



9th Intake Sovereign's Parade

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 9. - 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, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) consented to attend the Sovereign's Parade Ceremony of the 9th Intake Officer Cadets at the Parade Square of the RBAF Officer Cadet School (OCS), RBAF Defence Academy, in Sungai Akar Camp.

Upon arrival at the RBAF Officer Cadet School of the Defence Academy, His Majesty was greeted by Dato Paduka Awang Haji Mustappa bin Haji Sirat, Deputy Minister of Defence; and Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Aminuddin Ihsan bin Pehin Orang Kaya Saiful Mulok Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin, Commander of RBAF.

Also gracing the event was His Royal Highness Lieutenant Prince 'Abdul Mateen ibni Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah.

His Majesty then received the Royal Salute and inspected the Guard of Honor from the Static Guard of Honor and Sovereign's Parade which consisted of 14 male and 12 female officer cadets led by Parade Officer, 884 Lieutenant (U) Muhammad Isyhak bin Haji Ismail.

Twenty six officer cadets who were still undergoing training of the 10th Intake at the school also attended the parade. The event proceeded with the slow and fast march past before returning to position.

In this event, His Majesty also consented to deliver a Titah (royal speech) and bestowed awards to the best officer cadets in every department of the 9th Intake of the OCS.

His Majesty first awarded the Sword of Honor to 21709 Officer Cadet, Siti Syamimi binti Haji Emran who holds an MSc in Health, Safety and Environmental Sciences from the University Of Birmingham, United Kingdom (UK). The Sword of Honor is the highest award



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) awarding the Sword of Honour to 21709 Officer Cadet Siti Syamimi binti Haji Emran during the Sovereign's Parade Ceremony of the 9th Intake Officer Cadets at the Parade Square of the RBAF Officer Cadet School (OCS), Defence Academy RBAF, in Sungai Akar Camp.

given to an Officer Cadet who showed excellent achievement in basic military training, academic, physical and training in all aspects. After being commissioned as army officer, she will be assigned as an Assistant Staff Officer at the Inspectorate Unit, Ministry of Defence.

His Majesty also awarded the Best Academic Award to 50256 Officer Cadet, Awang Mohammad bin Awang Adi Asmawi Adanan who holds a Higher National Diploma (HND) in Sports Development and Coaching from the University of Wales Institute, Cardiff. The award is bestowed to the highest scored for overall academic subjects, while assessment of this award is based on overall academic results throughout the training course. After being awarded as Military Officer, he will be assigned as Head of Platoon 7, Company 'C', Second Battalion, Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF).

The Best Army Skills Award was received by 50246 Officer Cadet (U),

Muhammad Hifdzullah bin Haji Mat Yamin who holds a diploma in Electrical Engineering and Electronics from the University Manchester, UK. The recipient of this award is based on success in achieving excellent results in all subjects of Military Skills, while assessment of this award is also based on the highest cumulative percentage in all subjects of Military Skills. After being awarded as Military Officer, he will be assigned as Squadron Engineering Officer 65, Royal Brunei Air Force Training Branch (RBAF).

While the Best in Physical Training Award received by 21714 Officer Cadet (Navy) Nurul Hairani binti Abdul Hamid who holds a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education from Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD). The award is a recognition based on the best achievement of Officer Cadet in terms of achievement of outstanding physical



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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam awarding the Army Skills Best Award to 50246 Officer Cadet (Air Force) Muhammad Hifdzullah bin Haji Mat Yamin (left) and the Best in Physical Training Award to 21714 Officer Cadet (Navy) Nurul Hairani binti Abdul Hamid (right).

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training throughout the training. She will be assigned as the Officer In Training in KDB Darulehsan, Royal Brunei Navy (RBN).

The ceremony continued with three chants of 'Daulat Kebawah Duli Tuan Patik' from the team parade followed by Doa Selamat recited by 761 Captain Ariffin bin Amit, Assistant Head of RBAF Religious Department.

His Majesty then consented to receive 'junjung ziarah' greetings from the cadet officers with their families at the Officers' Mess and consented to receive a 'Qiyadul Faizin' pesambah from the 9th Intake of the OCS. The pesambah in the Arabic word means 'Successful Leader'.

The pesambah is in the form of bow and arrows symbolising the level of concentration and skills, the transformation achieved by every cadet officer to become a professional, show their enthusiasm and efficiency of cadet officers in achieving any goals in RBAF.

His Majesty also consented to sign the Royal Parchment and consented to receive the 'junjung ziarah' greetings from instructors and officers of the OCS and several foreign military officers. The event then ended with a group photo session.



His Majesty mingling with one of the officer cadets and their parents at the award ceremony.

Doa Kesyukuran Ceremony for 67th Anniversary of His Majesty's Birthday Celebration



The arrival of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the royal entourage was welcomed by Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Mohammad bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman, Minister of Religious Affairs and Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Badaruddin Ustaz Haji Awang bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Haji Othman, Minister of Home Affairs, as well as members of the Executive Committee

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 15. - 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 attended the Doa Kesyukuran (Thanksgiving Prayer) Ceremony in conjunction with the 67th Anniversary of His Majesty's Birthday Celebration, held at Jame' 'Asr Hassani Bolkiah, Kampung Kiarong.

A Zuhur and Sunat Hajat prayer were also performed at the event, followed with the recitation of the Surah Yaa Siin, Tahlil and Doa Kesyukuran.

Also present were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah, His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul Azim, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul

Wakeel as well as other members of the royal family.

Earlier, the arrival of His Majesty and the royal entourage were greeted by Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Dr Haji Mohammad bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman, Minister of Religious Affairs, and Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Haji Awang Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka

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Leading the mass *Fardhu Zuhur* prayer was Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Imam Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Hamid bin Bakal.



Meanwhile, the mass *Sunnat Hajat* prayer, was led by Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Orang Kaya Paduka Seri Utama Dato Paduka Seri Setia Haji Awang Salim Bin Haji Besar.

National Level Al-Qur'an Memorisation and Understanding Competition



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam awarding the Champion of Category 'A', Awangku Mohamad Khairul Hakim bin Pengiran Mohammad Aminuddin.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam awarding the Champion of Category 'E', Awang Muhammad Abu Hurayrah bin Ariffin.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 25. - The National Level Al-Qur'an Memorisation and Understanding Competition finals and the MABIMS AI-Quran Memorisation and Understanding Competition for the the National Level Nuzul AI-Quran ceremony 1434 Hijrah was held at the Plenary Hall of the International Convention Centre (ICC), Berakas.

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to present awards to winners of the Category A; memorisation of Surah At-Takwiir, Surah Al-Buruuj, Surah Ath-Thaariq, Surah Al-A'laa, Surah Al-

Ghasyiyah, Surah Al-Balad, Surah Asy-Syams and Surah Lazim, from Surah Ad-Dhuha to Surah An-Naas with the understanding of Surah Al-Insyiqaaq, Surah At-Tiin and Surah At-Takaathur (aged 10 and below) on 1 January 2013.

For this category, first place was taken by Awangku Mohamad Khairul Hakim bin Pengiran Mohammad Aminuddin, followed by Awang Amir Sabrin bin Hasmiron as the runner-up and third place went to Dayang Nurarmawiyah binti Haji Abu Bakar.

Category 'A' winners; first place received BND1,500, a trophy and a certificate; runner-up received BND1,000, a trophy and a certificate; and third place received BND750, a trophy and a certificate.

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Haji Othman, Minister of Home Affairs, as well as Members of the Executive Committee.

His Majesty and the royal entourage were then welcomed by the congregants. The azan call for Zuhur Prayer was performed by Mudim Awang Haji Matassim bin Haji Metusin.

The Zuhur Prayer was led by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Imam Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Hamid bin Bakal while the Sunat Hajat Prayer was led by Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Orang Seri Paduka Dato Paduka Seri Setia Awang Haji Salim bin Haji Besar.

The recital of Surah Yaa Siin and Tahlil was led by Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Orang Kaya Paduka Setia Raja Dato Paduka Seri Setia Awang Haji Suhaili bin Haji Mohiddin, while the Doa Kesyukuran was read by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia (Dr) Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, State Mufti.

Before leaving the ceremony, His Majesty as well as His Majesty's children and brothers consented to receive well wishes from the congregants.

The Doa Kesyukuran Ceremony was one of the events held in conjunction with His Majesty's Birthday, held simultaneously throughout the country at major mosques in the country.

The Doa Kesyukuran Ceremony in conjunction with His Majesty's 67th Birthday Celebration marks the beginning of the



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, and members of the royal family during the Doa Kesyukuran ceremony.

events for the celebration including the Grand Parade Ceremony, State Decorations Ceremony and the Get-Together with Citizens Ceremony to be held in September since in the holy month of Ramadan fell in the month of July.

For Brunei and Muara District, various events have been arranged including field performances and the setting up of stalls at the parking area near the Lapau Building and the Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin in the capital.

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His Majesty then consented to present the award to winners of the Category B, memorisation of Surah Al-Kahf, As-Sajda, Surah Ya-Sin, Surah Ad-Dukhan, Surah Ar-Rahmaan, Surah Al-Waqi'ah, Surah As-Saff and Surah Al-Mulk with the understanding of Surah Al-Hasyr (aged 15 and below) on January 1, 2013.

Category 'B' was won by Awang Abdul Aziz bin Noor Nasran, runner-up was Dayang Nur Rahinah binti Brahim and third place went to Awang Ahmad Sabiq bin Ahmad.

The first place winner received BND2,000, a trophy and a certificate; runner-up receives BND1,500 and a trophy and a certificate and the third place received BND1,200 and a trophy and a certificate.

This was followed with the awards presentation to the winners of the Category C, memorisation of three Juz (chapters) of Al-Qur'an; from the first to third juz of Surah At-Taubah with the understanding (open to all ages).

Dayang Ainaa Zahirah binti Abdul Manap, won the Category C; runner-up, Dayang Nuratikah binti Haji Saiful Ashura and third place went to Awang Muhammad Amaluddin bin Jamaluddin.

For Category C; first place received BND2,800 and a trophy and a certificate; runner-up receives BND2,000 and a trophy and a certificates; and third place receive BND1,500 and a trophy and a certificate.

His Majesty then consented to present the award to the winners of the Category D, memorisation of 15 Juz of Al-Qur'an; from the first juz to juz 15 with the understanding of the seventh juz (open to all ages).

Category D was won by Dayang Najwa Iman Zahidah binti Haji Aspar, runner-up was Awang Muhammad Hazri bin Haji Mohd Hamzani and third place went to Dayang Raihanah binti Haji Ali Asgar.

The first place winner received BND3,500 and a trophy and a certificates; runner up receive BND2,500 and a trophy and a certificate; and third place receive BND2,000 and a trophy and a certificate.

The winners of the Category E, memorisation 30 Juz Al-Qur'an from the first juz to juz 30 with the understanding of juz 18 (open to all ages) and participants who have won three consecutive years in this category, can participate in the same competition two years later.

Category E was won by Awang Muhammad Abu Hurairah bin Ariffin, runner-up Awang Muhammad Syafie @ Firdaus bin Tasad and third place went to Awang Muhammad Hidayatullah Sunazul Fikar bin Suip.

The winner received BND4,500 and a trophy and a certificate; runner-up receives BND3,500 and a trophy and



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam awarding the champion for the memorisation of 10 juz of the Quran together with the meanings of juz 6 to Dayangku Nur Fatin Wahidah binti Pengiran Muhammad Sallehin.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam awarding the champion for the memorisation of 30 juz of the Quran together with the meanings of juz 19 to Muhammad Razikin bin Abdul Razak.

a certificate; and third place received BND2,500 and a trophy and a certificate.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam then consented to present awards to two categories of The MABIMS Levels for Al-Quran Memorisation and Understanding 1434 Hijrah.

The categories were the 'Memorisation of Juz 10 of Al-Quran with the Understanding of Juz 6' and the 'Memorisation Juz 30 Al-Qur'an with the Understanding Juz 19'.

The winner for 'Memorisation of Juz 10 of Al-Quran with the Understanding of Juz 6' was Dayangku Nur Fatin Wahidah binti Pengiran Muhammad Sallehin from the host country, Brunei Darussalam; followed by Rahmat Abdurrahim Batubara from the Republic of Indonesia as the runner up; and third place went to Amzanil Shah bin Arnizam Shah from

Malaysia.

The first place winner received BND4,000 and a trophy and a certificates; runner-up received BND3,000 and a trophy and a certificate; and third place receive BND2,000 and a trophy and a certificate.

Meanwhile, first place winner for the 'Memorisation Juz 30 Al-Qur'an with the Understanding Juz 19' was won by Muhammad Khairul Razikin bin Razak from Malaysia; runner up was won by Awang Khairul Ikhwan bin Pengiran Haji Alit from Brunei Darussalam and third place went to Asep Ismail Ahmad from the Republic of Indonesia.

The first place winner received BND7,000 and a trophy and a certificate; runner-up received BND5,000 and a trophy and a certificate; and third place received BND4,000 and a trophy and a certificate.

First Friday prayer at Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah Mosque



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam signing the Commemorative Plaque. Also in attendance were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and members of the royal family together with the other congregants listening to the Friday sermons, which among others touched on the caution of the mosque as The Al-Mighty's Home (*Rumah Allah*) in the land that is holy place where Muslims devote themselves to Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 19. 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 perform the first Friday Prayer at Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah Mosque, Kampung Sungai Akar.

Also present were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and His Royal Highness His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel.

The arrival of His Majesty was greeted by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Mohammad bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman, Minister of Religious Affairs, and Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia (Dr.) Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, State Mufti, and as well as members of the mosque.

Upon arrival, His Majesty consented to sign a plaque in conjunction with the First Friday Prayer at the mosque, followed by the three chants of "Allahu Akbar" led by the Minister of Religious Affairs.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and members of the royal family and the congregants praying the first Friday Prayer at the Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah mosque, led by Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Imam Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Hamid bin Bakal.



The construction of the Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah Mosque started in March 2011 and was fully completed in 2013 under the 2007-2012 National Development Plan (NDP) Project at a cost of almost BND3.2 million.

The mosque can accommodate about 1,000 worshippers, has facilities that includes; prayer halls for males and females, a VIP room, library, IT room, lecture room, PA system, storeroom, mortuary management room, kitchen, bathroom with separate ablution for men and women worshippers.

The mosque is a parking space that can accommodate almost 100 cars with two entrances out to facilitate the movement of vehicles.

The Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah Mosque can accommodate as many as 1,000 congregants, started its construction in March 2011 and fully completed this year, under the National Development Plan 2007-2012 at a cost of almost BND3.2 million. (Left)

First Friday Prayer at Jefri Bolkihah Mosque

KAMPUNG BATONG, July 26. - 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 today consented to perform the first Friday Prayer at the Jefri Bolkihah Mosque, Kampung Batong.

Also present were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel.

The arrival of His Majesty was greeted by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Mohammad bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman, Minister of Religious Affairs; Yang Berhormat Pehin Dato Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia (Dr.) Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, State Mufti; as well as Permanent Secretaries and Deputy Permanent Secretaries from the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

His Majesty then proceeded to the entrance of the mosque where His Majesty consented to sign a plaque in conjunction with His Majesty's First Friday Prayer at the mosque followed by the three chants of "Allahu Akbar" led by the Minister of Religious Affairs.

Then His Majesty consented to join the congregants of the mosque to perform the Friday Prayer, which was led by Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Orang Kaya Paduka Seri Utama Dato Paduka Seri Setia Awang Haji Salim bin Haji Besar.

The construction work of the Jefri Bolkihah Mosque began in November 2011 and completed in 2013 under the 2007-



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2012 National Development Plan (RKN) project costing almost BND2.1 million.

The mosque can accommodate approximately 800 worshippers, among the facilities available are separate male and female prayer halls, discussion rooms, Mosque Affairs Officer room, VIP room, library and IT room, lecture

room, PA system room, store, mortuary management room, kitchens, male and female toilets as well as a separate ablution men and women.

With the opening of the mosque, the number of mosques, prayer room and prayer hall throughout the country is now 116.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and members of the royal family proceed to join other congregants for Friday prayers.



The Jefri Bolkihah Mosque, Kampung Batong began in November 2011 and completed in 2013 under the 2007-2012 National Development Plan (RKN) project costing almost BND2.1 million.

Brunei appreciates cooperation with Canada

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 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 has consented to send a congratulatory message to His Excellency The Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor-General of Canada, as well as the government and people of Canada in conjunction with 'Canada Day'.

In the message, His Majesty appreciates the long

standing cooperation shared by both countries and friendly friendship between the people of Brunei Darussalam and Canada, which His Majesty hopes will continue on working together to further enhance the relationship which is very valuable among the two countries in the years to come.

At the end of the message His Majesty conveyed greetings of goodwill and hopes His Excellency The Right Honourable David Johnston enjoys good health and happiness and the people of Canada receive continuous progress and prosperity.

Brunei - United States relationship continues to be strong

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 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 was pleased to send a congratulatory message to the President United States of America, His Excellency President Barack H. Obama and the government and people of the United States in conjunction with the United States of America Independence Day.

In his message, His Majesty appreciates the long-standing friendship and cooperation between the two countries and the people and hopes to continue to work with His Excellency to strengthen the precious relationship.

His Majesty also appreciates the opportunity to visit the United States at the beginning of this year and welcomes the presence of His Excellency to Brunei Darussalam to attend the East Asia Summit in the coming October.

His Majesty ended the message by conveying goodwill and well wishes to President Barack H. Obama and his family on this occasion.

Meanwhile, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Mohamed

Bolkiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade also consented to send the same message to the United States of America Secretary of State, His Excellency John F. Kerry and the people and the Government of the United States of America in conjunction with the United States of America Independence Day.

In his message, His Royal Highness appreciated the recent visit to Brunei Darussalam and the continued support of the United States Government to this country as the ASEAN Chairman this year which has strengthened the cooperation enjoyed by both countries in various fields of development, which in turn helps further strengthen bilateral and international partnerships.

His Royal Highness also appreciates the friendship shared by the peoples of the two countries and look forward to continuing working with the Governor to strengthen this important and valuable relationship.

At the end of the message, His Royal Highness also hopes that His Excellency and family will be happy to celebrate the occasion.

Royal messages for France's National Day

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 13. - 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 has consented to send a message of congratulations to Francois Hollande, President of France, and the Government and people of France on the occasion of the National Day of France.

In the message, His Majesty appreciates the warm and friendly ties enjoyed by the people of Brunei Darussalam and France and the excellent cooperation shared by the governments of the two countries".

His Majesty stated that it was a pleasure meeting President Hollande at the ASEM Summit in Laos last year and looked forward to working closely with him in strengthening bilateral relations in the years ahead.

In concluding the message, His Majesty conveyed his kindest regards and best wishes to President Hollande for a

very happy Bastille Day celebration.

Meanwhile, His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, sent a congratulatory message to Laurent Fabius, France's Minister of Foreign Affairs.

His Royal Highness stated that he takes great pleasure in sending his warmest congratulations to France's Minister of Foreign Affairs and to the Government and people of France on Bastille Day.

HRH much appreciate the many years of friendship between the people and the valuable partnership shared by both countries in many important areas.

HRH also greatly value the contributions of the countrymen and women living and working in Brunei to strengthening the long-standing cooperation.

HRH looked forward to continuing our work to enhance our much-valued ties in the coming year.

Message of Condolences:

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to send a message of condolences to the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, His Excellency Samdech Akka Moha Padel Techo Hun Sen, following the death of Neak Okhna Paakdei Saporis-phokea-thipadei Hun Neang, the beloved father of His Excellency Samdech Akka Moha Padel Techo Hun Sen, on July 13.

Their Royal Highnesses attends 'Majlis Istiadat Bersanding'



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Deputy Sultan, sharing a light moment with Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Muda Abdul Qawi ibni Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Mohamed Bolkiah at the 'Majlis Santap' in conjunction with the 'Majlis Istiadat Bersanding' of Yang Amat Mulia Tengku Amalin A'ishah Putri binti Sultan Ismail Petra and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Muda Abdul Qawi.

Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafzah Sururul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Nor'ain; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Nasibah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Jefriah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Nor Ehsani; Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Babu Raja Pengiran Anak Hajah Besar; and other members of the royal family.

The ceremony was also attended by royal families from Kelantan, Pahang, Perak and Selangor.

The royal wedding ceremony commenced with The Doa Selamat was read by Yang DiMuliakan Pehin Orang Kaya Paduka Seri Utama Dato Paduka Seri Setia Awang Haji Salim.

Before proceeding to the Banquet Hall for the 'Majlis Santap', His Royal Highness, the Deputy Sultan and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah consented to receive greetings from Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Qawi and Yang Amat Mulia Tengku Amalin 'Aishah.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 6.
- His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Deputy Sultan and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab-Rahaman attended the 'Majlis Istiadat Bersanding' of Yang Amat Mulia Tengku Amalin A'ishah Putri binti Sultan Ismail Petra and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Muda Abdul Qawi ibni Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Mohamed Bolkiah at the Balai Penghadapan, Bukit Kayangan.

Their Royal Highnesses's arrival were greeted by His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam.

Also attending were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Norhayati; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Muta-Wakkilah Hayatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess



Yang Amat Mulia Tengku Amalin A'ishah Putri binti Sultan Ismail Petra and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Muda Abdul Qawi ibni Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Mohamed Bolkiah making their way to the Pentas Pelamin at the Bilik Singgahsana, Balai Penghadapan Bukit Kayangan for the Majlis Istiadat Bersanding.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Deputy Sultan and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab Rahaman with other members of the royal family attending the 'Majlis Istiadat Bersanding' of Yang Amat Mulia Tengku Amalin A'ishah Putri binti Sultan Ismail Petra and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Muda Abdul Qawi ibni Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Mohamed Bolkiah.

HRH Prince Mohamed Bolkiah holds bilateral discussions



His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade with His Excellency Pham Binh Minh, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam;

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 30 to July 1 – As the 46th ASEAN Ministerial Meetings, the 20th ASEAN Regional Forum and 3rd East Asia Summit Foreign Minister's Meeting were held in Bandar Seri Begawan, His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade held separate bilateral

discussions with His Excellency Pham Binh Minh, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam; His Excellency Wang Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of China; The Honourable Rimbink Pato, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration of Papua New Guinea; His Excellency Ahmet Davutoglu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey; Her Excellency Doctor Dipu Moni, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh; His

Excellency Jose Luis Guterres, Foreign Minister of Timor Leste; His Excellency Luvsanvandan Bold, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia; His Excellency John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada; His Excellency Sergey V. Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia and His Excellency Kishida Fumio, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan.



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His Excellency Ahmet Davutoglu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey;



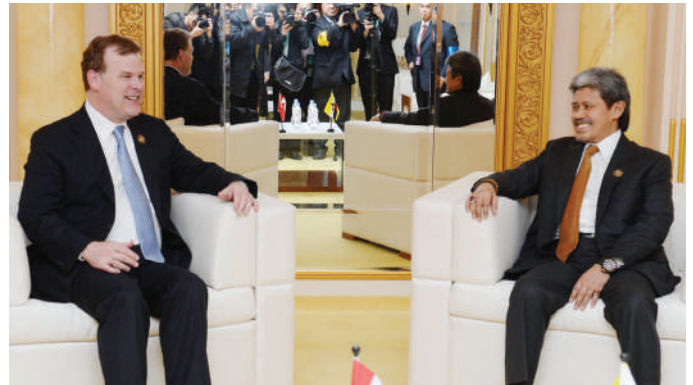
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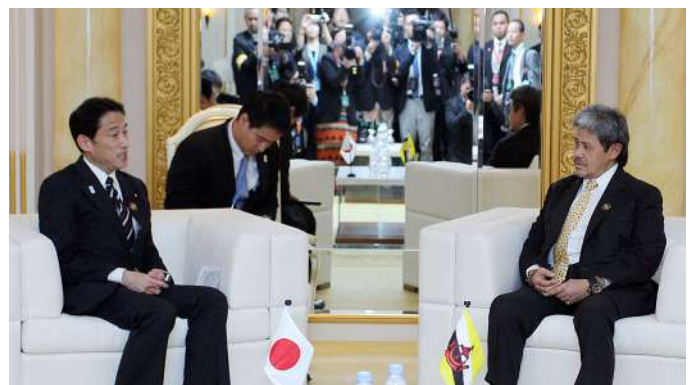
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67 times Khatam Al-Quran ceremony



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah performing the Zuhur Prayer led by Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Khatib Dato Paduka Awang Haji Mustafa bin Haji Murad.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik receiving the junjung ziarah from the participants of Khatam Al-Qur'an 67 times for students and youths in conjunction with the anniversary of His Majesty's 67th birthday.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Monday, July 9. – His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah consented to join students and youths in the 67 times Khatam Al-Quran (completion of all chapters in the Quran) ceremony held in conjunction with 67th Birthday Celebration of 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.

His Royal Highness' arrival at the Jame' 'Asr Hassani Bolkiah mosque was greeted by the Minister of Education, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong and Ministry of Religious Affair, Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Mohammad bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman.

The ceremony began with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah led by Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Khatib Dato Paduka Awang Haji Mustafa bin Haji Murad followed with the recitation of Surah Adh Dhuhaa by a total of 2,384 male students and youths from Brunei and Muara District.

One of the grandsons of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak 'Abdul Raqiib bin Pengiran Maharaja Setia Laila Diraja Sahibul Irshad Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Rahim, was among participants in the event. All participants started their reading from 30 juz or Qur'an chapters since last April.

Doa Khatam prayer was read by a representative of Al-Faalah School, Awang Abd. Aziz bin Haji Nornasran. This was followed by Dikir Marhaban and Doa Kesyukuran which was read by Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Khatib Dato Paduka Awang Haji Mustafa bin Haji Murad.

The ceremony was continued by mass Isyak prayers led by Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Khatib Dato Paduka Awang Haji Mustafa.

Present at the event was Acting Minister of Home Affairs, Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Dato Lailaraja Major General (Rtd.) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yusoff and Deputy Minister of Education, Yang Mulia Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Yusoff bin Haji Ismail.

Also present were Members of Legislative Council, Yang Berhormat Haji Tahamit bin Haji Nudin, Penghulu of Mukim Gadong 'A', permanent secretaries of Ministry of Education, Ministry Culture, Youth and Sports (KKBS) and deputy permanent secretary of Ministry of Home Affairs.

Mohd. Abdul Hadi bin Haji Bagol from the University of Brunei Darussalam when interviewed by PELITA BRUNEI expressing



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his excitement he was chosen to read the 30 juz of Qur'an 67 times khatam. He said, as an early preparation, he had read the Qur'an individually at home.

Meanwhile, Mohd. Ali Waffiuddin bin Haji Osman, representative of the Sayyidina Umar Al-Khattab Secondary School Kampung Lumapas, the Year 11 students also expressed his appreciation for being chosen to join this event. This opportunity comes once a year and he did not want to miss this opportunity especially this year's ceremony held during Ramadan, when the Qur'an itself is revealed during the month of Ramadan.

The 67 times Khatam Al-Quran initiative in government and private educational institutions is a continual effort of the Ministry of Education and Ministry Culture, Youth and Sports (KKBS) since last year for primary, secondary, vocational and vocational education institutions and higher education institutions.

The purpose of this event is to foster understanding of reading, study and appreciation the Qur'an and practice his teachings as our daily practice of benefit, religion, race and country, with the intention of reciting the 30-juz Qur'an for His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and for the welfare of the country, to uphold the leader's desire to make this country as a Zikir country, while practicing the Malay Islamic Monarchy philosophy.

Giant National Flag marks start of birthday celebrations

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 1. – To mark the upcoming of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam 67th birthday celebration on July 15, the giant national flag of Brunei Darussalam was hoisted with the slogan ‘Always Make Virtue with the Al Mighty’s Guidance’ (“Sentiasa Membuat Kebajikan Dengan Petunjuk Allah”).

The hoisting ceremony of the giant national flag of Brunei Darussalam, measuring at 3.7 meters by 7.3 metres (12 feet by 24 feet) was held at the Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Complex’s open area.

Officiating at the flag hoisting ceremony was Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Haji Othman, Minister of Home Affairs as the Chairman of the His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam’s 67th Birthday Anniversary Celebrations National Committee.

Also present was Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Dato Laila Raja (Retired) Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd Yusoff, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs as the



Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Haji Othman, Minister of Home Affairs as the Chairman of the His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam’s 67th Birthday Anniversary Celebrations National Committee handing over the giant national flag to a Royal Brunei Navy personnel.



Chairman of the Giant Sized National Flag Raising Ceremony’s Committee.

A total of 67 personnel from the Fire and Rescue and Prison Departments paraded the giant National Flag which was then presented to the Minister of Home Affairs, and later hoisted by a personnel from the Royal Brunei Navy.

As the flag was being hoisted, the choir group from the Language and Literature Bureau; the Bandar Seri Begawan Municipal Board and the Fire and Rescue Department as well as staffs from the Ministry of Home Affairs, performed the Brunei Darussalam National Anthem ‘Allah Peliharakan Sultan’ followed by the ‘Bendera Negara’ and ‘Rahmat’ song, accompanied by the Royal Brunei Police Force Band.

The guest of honour then handed National Flags and His Majesty’s 67th Birthday Anniversary Celebrations posters to the Brunei and Muara District Officer, the Belait District Officer, the Acting Tutong District Officer and the Temburong District Officer.

The hoisting of the giant national flag marks the start for all government agencies, private residences and business premises all over Brunei Darussalam to hoist the national flag during the celebration.

The giant national flag of Brunei Darussalam hoisting in the capital of Brunei Darussalam from July 1 to September 30 2013 to mark the upcoming of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam 67th birthday celebration on July 15.

Scientific development, medical technology continues to be upgraded



Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Johan Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Adanan bin Begawan Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Mohd. Yusof, Minister of Health officiated the 2nd National Scientific Symposium.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 7. – The National Scientific Symposium is an effort made by the Laboratory Services Department to increase knowledge about current scientific and technological developments in the field of laboratory medicine, as well as to share ideas and information with experts on the development of medical laboratory diagnostic services.

The Laboratory Services Department, Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Brunei Darussalam Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists (BAMLS) organized the 2nd symposium from July 5 to 7 with the theme 'Modern Medical Laboratory For Patients Wellbeing'.

Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Johan Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Adanan bin Begawan Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Mohd. Yusof, Minister of Health officiated the symposium.

The symposium's theme was selected for the second time since the development of modern development-medical field laboratory in the Laboratory Services Department, has shown positive direction and reflects the innovative capacity in line with the ministry's strategic plan towards improving the health, well-being and quality of life of the people of this country in order to achieve our vision of 'Together Towards Healthy Citizens'.

More than 200 participants comprising members of the BAMLS, medical officers, health professionals, nurses, officers and staff in hospitals, health centres and students of educational institutions in the country participate in symposium concerned.

Dayang Hajah Siti Aisah binti Haji Mohd. Jaafar, Director of Laboratory Services, Ministry of Health, as co-chairperson in her speech among others said medical laboratory requires individuals to be modernised, receive the means and do new things in the laboratory.

"This means that the new lab has platform equipments, new technologies and equipments, continuous training which may require upgrading the laboratory staffs," she said.

A keynote address at the symposium titled 'The Clinical Laboratory Directing Patient Care' was presented by Professor Sunil Sethi.

The 1st National Scientific Symposium was organised by the Laboratory Services together with BAMLS from August 20 to 21 August 2004, where the main focus of the department and of the BAMLS is to achieve its objectives in enhancing and the development of laboratory medicine among members of the scientists in particular medical laboratory scientists in Brunei Darussalam.

Laboratory Services Department provides comprehensive services to all government hospitals and private health centres and Government health care and private clinics all over the country and services given, emphasizing quality assurance and high accuracy.

While BAMLS was established in June 2007 and is one of the members of the association of its kind in ASEAN and Asia, registered to the National Association of Brunei Darussalam.

At the ASEAN level, such associations are known as 'ASEAN Association of Clinical Laboratory Scientists' (AACLS) while in Asia, it is known as 'Asia Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists' (AAMLS).

The symposium also aims to share best practices based on benchmarking between institutions within and outside the country and enhance human capital in the services of medical laboratory science.

The Minister of Health as guest of honour at the 2nd national scientific symposium.

Gun Salute marks His Majesty's 67th Birthday



A total of seven cannons with 24 personnel led by Major Mardini bin Abdul Rahman, Deputy Commanding Officer of the Military Police of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces carried out the 21-gun salute in front of the Bandar Seri Begawan General Post Office.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 15. – A 21-gun salute to commemorate the 67th birthday celebration of 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 was carried out by the Royal Brunei Armed Forces in the capital.

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The grand parade in conjunction with the celebration of His Majesty's birthday this year will be held in September 15, 2013 at the Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar ' Ali Saifuddien, in the capital.

Government officials departs to Malaysia

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 4. - A total of five government officials departed to Malaysia to participate in the Information Officer and Public Liaison Officer Exchange Programme between Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia.

The programme is one of the cooperation programmes agreed under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with the Malaysian Government in the field of Information under the Joint Technical Committee Meeting (JTCIM).

The five-day programme aimed to expose and improve the skills of officials about their role and function as public relations practitioners.

Present at the Brunei International Airport to bid farewell was Dayang Hajah Noorashidah binti Haji Aliomar, Acting Director of Information.

The programme was participated by Dayang Ruhil Amal Faridah binti Yahya, Information Officer from Department of Information; Dayang Rabi'atul Hibriyah binti Haji Khamis, Public Relations Officer at the Institute of Public Services; Muhd.



Dayang Hajah Noorashidah binti Haji Aliomar, Acting Director of Information (3rd from right) bidding farewell to the government officers departing to Malaysia to participate in the Information Officer and Public Liaison Officer Exchange Programme between Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia.

Sufi Darwish@Sasteranajuri bin Haji Khamis, Public Relations Officer from the Ministry of Defence; Awang Mohammad bin Abdullah, Public Relations Officer at

the Department of Electrical Services; and Dayang Nurulhuda binti Adinin, Public Relations Officer from the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

