal Highness also attended the 65th Executive Board of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), the 33rd OCA General Assembly and the OCA Partnership Conference.

The conference was chaired by the President of OCA, His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah. The Secretary General of OCA, Raja Randhir Singh was also present.

The speakers, personally selected for their expertise, discussed the new technologies, media, social and financial development, and solutions to Olympic opportunities or problems.

While in Incheon, His Royal Highness was accompanied by the Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam to the Republic of Korea, His Excellency Dato Paduka Haji Harun bin Haji Ismail.

Brunei Darussalam to implement Mental Health Order 2014 on November 1

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 1 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to the implementation of the Mental Health Order 2014, which will come into force on November 1, 2014.

The matter was stated by the Minister of Health, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Johan Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Adanan bin Begawan Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Mohd. Yusof in his speech at the launching of the Roadshow of Mental Health Order, which was held at Al-'Afiah Hall, Ministry of health.

This order, replaces the 1929

Lunacy Act (Cap 48), which is no longer appropriate in the current situation.

"Mental Health Order is very unique and is in line with the principles of Islamic in Law Syariah Criminal Code, but its implementation is still under Civil Law," said the minister.

In addition, it also takes into account the guidelines according to the international standards, especially the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO).

"Mental Health Order 2014 seeks to unite the laws related to mental disorders and in the process also create a provision for the admission, retention, accommodation, care, treatment, rehabilitation and protection of those who are mentally disordered and also

for matters associated with a more holistic and systematic nature based on the findings (evidence based)," said the minister.

Mental Health Order 2014 also aims to protect the rights of patients with mental disorders through several inspection and monitoring frameworks.

Moreover, the order is in line with the 66th World Health Assembly resolution on May 2013 as stated in the Comprehensive Mental Health Action Plan 2013-2020, which calls for the member states to ensure the provision of services, policies, legislation, plans, strategies and programme to protect, promote and respect the rights of those who suffer from mental disorders.

The minister further added, "It seeks to prevent the occurrence of mental disorders by providing care services and improving recovery while reducing risk factors for mortality and morbidity."

"This order is timely and is another milestone in the efforts of the Ministry of Health to strengthen and enhance the services and care provided to patients with mental disorders," said the minister.

The minister pointed out that the ministry was taking a more serious note of the situation, and would continuously strive and strengthen the health care system to be more innovative, proactive and effective in addressing future challenges.

He also stated that patients should always be given support and assistance, not only with treatment and rehabilitation, and should also enjoy the facilities they deserve.

"Therefore, all stakeholders including society in general, should equally be responsible and committed towards the welfare, well being and safety in their country," the minister said.



The Minister of Health takes a closer look at the 'Code of Practice' book shortly after the launching.

New CAE Brunei Multi-Purpose Training Centre launched

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 8 - The CAE Brunei Multi-Purpose Training Centre (MPTC) officially started training at the new building equipped with state-of-the-art facilities.

The new centre, located at the Rimba Digital Junction of the Brunei Economic Development Board (BEDB), was officially opened by the Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Chairman of BEDB, Yang Mulia Dato Paduka Awang

Haji Ali bin Apong.

It would create 65 jobs, with plans for that number to increase to 100 positions exclusively for Bruneian citizens.

The CAE Brunei MPTC also established an Emergency and Crisis Management Centre of Excellence that provides relevant local authorities with comprehensive training designed to better plan and prepare for emergencies.

Operated by local professionals,

the facility plays an important role in the further development of the energy sector, aerospace and Brunei Technology.

The training centre is a joint venture between CAE, based in Canada, and the Government of Brunei Darussalam through the Ministry of Finance.

The project is one of the highest non-oil and gas investments secured by the BEDB with a total investment valued at more than US\$100 million.



The CAE Brunei Multi-Purpose Training Centre at the Rimba Digital Junction.

Minister of Education attends People's Republic of China's 65th anniversary reception



The Minister of Education and Ambassador of People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam with their spouses during the cake-cutting ceremony.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 9 – The Embassy of the People's Republic of China hosted a dinner reception to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the Founding of the Republic at Rizqun International Hotel, Gadong.

The celebration began with the arrival of the guest of honour, the Minister of Education, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong, who was accompanied by his spouse.

They were greeted by the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Zheng Xianglin, who hosted the reception.

In his speech, His Excellency stated that the relationship between Brunei and People's Republic of China for the past 24 years has been driven by trust and understanding, resulting in a close friendship that continued to deepen with time.

“Earlier this year, numerous China companies have arrived in Brunei for the purpose of investment and also to survey the potential of Brunei's development,” said His Excellency.

Furthermore, His Excellency mentioned that the signing of Brunei-Guangxi Memorandum of Understanding covered the Brunei-Guangxi Economic Corridor, which included the field of agriculture, industry, transport, halal food, medicine and health, tourism as well as other aspects.

The ceremony continued with a cake-cutting session by the minister and His Excellency, and performances by Chung Hwa Middle School students.

The Royal Embassy of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia celebrates 84th National Day



The Minister of Home Affairs cutting the celebratory cake with Charge d'Affairs of Royal Embassy of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 24 - The Royal Embassy of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Brunei Darussalam held a dinner reception to celebrate Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's 84th National Day at the Rizqun International Hotel.

The Minister of Home Affairs, The Honourable Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awg Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Haji Othman attended the reception as a representative of the government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

In his welcoming speech, the Charge d'Affairs of Royal Embassy of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, His Excellency Mr. Tariq Mohammed Ali Bahhah acknowledged the brotherly relationship between Brunei Darussalam and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as the two countries shared a lot in common.

His Excellency said, “As a result of continuous efforts of both governments, a high level Joint Committee for Economic cooperation has been established and shall meet in Riyadh very shortly to discuss means of strengthening the relationship further.”

“InsyaAllah, this forthcoming Joint Committee will be the seed of a huge economic cooperation between our two nations,” His Excellency added.

The reception commenced with the playing of the national anthems of both countries and the recital of Al-Quran, followed by the cutting of the anniversary cake and dinner.



A group photo of the Deputy Minister of Defence together with others present at the ceremony.

Brunei Darussalam deploys eight peacekeepers to Mindanao

RIMBA, September 5 - Brunei Darussalam continues its commitment to protect the ceasefire in Mindanao by deploying seven personnel from the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) and a member of the Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPF) in the 11th International Monitoring Team (IMT) mission to the Republic of Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

During the ceremony, which was held at the Rimba Air Force Base, the Deputy Minister of Defence, Yang Mulia Dato

Paduka Awang Haji Mustappa bin Haji Sirat affixed armbands onto the personnel, marking their role and responsibilities for the mission.

In supporting the role towards promoting and contributing peace and stability in the neighboring state and region, the 11th IMT is responsible to oversee the ceasefire agreement between Philippine government and MILF.

Meanwhile, the involvement of the national contingent provides an opportunity for members of the RBAF and

RBPF to gain experience and exposure in overseas missions.

The Commander of RBAF, Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Brigadier General Dato Seri Pahlawan Awang Mohd. Tawih bin Abdullah; Commissioner of Police, Yang Mulia Dato Paduka Seri Awang Bahrin bin Mohd. Noor, and Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to Brunei Darussalam were also present at the ceremony.



The Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office witnessing the signing of 'Letter of Intent' between Brunei Darussalam and Singapore.

Brunei – Singapore enhance cooperation on cross-boundary issues

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 10 - Brunei Darussalam and Singapore signed a 'Letter of Intent' to enhance the existing bilateral relationship between the two countries on cross-boundary issues at domestic, regional and international levels.

Signing on behalf of Brunei Darussalam was the Permanent Secretary (Security and Enforcement) at the Prime Minister's Office, Yang Mulia Dato Paduka Awang Haji Hamdan bin Haji Abu Bakar, while Singapore was represented by Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Home Affairs, Mr. Tan Tee How.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by the Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office, The Honourable Pehin Datu Singamanteri Colonel (Rtd.) Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Awang Haji Mohammad Yasmin bin Haji Umar.

The Brunei Darussalam Police Commissioner and Singapore High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam and other senior officers were also present at the ceremony.



The Minister of Communications, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Hamzah Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdullah together with the Minister of Communications and Information of Singapore, His Excellency Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim witnessing the signing of the

Reduced rate for Brunei and Singapore mobile subscribers

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 10 - The Authority of Info-communications Technology Industry of Brunei Darussalam (AiTi) and Singapore's Infocomm Development Authority (IDA) are now working together with mobile operators in the two countries for the arrangement to reduce the rate of mobile data of both countries.

The mobile subscribers of both countries will enjoy the reduction of the mobile roaming rates between Brunei Darussalam and Singapore up to 50 per cent starting January next year when they are travelling within the two countries.

From January 1, 2015, mobile phone

subscribers in Brunei, when travelling to Singapore, will enjoy rate reductions of up to 10 per cent for mobile calls and 50 per cent for text messages, video calls and data. Singaporean mobile phone users in Brunei will also benefit from the similar reduction.

The agreement was signed at the sidelines of Asia-Pacific ICT Ministerial Meeting held at the Empire Hotel and Country Club in Brunei Darussalam.

Representing Brunei Darussalam was the Chief Executive of AITI, Awang Haji Yahkup Haji Menudin, while Singapore was represented by IDA, Director General (Telecoms and Post), Mr. Leong Keng

Thai.

The signing ceremony for the bilateral agreement on the reduction of mobile roaming rates was witnessed by the Minister of Communications, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Hamzah Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Haji Abdullah bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar and Singapore Minister of Communications and Information, His Excellency Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim.

AITI and IDA said this agreement would address the changing mobile needs of its people, promoting greater communication linkages between Brunei Darussalam and Singapore, and reinforcing strong bilateral ties.

Brunei Darussalam celebrates World Physiotherapy Day

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 28 - World Physiotherapy Day is celebrated on 8 September every year to provide opportunities for physiotherapists worldwide to highlight the importance of physiotherapy in improving and ensuring the welfare and health of the public.

Brunei Darussalam celebrated Physiotherapy Day at the capital, which was inaugurated by the Minister of Health, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Johan Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Adanan bin Begawan Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Seri

Setia Awang Haji Mohd. Yusof as the guest of honour.

The event's chairperson, senior physiotherapist Dayang Norhartina binti Haji Sharbini, in her welcoming speech, explained physiotherapy is a health care profession that assisted people to restore, maintain and maximise their strength, function, movement and well-being.

Physiotherapy services in Brunei Darussalam, she said, had existed since the 1950s.

Since then, it has improved not only in terms of human resources, infrastructure and technology equipment, but also in services rendered in hospitals, medical centres and other related centres both in the government and private sector.

Physiotherapists, she added, help individuals from all walks of life regardless of age, gender and fitness level and ability to be active and independent in family and community life as well as in education and employment.

The theme for this year's celebration was 'Fit To Take Part', emphasising on the role of physiotherapists in helping individuals with disabilities and those with chronic diseases to be healthy and fit enough to participate in society.

The event aimed to disseminate information that physiotherapists were the sought out expert consultants concerning body movement problems, and physical activity and exercise.

It also intended to highlight the role of physiotherapists in ensuring the health and welfare of the people of Brunei Darussalam, as well as explaining and promoting the importance of physical activity for good health.



The Minister of Health looks at one of the exhibition's booths.

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safeguard the welfare of its people, which included ensuring a clean, green and healthy environment for every citizen.

In this regard, various efforts have been undertaken to achieve environmentally sustainable development.

At the regional level, Brunei Darussalam is pleased to be working with the United States to promote collaboration in renewable energy under the East Asia Summit process.

His Majesty stated that for the past 80 years, forest conservation has been an important part of Brunei Darussalam's national development strategy.

He said today, 75 per cent of Brunei Darussalam's land area is covered by tropical rainforests comprising of highly diversified ecosystems.

In addition, Borneo's pristine peat swamp forests, which act as a carbon sink to counter emissions, are acknowledged by scientists as being some of the only remaining examples of their kind in the world.

At the summit, His Majesty also highlighted that Brunei Darussalam's commitment to preserve the environment is further reflected through the allocation of 58 per cent of its land area to the 'Heart of Borneo' forest conservation initiative.

In this endeavour, Brunei Darussalam continues to work with its neighbouring countries, Indonesia and Malaysia, and other international partners such the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

Brunei Darussalam thanked its partners for their contribution and welcomed others who were interested, to work with the Sultanate in protecting this valuable asset, His Majesty added.

Furthermore, the 'Heart of Borneo' provides priority areas for biodiversity and environmental research.

These forms of research had been conducted by Universiti Brunei Darussalam in cooperation with other academic bodies under the International Consortium of Universities for the Study of Biodiversity and the Environment, His



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri with the President and the First Lady of United States attending the reception ceremony hosted by the U.S. President.

Majesty said.

Brunei Darussalam's next step to enhance conservation efforts is through the Coral Triangle Initiative, which will endeavour to protect our marine resources, and thereby protect our environment as a whole, in a more comprehensive manner.

Finally, His Majesty said the global community has high expectations on what could be achieved at the summit.

His Majesty also stated that Brunei Darussalam is ready to play its part in this important global issue with the UN and the rest of the world.

Furthermore, His Majesty expressed the importance of succeeding in generating the political commitment and

momentum to move ahead with both urgency and practical actions to meet this great challenge.

Accompanying His Majesty were Minister of Finance II at the Prime Minister's Office, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abd Rahman bin Haji Ibrahim; Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade II, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Pekerma Dewa Dato Seri Setia Lim Jock Seng; Permanent Representative of Brunei Darussalam to the United Nations, His Excellency Dato Paduka Haji Abdul Ghafar bin Haji Ismail.



Brunei Darussalam is ready to play its part in protecting the environment with the UN and the rest of the world in a more comprehensive manner.