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Addicts get royal rebuke

Drinkers and drug-abusers were among those who came in for a royal rebuke last month.

Speaking at the close of the National koran reading competition in Bandar Seri Begawan on March 2, 1988, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam said that the tenets of the country's official religion, Islam, should be the basis of discipline among young people.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam presents the trophy to this year's men's national koran reading champion, Awang Haji Mohd. Yusof bin Abu Bakar.



This \$7 million museum building was a gift from the Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Companies to the country. It has three-exhibition galleries and houses artifact samples of Malay indigenous technology from the 1880's to 1950's.

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Stub it out

The WHO's fortieth anniversary theme 'no smoking' cannot be seen as a token gesture against a habit that irritates others but as a legitimate frontal attack on purveyors of cancer and other tobacco related diseases to the world.

The debate is long over and there is no question that smoking hurts nations. The tobacco lobby, not unaware of this, has quietly engaged a two-pronged survival strategy. Several giants have diversified into upmarket fashion goods, while others accepting the verdict of public opinion in the west, have shifted their nicotine-stained eyes to the Third World backed up by megabuck sports sponsorships and other stunts.

The weed stick is married to images of sophisticated and affluent lifestyles of the west that lure many Third World teenagers to becoming tomorrow's tobacco related health statistic.

Brunei Darussalam is a young nation with a long way to go and the nation's fathers find the 366 million cigarettes sold annually in the country a kingsized torpedo to national interests.

WHO Day this month will mark the launch of several educational programmes against smoking in the country.

Smoking costs the national economy in public health bills, reduced productivity and lost manhours to industry and deserves to be battled especially among the young. Revenues from tobacco sales, customs duty and advertising do not even begin to meet the anxiety costs to families of the nicotine-slain.

Organisers of functions that usually serve tobacco to arriving guests should seriously consider serving local fruit as an alternative and all pressure should be exerted to turn the tobacco habit from a stylish stupidity to an anti-social act.

discipline needed

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The Monarch, who is also the head of the Islamic faith in the country, urged parents, teachers and community leaders to give guidance and set the example for the younger generations.

"Only with the existence of a well disciplined society," said His Majesty, "that the country's development and stability could be enjoyed."

His Majesty commended Bruneians for their keenness to study Koran reading which has become popular in schools, colleges and government offices.

This year's men's koran-reading champion was Awang Haji Mohd. Yusof bin Abu Bakar while Dayang Hajjah Jamilah binti Haji Abdi Manap retained the women's title she won last year.



Dayang Hajjah Jamilah

Both winners will represent the Sultanate at the international Koran reading competition to be held in Malaysia next month.

The champions' prizes each included a \$2,000 gift from His Majesty the Sultan.

This year's judges included three experts, Mohd. Abdullah Hassan Mandour, a lecturer from Egypt's Al-Azhar University, Dato Haji Hassan Azhari from Malaysia and Bapak Wasit Aulawi of Indonesia.

Brunei Darussalam won the international Koran reading competition in 1977 through Awang Haji Mashud bin Awang Haji Damit.

Now it's pay before flying

The first of an estimated 200,000 passengers who will depart from Brunei international airport this year began paying an airport service fee from the beginning of last month.

Brunei Darussalam, the last of ASEAN countries to do so began imposing a \$5.00 airport service fee on passengers departing for Singapore and Malaysia and a \$12.00 fee for those leaving for all other destinations.

The country's only airport which opened in 1974 was newly renovated and extended last year. The additions included six new aerobridges for arriving and departing passengers.

Last year 187,511 passengers took off from the airport which is served by six regional carriers. The most popular destinations for departing passengers are Malaysia and Singapore.

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KL Defence Chief calls



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam (right) with General Tan Sri Dato Hashim.

General Tan Sri Dato Hashim Mohd Ali, Malaysian Chief of Defence Forces was in Brunei Darussalam on a four-day visit beginning February 25, 1988.

While in the country General Hashim was granted an audience by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-

Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam.

The Malaysian General also called on Pengiran Sanggamara Diraja Major General Pengiran Haji Ibnu, the Deputy Defence Minister and Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Major General Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Mohamed, the Royal Brunei Armed Forces Chief of Staff.

German legislators visit

A German-ASEAN Parliamentary Group delegation in the German Federal Parliament visited Brunei Darussalam for two days last month as part of efforts to gain more information for a better understanding and closer cooperation.

The six-member delegation which arrived in Bandar Seri Begawan on March 20, 1988 was led by Dr Klaus Juergen Hedrich, Chairman of the German-ASEAN Parliamentary Group.

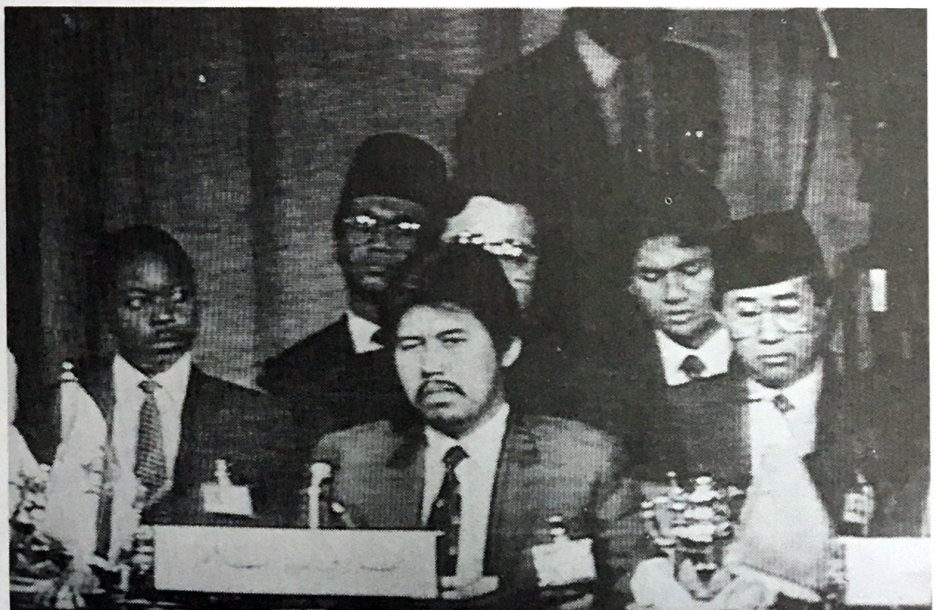
While in the country the visitors paid courtesy calls on the Minister of Home Affairs and Special Adviser to His Majesty in the Prime Minister's Office, the Development Minister, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The delegation also had talks with the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, the Department of Establishment and the Economic Planning Unit.

The party were accompanied by Dr Eckart Cuntz, the German Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam during the whole visit.

Sultanate at OIC meeting

Brunei Darussalam was among the OIC's 44-member nations at the 17th Islamic Conference of Foreign Minister meeting held in the Jordanian capital, Amman last month. Leading the country's delegation at the meeting between March 21-25, 1988, was His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister (centre).



Malay Technology Museum opened



Awang Bantong Antaran, Brunei Museum's Curator of Ethnography (left) explains an exhibit to His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam.

A permanent display of traditional Brunei Malay technology covering the period 1880 to the 1950's was officially opened by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam on February 29, 1988.

The replicas are housed in the

\$7 million Brunei Museum of Malay Technology sited on a 37.5 hectare site beside the Brunei Museum on the banks of the Brunei River. The building was a gift to the country by the Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Companies to mark the country's resumption of independence in 1984.

Among the displays in the three exhibition halls are traditional

technologies such as fishing and hunting equipment. Samples of various handicraft industries from the past were also included; among them silversmithing and brass work.

A special stamp set and first-day cover were issued by the Postal Services Department to commemorate the museum's opening.

New museum on stamps



The 10 sen stamp portrays the traditional methods of top making, the 75 sen stamp shows sugar cane juice extraction and the \$1 stamp depicts pigeon catching.

The Brunei Darussalam Postal Services Department has issued its first set of commemorative stamps for 1988. It was to mark the official opening of the Brunei Museum of Malay Technology.

The unwatermarked set issued on February 29, 1988 are in denominations of 10 sen, 75 sen and \$1, were designed by Awang Padzil bin Haji Ahmad.

Overseas collectors can obtain the stamps by writing to the Philatelic Bureau, Postmaster General, Brunei Darussalam. Requests for a standing order should be accompanied by a minimum deposit of \$30.



The Standard Chartered Bank observed its 30 years of business in Brunei Darussalam with a move to new showpiece premises in the centre of Bandar Seri Begawan's business district. Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna (right) who is seen being received by Mr Michael K. Browne, the bank's Regional General Manager, officially opened the new building on February 29, 1988. Standard Chartered has been in Brunei Darussalam since May 3, 1958 when the first office premises were officially opened by the late Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddien, the present Sultan's father.

Nobel prize winner gives public lecture

Nobel Prize-winning physicist Professor Abdus Salam gave a public lecture in Bandar Seri Begawan on March 7, 1988.

Some 300 people heard Professor Salam speak on the 'Unification of fundamental forces' and 'Development of science in the Third World.'

Professor Abdus Salam, a Pakistani, won the Nobel Prize for physics in 1979. He is currently professor of theoretical physics at London University's Imperial College and Founder Director of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics in Trieste, Italy.



Professor Abdus Salam

RTB at producers' course

Bruneian television producer, Awang Mahmud bin Awang Haji Durahim returned home last month from an Australian-government sponsored screen-writing course held in Kuala Lumpur.

Awang Mahmud was among ASEAN producers and script writers at the course which ended on March 18, 1988.

Awang Mahmud, a drama producer with Radio Television Brunei (RTB) joined media people from Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines and the host country for four weeks of training in the Malaysian capital.

The course organised by the ASEAN-Australia Media and Information Programme aims to upgrade script writing skills for film, radio and television.

Smokers come under siege

Brunei Darussalam observes the World Health Day with a three-month national anti-smoking campaign beginning on March 24, 1988.

The Sultanate joins other countries around the world in a fight against the tobacco-related diseases that now claim 2.5 million lives a year worldwide.

The national campaign was in line with the selected theme of the world health day 'No Tobacco Day' and to mark the 40th anniversary of the World Health Organisation on April 7, 1988.

A message delivered by Pengiran Mohd. Yassin bin Pengiran Momin, the Health Ministry's Permanent Secretary at the launching of the campaign said, "the campaign was to create

and promote public awareness about the dangers of smoking and to encourage as many smokers as possible to stub out the cigarettes."

"The decision to smoke or not to smoke is often made when we are too young and its too early to realise the implication it might have on our health and well being," he added.

"While the government organises the campaign, it is up to each and everyone of you to take up the responsibility to participate and finally make the decision — to smoke or not to smoke," he said.

The country observes the no tobacco day with a national smoke-out for 24 hours on April 7, 1988.



Pengiran Mohd. Yassin

Defence Sec visits

Mr George Younger, British Secretary of State for Defence (pictured below) was in Brunei Darussalam for a short visit, march 24, 1988.

While in the country, the visitor was granted an audience by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam at the Nurul Iman Palace in Bandar Seri Begawan.

His accompanying 10-member delegation met the Deputy Defence Minister, Pengiran Sangamara Diraja Major General Pengiran Haji Ibnu and Royal Brunei Armed Forces Chief-of-Staff, Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Major General Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Mohamad.



Young Omani sailors visit



Dato Paduka Awang Haji Alimin, Permanent Secretary at the Defence Ministry (left) was a guest at the reception on board SNV Shabab Oman. At the centre is His Excellency Mr Fuad Mubarak Al-Hinai, Omani Charge D'Affaires in Brunei Darussalam.

Fifty young Omanis and naval cadets led by Colonel C. Biggins were in Brunei Darussalam for a six-day goodwill visit.

The visiting Omanis sailed in on the SNV Shabab Oman, a three-masted barquentine vessel presented by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos of Oman.

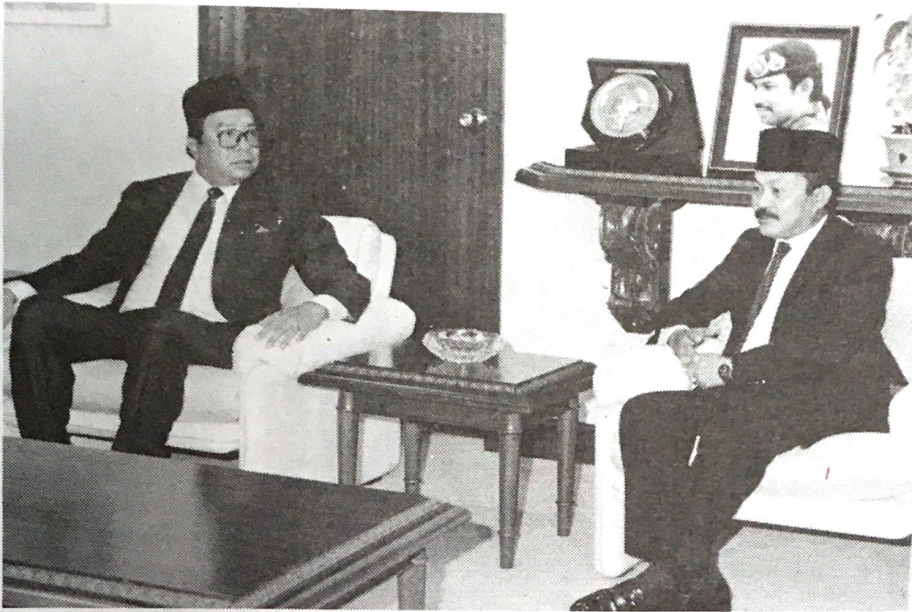
The 52.4 metre vessel was on its way back to Oman after its longest journey to Sydney to participate in Australia's bicentennial celebrations. The Omani

sailors also called at Colombo, Penang, Singapore, Surabaya, Darwin, Townsville, Brisbane and Hobart.

The SNV Shabab Oman left Muscat in mid-October last year and will arrive home early this month.

During their stay in Brunei Darussalam, the visitors met the Royal Brunei Armed Forces Flotilla side in several friendly games.

M'sian Deputy Defence Minister at Nurul Iman



Dato Abang Abu Bakar, the visiting Malaysian Deputy Defence Minister (left) meets his Bruneian counterpart, Pengiran Sanggamara Diraja Major General Pengiran Haji Ibnu.

Dato Abang Abu Bakar bin Datu Bandar Abang Haji Mustapha, the Malaysian Deputy Defence Minister has led an official delegation to Brunei Darussalam last month.

The visiting minister and six other senior Defence Ministry officials were on a three-day stay in the country beginning March 7, 1988.

While in the Sultanate Dato Abang Abu Bakar called on his Bruneian counterpart Pengiran Sanggamara Diraja Major General Pengiran Haji Ibnu, the Deputy Defence Minister.

The visiting Minister and delegations also called at the country's armed forces headquarters at Berakas Garrison near Bandar Seri Begawan.

In the capital, Bandar Seri Begawan Dato Abang Abu Bakar was granted an audience by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam at the Nurul Iman Palace.

\$10,000 gift for handicapped

An association of Japanese companies in Japan and in Brunei Darussalam last month made a gift of \$10,000 to the national handicapped children association (KACA).

Mr K. Anzai of the Japan-Brunei Friendship Association presented it in Bandar Seri Begawan on March 15, 1988. Receiving the gift for the Brunei Darussalam's national handicapped children association was Dato Paduka Dr Haji Johar, the Health Minister who is also KACA's adviser.

Mr Anzai, Tokyo Gas Company's Senior Managing Director, was at the head of an 18-member delegation on a three-day goodwill study mission to Brunei Darussalam.

The Japan-Brunei Friendship Association in Tokyo, founded in 1984, aims to promote friendship as well as economic, technological and cultural interchange between Japan and Brunei Darussalam.



Dato Paduka Dr Haji Johar, the Health Minister (left) receives the \$10,000 cheque from Mr K. Anzai of the Japan-Brunei Friendship Association.

Military chiefs meet

Lieutenant General Ryu Seung Kook, Director Joint Chief of Staff, Republic of Korea was on a four-day visit to the Sultanate beginning on March 14, 1988.

While in the Sultanate, General Ryu and party met Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Major General Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Mohamed, the Royal Brunei Armed Forces Chief of Staff at Berakas Garrison.

The military visitors also paid a courtesy call on Pengiran Sangamara Diraja Major General Pengiran Haji Ibnu, the Deputy Defence Minister.



His Excellency Mr Mir Ahad Hussain (left) chats with chief guest Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Haji Abdul Aziz Umar, the Communication Minister.

Pakistan celebrates National Day

The Pakistan Embassy in the Sultanate last month celebrated the 41st anniversary of its national day on March 23, 1988.

His Excellency Mr Mir Ahad Hussain, the Pakistan Ambassador hosted a reception at Jerudong Park Club outside the capital at which the chief guest was Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Haji Abdul Aziz Umar, the Communication Minister who represented the government.



Awang Haji Mohd. Yassin bin Ampuan Salleh, the Director of Forestry leads staff of the Development Ministry group in a tree planting programme in conjunction with World Forestry Day.

Hardwoods planted for Forestry Day

Senior officers at the Development Ministry planted 1000 saplings of local hardwoods to mark World Forestry Day which fell on March 21, 1988.

The local species called Meranti (*Shorea*) and Kapur Bukit (*Dryobalanops*) were planted on 1.4 hectre plot of land at the Andulau Forest Reserve in Belait district.

The Forestry Department who organised the celebrations also held a three-day seminar on termites and a daylong open-house for the public.

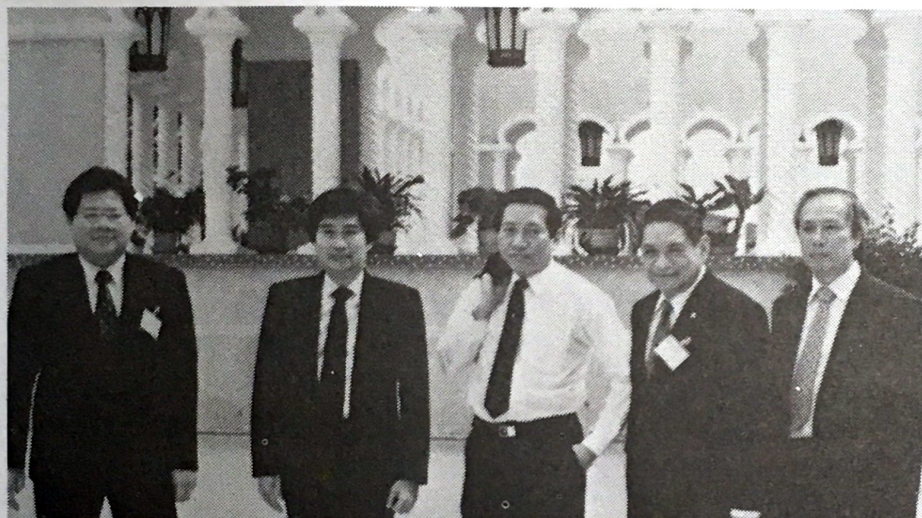
Malaysian state honours His Majesty

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkih Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam was last month bestowed a state award by the Sultan of the Malaysian state of Perlis.

The award, the Darjah Kerabat Baginda Syed Putra (DK) was presented at the Istana Perlis in Kuala Lumpur on March 12, 1988

the 58th birthday of His Royal Highness Raja of Perlis.

Accompanying His Majesty the Sultan at the investiture, were His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkih, the Foreign Affairs Minister and His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Bendahara Seri Maharaja Permaisura Pengiran Muda Haji Sufri Bolkih.



Members of the Filipino delegation with their hosts. L-R Mr Daniel Y Laogan, Mr Lim Eng Meng, President of the Brunei Darussalam Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Mr Domingo Lee, Mr A C Sepidoza and Mr Ang Swee Chuan of Brunei Darussalam.

Manila's chinese traders seek links

Members of a Filipino trade delegation visiting the Sultanate last month met Pengiran Dato Seri Laila Jasa Dr Ismail the Development Minister, who called on them to submit business proposals for consideration by his office.

The ASEAN trade mission of the Federation of Filipino-Chinese chambers of Commerce and Industry learnt at that meeting of the country's interest to see developments in the fields of agriculture, forestry and fisheries.

The mission headed by Mr Domingo Lee was in Brunei Darussalam on March 24 and 25, 1988.



Mr Domingo Lee

The Development Ministry's Industrial Development Unit said recently that several business proposal are awaiting decisions while some have already been approved. Of the latter two garment factories, a Japanese-Korean-Bruneian venture in flour milling and a paint factory are off the drawing board. One of the garment factories a Malaysian-Bruneian venture has already began production.

Commonwealth Day

message from Her

Majesty Queen

Elizabeth II.

This second Monday in March is the day which we celebrate every year as Commonwealth Day. It is our special opportunity to think about this group of nations and what it means to us. On this day we should all look beyond our own horizons and stretch our understanding of the value of the Commonwealth.

Its strength lies not just in its numbers — we are a worldwide family of a billion people — but rather in its shared ideals, its emphasis on discussion and its disposition to co-operate. This voluntary organisation, the group in which we can feel comfortable, is where we can look to our friends for support and understanding and for help in finding the answers to our common problems.

Every year there are many Commonwealth meetings. These bring together all sorts of people — ministers and mariners, teachers and traders, pharmacists and farmers — all working together the more easily because they share a common language. Agreement on all subjects may not always be possible but understanding and mutual benefit are always the goals.

At the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Vancouver last year this search for co-operative effort brought practical decisions in many areas including more help for those in need of food and shelter. I was specially interested in the decision to create a Commonwealth-wide distance learning system at college and university level to bring new opportunities for higher education to our young people and adults throughout the Commonwealth.

For the future, we must listen as well as speak to each other and so learn tolerance through understanding. If we always look for those things which unite us, whether shared hopes or shared fears, the Commonwealth link will come to mean even more to us.

I urge you to keep faith in the Commonwealth: it can and will continue to serve the world well.

"Your ideas on education needed" businessmen told

The government has announced that it will take into account the manpower needs of the private sector when planning the educational curriculum.

Pehin Orang Kaya Setia Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Abdul Rahman, the Education Minister said last month that businessmen could through their initiative help the development of education. He was speaking at an awards presentation ceremony for winners of an essay writing competition marking the first anniversary of the Yaohan Department in Bandar Seri Begawan.

Speaking at the function on March 13, 1988, the Minister said that he was aware of the country's need for skilled local manpower both for the government and private sector.

"The Education Ministry," he said, "has made efforts to provide skilled workers for the private sector through training programmes and courses offered at educational and training centres."

Meanwhile Mr Tsunchiro Hishinuma, a Yaohan Group Japan representative who also spoke said that Yaohan had always strived to help further the goals and aspirations of the people in countries where it conducted business.

Mr Hishinuma described the contest as a modest contribution "towards the cultural development of the people of Brunei Darussalam" and to improve the relationship between the two countries.

The contest for secondary school students was organised by the Yaohan Department Store in Brunei Darussalam to foster writing talent.

Winners received their prizes from the Education Minister.

Yaohan Department Store opened last year with a \$24.4 million investment. It is a joint enterprise between Japanese and local business interests.



Pehin Orang Kaya Setia Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Abdul Rahman, the Education Minister presents the top prize to Awang Razali bin Manan.

Malay language experts meet

About 40 linguistics, accountancy and fundamental science experts from Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Malaysia attended the 27th Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Malaysia Language Council Conference (MABBIM) held in the capital Bandar Seri Begawan last month.

During the four-day meeting which began on March 7, 1988 more than 9,400 Malay terms relating to biology, physics, chemistry and accountancy were discussed for adoption into usage within the three-member countries of the council. Singapore, which also has Malay as its national language but is not a MABBIM member, sent observers.

Brunei Malay in a minute

Each month in the Brunei Darussalam newsletter we introduce readers to common Malay words as used in this country. This month the word selected is **sungkai**.

Sungkai is the word used to describe the breaking of the fast by Muslims at sunset during the fasting month of Ramadan, the ninth month in the Muslim calendar. The standard Malay would be 'berbuka puasa.'

Let us use the word in a sentence:

Masa dahulu beduk dipalu beberapa kali untuk menanda waktu **sungkai**.

In the past the beduk was struck several times to mark the time for breaking the fast.





Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajah Mariam (left) toured the National Anti-Drugs Festival and exhibition at Tutong Civic Centre on March 20, 1988. The day long festival was officially opened by the royal guest. Among those present were members of the royal household, cabinet ministers, foreign diplomats and senior government officers. The festival jointly organised by the Anti-Drugs Unit and Tutong District Office highlighted the dangers of drug abuse and was designed to educate the man-in-the-street.

Your turn

The next issue of the *Brunei Darussalam* newsletter will appear during the first week of May 1988. If there are events relating to our country you would like featured in this newsletter please call us on Tel: 02-40400 or better still, send us a report with a picture, if possible. Contributions for our next issue should arrive by April 15, 1988. All editorial rights reserved.

Indons sweep three of four titles

Indonesia almost made a clean sweep at the Brunei Darussalam Junior International Tennis Tournament held last month. They clinched the two singles and one of the doubles titles.

The meet's girls doubles title went to Singapore.

In the boy's singles, Benny Wijaya beat compatriot, Alto Omar 5-7, 1-6, meanwhile in the girls singles Dewi Fortuna put away Singapore's Lela Zainal 2-6, 2-6.

Indonesia pair Fiky Murdono and Andriansyah won the boys doubles event from Malaysians Reeza Lim and R. Ramachandran 7-6, 7-3, 6-3.

Singaporean girls Lela Zainal and Valerie Tan Beat Indonesian pair Dewi Fortuna and Joice Riana 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 for the girls doubles titles.

The six-day tournament which ended on March 15, 1988 attracted teams from Indonesia, Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and hosts Brunei Darussalam.



Indonesia's Dewi Fortuna

Papaya power for pressure control

An infusion of the young leaves of the papaya plant, *Carica papaya* to the botanist, is known to bring down high blood pressure and reduce swelling of the lungs.

But the papaya plant is better known and loved for its delicately fragrant and sweet fruits. The yellow-orange pulp is often seasoned with a few drops of lemon juice before being eaten as a dessert.

Known locally as *kepayas* it is a favourite with backyard gardeners. With numerous fruits and growing to a height of up to 2.7 meters it is regarded as a manageable tree.

While the seeds are usually discarded, those into 'organic lifestyles' dry and grind the seeds into paste which is used as a shampoo. Shiny and healthy hair is the reward.

Traditional cooks have long used young stems of the palmately shaped leaves or even lengths of bruised root tossed into the pot to tenderise meat.

Top left: The youngest leaves of the papaya plant are in the apical region of the trunk. Also visible are flower buds and, lower down, some young fruit. Lower pic: Fruit cut open to show pulp and seeds.



BRUNEI IN BRIEF

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| Capital City : | Bandar Seri Begawan |
| Land size : | 5765 sq.km |
| Population : | 226,000 (1986) |
| Official Language : | Malay |
| Official Religion : | Islam |
| February 1988 rainfall : | 220.1 mm. |
| (annual 2,818mm) | |

PRIME LENDING RATE

April 6.25%. (quoted by Bankers' Association).

