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State visit to Manila

MANILA, Republic Of Philippines, April 26 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam arrived in Manila, the Republic of the Philippines, for a two-day State Visit.

Diplomatic relations between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of the Philippines were established in January 1984.

Since then, the two countries enjoyed broad cooperation in various areas such as trade, investment, defence, agriculture, energy, education and health.

The Republic of the Philippines will also host the 30th Asean Summit, which will be held on April 29.

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam greeted by His Excellency Rodrigo Roa Duterte, President of the Philippines upon arrival at the Malacañan Palace for the official welcoming ceremony in honour of His Majesty's two-day State Visit.

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His Majesty receives audiences

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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 Istana Nurul Iman:

1. Yang Berhormat Datuk Seri Dr. Salleh Said Keruak, Minister of Communications and Multimedia of Malaysia. During the Audience Ceremony, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam received an invitation for the Coronation Ceremony of His Majesty Sultan Muhammad V, the 15th Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia. Accompanying Yang Berhormat the Minister of Communications and Multimedia of Malaysia were Yang Berbahagia Dato' Seri Syed Danial bin Syed Ahmad, Keeper of the Rulers' Seal; and His Excellency Datuk Ghulam Jelani bin Khanizaman, High Commissioner of Malaysia to Brunei Darussalam. The ceremony was held on April 3.
2. General Zubair Mahmood Hayat, the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, Pakistan Armed Forces, on April 6.

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His Majesty sends congratulatory messages

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, His Majesty Sultan Muhammad V, on the occasion of his installation as the 15th Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, on April 25.

His Majesty sends message of condolences to:

The president of the Russian Federation on the recent bomb attack in St. Petersburg, on April 5.

His Excellency Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt following the bombing at Mar Girgis Coptic Church in Tanta and the Saint Mark's Coptic Cathedral in Alexandria, on April 11.



Her Majesty receives audiences

Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam received in audiences at the Istana Nurul Iman, on April 6:

1. Madam Begum Maliha Bhatti, spouse of General Zubair Mahmood Hayat, the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, Pakistan Armed Forces.
2. Madam Abeda Islam, spouse of Air Vice Marshal Mahmud Hussain, the High Commissioner of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to Brunei Darussalam.
3. Madam Nguyen Thi Minh Hang, wife of Do Anh Tuan, the Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to Brunei Darussalam.

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State visit to Manila April 27 to 28 A sovereign's log book

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 State Visit began with the Laying Wreath Ceremony held at the Rizal Monument in Rizal Park on April 27. This was followed with a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Rodrigo Roa Duterte, President of the Republic of the Philippines where both leaders discussed bilateral issues as well as regional and international matters of mutual interest.

His Majesty also attended a State Banquet in honour of the monarch's State Visit to the Republic of the Philippines.

The banquet was held at the Malacañan Palace and was hosted by His Excellency Rodrigo Roa Duterte.

At the State Banquet, His Majesty delivered a *titah* (royal speech) in which the monarch expressed happiness to receive His Excellency's State Visit to Brunei Darussalam in October 2016.

His Majesty highlighted that regular exchanges of visits from all levels reflect the close friendship and goodwill between the two countries.

His Majesty next visited Air Force City Clark, Pampanga on April 28. Upon arrival, His Majesty walked past a Static Guard of Honor, and proceeded to the Haribon Hangar for a close inspection of the Philippine Air Force's FA-50 jet aircraft. The monarch was then invited to go onboard a jet aircraft.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam after laying a wreath at a monument at the Rizal Memorial Park.

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His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and President of the Philippines during the bilateral meeting.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at a banquet hosted by His Excellency Rodrigo Roa Duterte, President of the Republic of the Philippines held at the Malacañan Palace.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, on board the Philippines Air Force FA-50 jet aircraft at the Air Force City Clark, Pampanga, Philippines.

Brunei - Philippines signs cooperation in culture and halal industry

MANILA, Republic of the Philippines, April 27 - Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of the Philippines inked cooperation agreements in the fields of culture and the halal industry.

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 signing ceremony of cooperation agreements together with His Excellency Rodrigo Roa Duterte, the President of the Republic of the Philippines.

The ceremony, which was held at the Reception Hall, Malacañan Palace, first witnessed the signing of the Agreement on Cultural Cooperation by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Pekerma Dewa Dato Seri Setia Lim Jock Seng, the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade II (Second), representing the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, while the Government of the Republic of the Philippines is represented by Mr. Virgilio S. Almario, the Chairperson of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.

This was followed by the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Halal Industry and Halal Development and Promotion by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Singamanteri Colonel (Retired) Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Hj Mohammad Yasmin bin Haji Umar, the Minister of Energy and Industry in the Prime Minister's Department, representing the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, while the Government of the Republic of the Philippines is represented by His Excellency Ramon Lopez, the Secretary of Commerce and Industry.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and President of the Republic of the Philippines witnessing the signing ceremony of the Agreement on Cultural Cooperation by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Pekerma Dewa Dato Seri Setia Lim Jock Seng, the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade II (Second), and the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Halal Industry and Halal Development and Promotion by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Singamanteri Colonel (Retired) Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Hj Mohammad Yasmin bin Haji Umar, the Minister of Energy and Industry in the Prime Minister's Department.



HIS MAJESTY ATTENDS THE 30TH ASEAN SUMMIT AND RELATED MEETINGS MANILA, Republic of the Philippines, April 29



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam welcomed by His Excellency Rodrigo Roa Duterte, President of the Republic of the Philippines and Chairman of ASEAN and Madame Cielito Avanceña at the Official Opening Ceremony of the 30th ASEAN Summit held at the Philippine International Conference Center (PICC), Manila.

30th ASEAN Summit Opening Ceremony

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam attended the Opening Ceremony and Plenary Session of the 30th ASEAN Summit, which were held at the Philippines International Convention Centre (PICC), Manila.

Upon arrival at the PICC, His Majesty was greeted by Ambassador Marciano Paynor Jr, Chief of Presidential Protocol. His Majesty was then officially welcomed by His Excellency Rodrigo Roa Duterte, President of the Republic of the Philippines and Chairman of ASEAN, and Madame Cielito Avanceña.

The Opening Ceremony began with the ASEAN anthem, followed by an opening statement by His Excellency the President of the Republic of the Philippines and Chairman of ASEAN, whereby His Excellency welcomed the ASEAN Heads of State and Government to Manila.

His Majesty then joined other ASEAN Heads of State and Government for a group photograph.

30th ASEAN Summit Plenary Session

His Majesty together with the ASEAN Heads of State and Government then attended the Plenary Session of the 30th ASEAN Summit.

The Plenary Session began with Opening Remarks by His Excellency the President of the Republic of the Philippines and Chairman of ASEAN, whereby His Excellency welcomed the ASEAN Heads of State and Government.

During the meeting, His Majesty delivered a *titah* (royal speech), where His Majesty acknowledged that this is a significant year for ASEAN as it marks its 50th Anniversary. His Majesty also observed ASEAN's development since its inception, particularly when Brunei Darussalam joined 33 years ago in which the region had transformed into vibrant economies. By working together, His Majesty noted that ASEAN is now an integral part of the East Asian region.

His Majesty stressed the importance for ASEAN to continue strengthening its close cooperation in order to address future challenges in political, economic and socio-cultural areas. His Majesty also highlighted the

need to further enhance ASEAN's economic integration agenda by doubling intra-ASEAN trade and investment in the next 10 years.

His Majesty recognised that whilst the 'Fourth Industrial Revolution' brought many opportunities and benefits, it is also expected to affect the livelihoods of the peoples in the region. Therefore, His Majesty called on ASEAN to look at ways to manage and adapt in the future.

His Majesty was of the view that ASEAN was vital to all member states and emphasised the importance for ASEAN Member States to continue working closely together in addressing challenges and to fully realise the vision of a community in the region. In this regard, His Majesty expressed confidence of a more successful ASEAN in the years ahead.

During the summit, His Majesty held separate bilateral discussions with Her Excellency Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; and His Excellency Nguyen Xan Phuc, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam receiving a courtesy visit and held separate bilateral talks with His Excellency Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counselor of the Republic of Myanmar; and His Excellency Nguyen Xan Phuc, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam at the Leaders Holding Room, Philippine International Convention Center (PICC).



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam together with other ASEAN Heads of State and Government in a group photo session.

30th ASEAN Summit Retreat Session

His Majesty together with the ASEAN Heads of State and Government attended the Retreat Session of the 30th ASEAN Summit, which was held at the Coconut Palace, Manila.

The Retreat Session was chaired by His Excellency Rodrigo Roa Duterte, President of the Republic of the Philippines and Chairman of ASEAN.

During the meeting, His Majesty stated that ASEAN's economic and security interests are closely tied to developments beyond the region. In this regard, His Majesty encouraged ASEAN to strengthen cooperation with its partners in areas of mutual interest and to ensure stable relations amongst them. Both of which are vital to continued peace, stability and prosperity.

His Majesty was of the view that ASEAN and its partners should further strengthen its cooperation to conclude the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). This would convey a strong message of ASEAN's commitment towards regional integration and to a rules-based trading system.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during a meeting at a Plenary Session of the 30th ASEAN Summit at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC).

The Signing Ceremony of the ASEAN Declaration on the Role of the Civil Service as a Catalyst for Achieving the ASEAN Community Vision 2025

After the Retreat Session of the 30th ASEAN Summit, His Majesty then proceeded to PICC to attend the Signing Ceremony of the ASEAN Declaration on the Role of the Civil Service as a Catalyst for Achieving the ASEAN Community Vision 2025.

During the ceremony, His Majesty and other ASEAN Leaders signed the ASEAN Declaration.

His Excellency the President of the Republic of the Philippines and Chairman of ASEAN then presented the signed ASEAN Declaration to His Excellency Le Luong Minh, the ASEAN Secretary-General.

30th ASEAN Summit Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony of the 30th ASEAN Summit began with a Closing Statement by His Excellency the President of the Republic of the Philippines and Chairman of ASEAN, whereby His Excellency expressed his appreciation to the ASEAN Heads of State and Government attending the ASEAN Summit and Related Meetings.

The 12th Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Summit

After the Closing Ceremony, His Majesty proceeded to the 12th Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Summit. Also present at the Summit were the Heads of State and Government of the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia and the Republic of the Philippines.

His Majesty then joined other Heads of State and Government of BIMP-EAGA for a group photograph.

The BIMP-EAGA Summit began with an opening statement by His Excellency the President of the Republic of the Philippines and Chairman of ASEAN, whereby His Excellency welcomed all the BIMP-EAGA Leaders to the Summit.

During the Summit, His Majesty delivered a titah, where His Majesty called on BIMP-EAGA to continue strengthening its cooperation to ensure the well-being of its peoples and welcomed the adoption of the BIMP-EAGA Vision 2025.

His Majesty stated that the new Vision would guide the sub-region to become more resilient, and an economically competitive growth area. His Majesty also emphasised the importance of stronger connectivity towards promoting the region's economic cooperation and integration.

In view of the growing demand of environmentally sustainable goods and the importance of safeguarding a better future, His Majesty highlighted that environmental interests must be taken into account in BIMP-EAGA's development efforts. Therefore, His Majesty expressed pleasure in the inclusion of "green manufacturing" in the new Vision.

His Majesty also encouraged greater engagement with the private sector and BIMP-EAGA's development partners to further promote economic activities, especially in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

At the end of the Summit, a Joint Statement was issued.

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His Majesty attends Gala Dinner

MANILA, Republic of the Philippines, April 29 - 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 a Gala Dinner hosted by His Excellency Rodrigo Roa Duterte, President of the Republic of the Philippines and Chairman of ASEAN in honour of the ASEAN Heads of State and Government and delegates who attended the 30th ASEAN Summit and Related Meetings.

The Gala Dinner was held at Sofitel Philippine Plaza Hotel, Manila.

Upon arrival, His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was greeted by His Excellency the President of the Republic of the Philippines and Madame Cielito Avanceña.

His Majesty then joined other ASEAN Heads of State and Government for a group photograph.

His Excellency the President of the Republic of the Philippines and Chairman of ASEAN in his opening remarks at the Gala Dinner expressed his appreciation to all the ASEAN Leaders and delegates who attended the 30th ASEAN Summit and Related Meetings. The Gala Dinner was graced with a variety of Cultural and Arts Performances.

His Majesty left Manila, Republic of the Philippines after attending the 30th ASEAN Summit and Related Meetings.

His Majesty attends Isra' and Mi'raj celebration

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, April 24 - 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 National Level Isra' Mi'raj Celebration for the Year 1438 Hijrah / 2017 Masehi.

The arrival of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the Plenary Hall of the International Conference Center (ICC), was greeted by Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Haji Othman, Minister of Religious Affairs as the Chairman of the Major Islamic Events Celebrations for 1438 Hijrah Executive Committee and other Members of the Committee.

Also present were His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel.

The ceremony began with the recitation of the holy verses of Al-Quran by Awang Mohammad Sa'adun bin Suhaili, champion of the Final National Youth Musabaqah Tilawatil Quran 2016 while the conclusion of the verses meaning was read by Awang Mohammad bin Haji Nayan Zamery, a Religious Education Officer, Department of Islamic Studies, Ministry of Religious Affairs (MoRA).

The Minister of Religious Affairs, in his speech said that the Israk and Mikraj celebration, highlights the importance of faith and piety with a series of words 'Strong Faith, Solid Practice' (*'Iman Teguh Akidah Kukuh'*) which among other illustrates



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam listens to a briefing from one of the local entrepreneurs at the halal products exhibition in conjunction with the Isra' and Mi'raj celebration.

that every individual Muslim in any capacity and the ability to always ensure purity understanding and practice of religion.

Yang Berhormat said, the theme of the Israk and Mikraj celebration 'Strong Faith, Solid Practice' is in line with the requirements by Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala that every individual Muslim who believes in strengthening the faith and godly to remain in the Islamic foundation that brings joy and happiness of fellow creatures of Allah, not only mankind but compatriots and universal.

Yang Berhormat also said that for Israk and Mikraj Celebration this year, MoRA through the departments and divisions will host several events such as the 'Praying Made Easy Carnival' (*'Karnival Mudahnya Sembahyang'*) to be held at the Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien, Bandar Seri Begawan and other religious events such as lectures to be conducted by

ministries, educational institutions and mosques.

At the ceremony, His Majesty also consented to deliver a *titah* (royal speech).

The event continued with a special talk entitled 'Strong Faith, Solid Practice' by Awang Haji Khairul Nazif bin Haji Damit, an Assistant Lecturer of the Faculty of Usuluddin of Sultan Sharif Ali Islamic University (UNISSA).

To bless the ceremony, the Doa Selamat was read by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia (Dr.) Ustaz Haji Awang Abd. Aziz bin Juned, the State Mufti.

Before leaving the ceremony, His Majesty also consented to visit the exhibition and local businesses by Bruneian entrepreneurs which also included the halal products in conjunction with Isra' and Mi'raj for the Year 1438H / 2017M National Level.

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KUALA LUMPUR, April 24 - 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 attend the Royal Banquet in conjunction with the Installation of His Majesty the 15th Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, Sultan Muhammad V.

The ceremony was held at the Dewan Santapan, Istana Negara, Kuala Lumpur.

Upon arrival at the Anjung Utama, Istana Negara, His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was greeted by The Honorable Dato' Seri Dr. Salleh Said Keruak, the Minister of

Communications and Multimedia Malaysia, as Chairman of the Special Committee and spouse as well as committee members before proceeding to the Seri Maharaja Hall.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam then proceeded to Seri Negara Hall for a photo session together with His Majesty the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong and Their Royal Highnesses the State Rulers and their Consorts; as well as Their Excellencies Yang Di-Pertua Negeri; the Yang Amat Berhormat Prime Minister of Malaysia; the Yang Amat Berhormat Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia and their spouses, before proceeding to the Banquet Hall.

Before the Royal Banquet, a

Doa was read by Datuk Dr. Zulkifli Mohammad Al-Bakri, Mufti of the Federal Territories.

After the Royal Banquet, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam proceeded to the Anjung Utama together with His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and other Royal guests, before leaving the function.

His Majesty Sultan Muhammad V, the Sultan of Kelantan, was selected as the 15th Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia to succeed His Majesty Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Almu'tasimu Billahi Muhibbuddin Tuanku Alhaj Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Badlishah, whose term as the 14th Yang Di-Pertuan Agong ended in December last year.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam proceeded to Seri Negara Hall with His Majesty the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong and Their Royal Highnesses the State Rulers and their Consorts.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in a conversation with His Majesty the 15th Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, Sultan Muhammad V and other Royal guests.

Crown Prince attends Installation Ceremony of His Majesty the 15th Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, April 24 - 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 as personal representative of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam attended the Installation Ceremony of His Majesty the 15th Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, Sultan Muhammad V.

The Installation Ceremony took place at Istana Negara, Malaysia. Upon arrival at the Istana Negara, His Royal Highness the Crown Prince was greeted by Yang Berhormat Dato' Seri Dr. Salleh Said Keruak, Minister of Communications and Multimedia of Malaysia as the Chairman of the Coronation Committee and wife; as well as by other members of the Committee, before proceeding to the Dewan Seri Maharaja.

The Installation Ceremony was attended by Malaysia's State Rulers and royal family members; as well as Their Excellences the Yang-Di-Pertua-Yang-Di-Pertua Negeri; Yang Amat Berhormat Prime Minister; Yang Amat Berhormat Deputy Prime Minister; Cabinet Ministers; Chief



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 as a personal representative of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with His Majesty the 15th Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, Sultan Muhammad V.



His Royal Highness The Crown Prince and Malaysia's State Rulers as well as other royal family members at the Installation Ceremony of His Majesty the 15th Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, Sultan Muhammad V.



His Royal Highness The Crown Prince as a personal representative of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with His Majesty the 15th Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, Sultan Muhammad V and Yang Amat Berhormat Dato Laila Utama Dato' Sri Mohd. Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, The Prime Minister of Malaysia and spouse Yang Amat Berbahagia Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

Ministers; representatives of foreign nations, and local and foreign dignitaries, along with their spouses.

The ceremony began with the arrival of His Majesty Sultan Muhammad V at the Bailarung Seri, accompanied by the Datuk Maharaja Lela as well as panglimas carrying the Cogan Alam and Cogan Agama, the two silver ceremonial staffs which are part of the Royal Regalia and that symbolise the Malaysian Government.

His Majesty Sultan Muhammad V, the Sultan of Kelantan was appointed as the 15th Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia for a five-year term with effect from 13th December 2016, during a special meeting of the Conference of Rulers in October 2016.

His Majesty succeeded His Majesty Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Almu'tasimu Billahi Muhibbuddin Tuanku Alhaj Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan

Badlishah, the 14th Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia.

The Installation Ceremony marks the official start of the reign of His Majesty Yang Di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Muhammad V as the 15th Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia.

His Majesty Sultan Muhammad V was born on the 6th of October, 1969 at Istana Batu in Kota Bharu, Kelantan.

His Majesty acceded to the throne as the 29th Sultan of Kelantan on the 13th of September, 2010.

Prior to being appointed as the 15th Yang Di-Pertuan Agong, His Majesty had held the appointment of 14th Deputy Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia since 13th December 2011.

His Royal Highness The Crown Prince attends group photo session with Brunei DPMM FC



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah attended a team photo session with Brunei DPMM FC for the 2017 season at the Mini Stadium, Jerudong.

JERUDONG, April 5 - 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, Chairman of Brunei DPMM FC Football Club consented to attend a team photo session with Brunei DPMM FC for the 2017 season at the Mini Stadium, Jerudong.

After the photo session, His Royal Highness receive a *junjung ziarah* from the players and officials of Brunei DPMM FC team and then watch the training session. The Brunei DPMM FC team and the Singapore League (S-League) challenge this season when they played three games starting on March 3 against Home United FC in Brunei, followed by an away match (Singapore) on March 9 against Albirex Niigata FC and against Hougang United

FC at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium, Berakas on April 2.

Brunei DPMM FC team will play against Balestier Khalsa FC on April 7 at the Jalan Besar Stadium, Singapore and against Warriors FC on April 15 at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium, Berakas.

In the 2017 season, Brunei DPMM FC team players maintained its imports from Brazil, Rafael Ramazotti and two new foreign players, namely Billy Mehmet from England and Zeljko Savic of Serbia as well as local players.

Rafael Ramazotti was awarded as Top Scorer two years in a row in the 2015 and 2016 S- League.

A proud achievement was when Brunei DPMM FC team won the 2015 Champions League-S since joining the league in 2009.

Brunei DPMM FC win 2-0 against Hougang United FC

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, April 2 - Brunei DPMM FC team defeated Hougang United FC team 2-0 in the Singapore League (S-League) held at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium, Berakas.

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, 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 consented to attend the home match between DPMM FC and Hougang United FC.

Also present were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim and Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Muneerah Madhul Bolkiah.

Brunei DPMM FC team once again surprised the opponent, Hougang United FC when the team conceded a goal just a minute before halftime through defender Hendra Azam.

In the second half, the Hougang United FC team strengthened its defenses thus making the Brunei DPMM FC team to maintain the position at 2-0.

His Royal Highness receives Certificate of Completion of Elementary Flying Training Course



His Royal Highness Prince Captain 'Abdul Mateen receiving his certificate after successfully completing the Instrument Flying Test.

UNITED KINGDOM, April 28 - His Royal Highness Prince Captain 'Abdul Mateen ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah has consented to receive a Certificate of Completion after successfully concluding his Elementary Flying Training (EFT) Course No. Two Hundred (200) at a graduation ceremony held at the Daedalus Officers Mess, Royal Air Force (RAF) Cranwell, United Kingdom.

Upon arrival at the RAF Cranwell, His Royal Highness was greeted by Air Commodore Peter Squires, Commandant RAF College Cranwell.

His Royal Highness Prince Captain 'Abdul Mateen was awarded the certificate by Group Captain Jez Milne, Commandant 3 Flying Training School (FTS).

His Royal Highness underwent the course for a period of seven months at the 57 Squadron RAF Cranwell. A total of twelve trainees from the Royal Saudi Air Force, Kuwait Air Force and British Royal Air Force were also involved in the course. During the training, the trainees flew the Fixed Wing Tutor Grob 115 aircraft.

Present at the graduation ceremony were His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah and Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah. Also present were Chief Executive Officers of RAF Cranwell and Royal Air Force Shawbury as well as officers from the Brunei Darussalam High Commission in the United Kingdom.

The graduation ceremony concluded with a visit to 57th Squadron where a briefing was presented by Squadron Leader, Mike Waring, Officer Commanding 57 Squadron, followed by a video presentation about the courses and a static display of the Fixed Wing Tutor Grob 115 aircraft.



Present at the graduation ceremony were His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul Azim and Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah.

Pusat Ehsan receives donation



Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, as Chairman of Pusat Ehsan Al-Ameerah Al-Hajjah Maryam consented to present a donation cheque collected from the Brunei Polo Charity Day to Pengiran Datin Hajah Noraini, the Executive Trustee of Pusat Ehsan Al-Ameerah Al-Hajjah Maryam.

BENGGURONG, April 22 - Pusat Ehsan Al-Ameerah Al-Hajjah Maryam, Kampung Bengkurong received a total BND \$53, 416.50 donation collected from the Polo Charity Day 2017 organized by Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah.

Present on the contributions hand over at the New Building of Pusat Ehsan Al-Ameerah Al-Hajjah Maryam, was Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah.

Upon arrival, HRH Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah greeted by Pengiran Datin Hajah Noraini binti Pengiran Dipa Negara Laila Diraja Pengiran Haji Abdul Momin, the Executive Trustee of Pusat Ehsan Al-Ameerah Al-Hajjah Maryam, and board of trustee members.

The ceremony began with the recital of Surah Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat led by the centre's Religious Teacher, Awang Sanif bin Haji Awang Tariff.

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HRH as Chairman of Pusat Ehsan Al-Ameerah Al-Hajjah Maryam consented to present a donation cheque of BND \$53,416.50 to Pengiran Datin Hajah Noraini.

At the ceremony, Her Royal Highness consented to visit and launched the centre's library.

The new building of Pusat Ehsan is the first phase of the project redevelopment of Pusat Ehsan, while the next phase will include the construction of a mosque and a building for Pre Vocational and Vocational Education, where it is necessary to improve the quality of life of people

and society with special needs in the country.

Pusat Ehsan Al-Ameerah Al-Hajjah Maryam among others were set up to meet the requirements for special needs, as well as committed in providing quality education and rehabilitation services for individuals with disabilities and intellectual.

At present, the center has a total of 181 students enrolled in Kampung Bengkurong and 53 more students enrolled in the Belait District.

Brunei – Canada relationship cooperation remains solid

CANADA, April 2 - 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 arrived in Ottawa on 2 April 2017, to attend an invitation by Global Affairs Canada.

This year, Canada will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Canada and the 40th anniversary of ASEAN Dialogue Relations with Canada.

Upon arrival at the Ottawa International Airport, Her Royal Highness was welcomed by the Mr. James Ian Burchett, Director-General for Southeast Asia, APEC and ASEAN of Global Affairs Canada and His Excellency Colonel (Retired) Pengiran Haji Kamal Bashah bin Pengiran Haji Ahmad, Brunei Darussalam High Commissioner to Canada.

HRH began her meeting with Mr. Matt DeCoursey the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, followed by a meeting with His Excellency Dr. Donald Bobiash the Assistant Deputy Minister for Asia Pacific, Global Affairs Canada.

Meanwhile, Her Royal Highness also consented to attend lunch hosted by Mr. Peter M. Boehm, the Deputy Minister for International Development, Global Affairs Canada, held at Global Affairs Canada.

Several agendas were discussed during the meetings, especially on the development of bilateral relations, in which both sides have agreed to explore areas of potential collaboration. In addition, regional and international issues of mutual interest were also discussed.

The programme was followed by a courtesy visit to His Excellency The Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor-General of Canada. Also present was the wife of the Governor-General, Her Excellency Sharon Johnston.

During the meeting, both sides acknowledged that Brunei Darussalam and Canada have friendly relations and close cooperation and emphasised to further enhance bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

HRH subsequently attended a dinner at Salon Du Jardin, Hilton Lac-Leamy Hotel, Ottawa. Also present were Senators from the Province of British Columbia, Mr. Yuen Pau Woo, senior officials from Global Affairs Canada as well as the Heads of Delegation of ASEAN in Ottawa.

Accompanying HRH throughout the visit was Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Aziz bin Pengiran Jaya Negara Pengiran Haji Abu Bakar.

Before leaving Canada, HRH continued her tour to Vancouver on 4 April 2017.



Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Aziz bin Pengiran Jaya Negara Pengiran Haji Abu Bakar with David Johnston, Governor-General of Canada and his spouse Sharon Johnston.



Her Royal Highness during the bilateral meeting with Matt Decoursey, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, and Dr Donald Bobiash, Assistant Deputy Minister for Asia-Pacific, Global Affairs Canada.



Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, the Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Mr. Steward Beck, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Asia Pacific Foundation.

HRH arrives in Vancouver

CANADA, April 4 - 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 arrived in Vancouver, continuing her visit to Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada.

Upon arrival Her Royal Highness was welcomed by Mr. Steward Beck, President and Chief of Executive Officer of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada.

Her Royal Highness was then presented with a briefing on the role of the institution. The institution specialises in analysing and promoting Canada's economic development and political relations between Asia.

Accompanying HRH during the visit was Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Aziz bin Pengiran Jaya Negara Pengiran Haji Abu Bakar.

Her Royal Highness' visit coincided with Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation and the 40th anniversary of Asean – Canada Dialogue Relations this year.



Her Royal Highness was presented with a briefing on the role of the institution.



Exquisite Japanese crafts displayed at Malay Technology Museum

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, April 3 – Members of the public can take a closer look at the diversity and richness of the traditional Japanese craft products at an Exhibition held at the Malay Technology Museum in Kota Batu.

Co-organized by the Embassy of Japan in Brunei Darussalam and the Museums Department, the exhibition is open to the public until April 30.

The exhibition was officiated by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja (Retired) Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd Yussof, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports.

The exhibition focuses on traditional crafts made by craftsmen, who have gained and developed expertise due to the involvement of these traditional crafts in their daily life.

It introduces a wide range of the traditional craft products, including ceramics, textiles, glass, metalwork, wood and bamboo work, lacquer ware, paper and stationary.

Earlier, Her Excellency Noriko Iki, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Brunei Darussalam, in her speech said some of the craft objects were made by Japanese masters of traditional craft.



The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports officiating the exhibition.

Also attending were foreign dignitaries and invited guests including Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Quddus bin Pengiran Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Aziz, Special Duties Officer at the Museums Department.

MCYS sets holistic youth development program strategies

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, April 11 - The Youth Development Center will continue to evolve and updated in line with current and future needs to remain relevant and elevate as a Youth Development Excellence Center.

Among the areas of the task is to look into the steps towards a dynamic and inclusive Youth Development Excellence Center and to set up strategies as well as provide holistic youth development programmes and to prepare youth for a challenging future.

Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Retired) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, made the remark at the 17th Youth Development Programme Certificate Presentation for the January and July 2015 sessions.

He further explained that, opening equal opportunity for all qualified youths including those with special needs, offering them short courses that bring quick returns, enhance skills within shorter period of time.

Earlier, Yang Berhormat said, the development of human capital and the mindset and thinking of citizens is one of the biggest challenges and in Brunei Darussalam. Developing human capital will be further strengthened by the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

The approach to human development, emphasises on the development of knowledge, skills, intellectual capital including science, technology and entrepreneurship as well as the development of a progressive attitude, high ethical and moral values, said Yang Berhormat.

The center said Yang Berhormat, has trained almost 4,000 youths in various skills training that include short-term programmes or short courses.

"In terms of development course offered, I welcome the center's efforts to study the needs of the job market and industry in the country," added Yang Berhormat.

Offering courses relevant to the demands and needs of the country are expected to enhance in terms of skills, qualifications or employability of youth work. This is important or crucial for the centre to be excel in the future.

He added that, the implementation of the City & Guilds certification and certification programme as part of the course from 2015 is also a



Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Retired) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, presenting a certificate to one of the trainees of the Youth Development Programme for the January and July 2015 sessions.

landmark for the center.

In this regard, said the minister, the center is on track to enhance their marketability and mobility issue or training through international standard.

Meanwhile, Yang Berhormat also called for more youths to look forward to venturing into entrepreneurship as it has a very crucial function in the economic development of the nation that not only generates income for the youths but also offers job opportunities to other youths.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, April 19 - The British High Commission to Brunei Darussalam held a Reception to celebrate the 91st Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at the Indera Kayangan Ballroom, Empire Hotel and Country Club.

Present as the guest of honour to represent the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam is Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Bahrin bin Abdullah, the Minister of Development; and spouse Pengiran Datin Hajah Noorsiah binti Pengiran Hamdan.

The ceremony began with the National Anthem of the two countries.

Meanwhile, the British High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency David Campbell in his speech explained that the reception was celebrated in conjunction with the 91st Anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II, with the theme forest and how it connects the United Kingdom and Brunei Darussalam in addition to the wider Commonwealth.

His Excellency highlighted that the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) celebrated its 55th anniversary last year where the British Armed Forces are proud of the continuous service with the RBAF within the 55-year period.

"They regularly conduct joint exercises and carry out defense-related tasks in the Asia-Pacific region," he said.

Queen Elizabeth II Birthday Celebration reception



The Minister of Development and the British High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam cutting a cake in celebration of the 91st Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



Dato Paduka Dr. Awang Haji Mohd. Amin Liew bin Abdullah, the Deputy Finance Minister, in a group photo with delegates of the Islamic Development Bank Sukuk Model Law Workshop held at The Empire Hotel and Country Club.

The use of Sukuk as a method of financing

JERUDONG, April 25 - Islamic finance continues to grow and Brunei Darussalam's goal is to take advantage of the unique features such as an up-to-date Islamic Finance and Funds Management hub that is available to accelerate and increase growth in the ASEAN region and the world market, as there is a demand for more innovative Islamic financial products and services including the use of Sukuk as a means of financing.

This matter was stated by Dato Paduka Dr. Awang Haji Mohd. Amin Liew bin Abdullah, the Deputy Finance

Minister, in his keynote address at the launching of the Islamic Development Bank Sukuk Model Law Workshop held at The Empire Hotel and Country Club.

The Deputy Finance Minister further explained, after its introduction in 2006, one of the aims of the Brunei Government Sukuk Al Ijarah Program is to activate the local capital market.

He added that the framework that exists in many of them meet that purpose.

Roadshow raises awareness of saving



Awang Hanapi bin Mohd. Siput, Member of the Legislative Council and Village Head of Kampung Labi at the third roadshow in conjunction with the National Savings Day 2017 held at the Pengiran Anak Puteri Hj Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah Secondary School, Lumut.

LUMUT, April 10 - The Brunei Darussalam Monetary Authority (AMBD) in collaboration with the Ministry of Education (MOE), Ministry of Religious Affairs (MoRA), Radio Television Brunei (RTB), Employees Trust Funds (TAP) and other institutions and agencies held its third roadshow in conjunction with the National Savings Day 2017 at the Pengiran Anak Puteri Hj Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah Secondary School, Lumut.

Present as guest of honour was Yang Berhormat Awang Hanapi bin Mohd. Siput, a Member of the Legislative Council and Village Head of Kampung Labi.

Also present were senior officials from AMBD, MOE, MoRA and the Belait District Department.

According to the AMBD Press Release, the roadshow themed "Financially Literate Generation" is hoped to increase awareness of the importance of savings, financial independence and to make individuals and households, in particular students, to be more financially-savvy in the future.

This is in line with AMBD's efforts to develop a financially literate generation and also Brunei Vision 2035's objectives towards achieving a dynamic and sustainable economy, as well as highly-skilled population.

Brunei - Pakistan boost military cooperation



Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih bin Abdullah, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) received a courtesy call from His Excellency General Zubair Mahmood Hayat, NI (M), Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee of the Pakistan Armed Forces.

BERAKAS, April 6 - The friendship and bilateral relations in military area between Brunei Darussalam and Pakistan continues to be strengthen through top officials visits from both countries.

Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Major General Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih bin Abdullah, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) received a courtesy call from His Excellency General Zubair Mahmood Hayat, NI (M), Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee of the Pakistan Armed Forces.

Upon his arrival at the Ministry of Defense in Bolkiah Garrison, His Excellency General Zubair Mahmood Hayat was given the Guard of Honour comprising members of the RBAF, followed by a courtesy call to the Commander of RBAF.

His Excellency was accompanied by Brigadier Muhammad Aqeel,

Principal Staff Officer (PSO) to CJCS and Commodore Jawad Ahmed, the Pakistan Defence Advisor accredited to Brunei Darussalam.

During the courtesy call, discussions were focused on creating new opportunities as well as capitalising on existing opportunities, to explore areas of military cooperation between RBAF and the Pakistan Armed Forces.

Both sides also further affirmed commitments towards maintaining warm relationship and utilising various platforms and avenues of cooperation between both armed forces.

His Excellency General Zubair Mahmood Hayat together with his wife are in this country for a three-day introductory visit until April 8.

Also present during the courtesy call were Services Commanders, Joint Force Commander, the Chiefs of Staff RBAF and the Director of Intelligence.

The 18th ASEAN-OSHNET meeting begins

GADONG, April 4 - Brunei Darussalam hosted the 18th ASEAN Occupational Safety & Health Network (OSHNET) Coordinating Board Meeting for two days until April 5 at the Centrepoint Hotel.

ASEAN OSHNET was established since 1996, where the Board Meeting is organised annually in rotation among ASEAN member countries and this year is hosted by the Labour Department, Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA).

This 18th ASEAN-OSHNET Coordinating Board Meeting marks the second occasion that Brunei Darussalam had hosted the Board Meeting since the 8th ASEAN-OSHNET Coordinating Board Meeting in the capital in 2007.

The meeting was officiated by Awang Abdul Mutalib bin Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Setia Dato Paduka Haji Mohammad Yusof, Permanent Secretary at MoHA and chaired by Awang Ajman bin Haji Meludin, Commissioner of Labour, and attended by senior officers from the Department of Labour.

Awang Abdul Mutalib in his speech explained that the ASEAN-OSHNET Coordinating Board Meeting acts as an ideal open platform for discussion and exchange of best practices amongst ASEAN member states and external collaborating organisations.

ASEAN-OSHNET, among others,



Awang Abdul Mutalib bin Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Setia Dato Paduka Haji Mohammad Yusof, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Home Affairs in a group photo together with delegates and representatives attending the 18th ASEAN Occupational Safety & Health Network (OSHNET) Coordinating Board Meeting.

aims to develop a list of standards for Employment, Safety and Health (OSH), an ASEAN Risk Management manual focusing on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), national OSH campaign activities for public awareness and initiatives Joint network of injury compensation institutions in ASEAN Member States.

ASEAN-OSHNET Action Plan for 2016-2020 he added, is an attempt to create a real and reliable for capacity building of regional and national level to improve the capacity of policy makers and the competent authorities to assess and emphasise matters related to safety and health

at work.

A total of 40 delegates attended the event, including representatives from ASEAN member states, government agencies of Brunei Darussalam, ASEAN-OSHNET Secretariat, ASEAN Secretariat, International Labour Organization (ILO), International Association of Labour Inspection (IALI), State Administration of Work Safety China (SAW), Korean Occupational Safety and Health Agency (KOSHA) and Japan Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW).

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The 18th ASEAN-OSHNET Coordinating Board Meeting was followed by the 4th ASEAN-OSHNET Conference which will be held on April 6.

The conference will be held at the same venue and is expected to receive many entries comprising of 200 invited participants. They will

get to see some safety and health themed presentations by ASEAN-OSHNET, ILO and local companies as well as government officials from ASEAN member countries on latest progressive issues of safety and health.

The main purpose of the Coordination Board Meeting is to exchange information, discuss strategies and share practices and

experience in occupational safety and health in ASEAN.

The ASEAN Government, through the work of the Coordination Board Meeting, has been actively implementing policies and programmes designed on occupational safety and health as a response to hazardous workplace and employee well-being.

Brunei host 49th SEAFDEC meeting

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, April 3. - Brunei Darussalam hosted the 49th Meeting of the Council of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Centre (SEAFDEC) held at Songket Ballroom, Rizqun International Hotel.

Present to officiate the meeting was Dr. Awang Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT).

Among the issues discussed at the meeting were the substantive and considerate regional policy considerations such as the non-compliance of Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing in the region in line with the adoption of the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Joint Declaration on Regional Cooperation and Enhancement Competitiveness of ASEAN Fish and Fisheries Products.

The matter was explained by Awang Abdul Halidi Mohd.Salleh, Director of Fisheries and chairman of the SEAFDEC Council from April 2017 to March 2018.

According to Awang Abdul Halidi, they are also responsible for discussing further on the Proposed Concept towards the development of the Fisheries Policy with ASEAN in response to the recommendations made by the 38th ASEAN Ministers Meeting (AMAF) last year.

Brunei Darussalam has been a member of the SEAFDEC organisation since 1995 and at the moment SEAFDEC's establishment comprises all members of ASEAN



Dr. Awang Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT) in group photo with the delegations from 49th Meeting of the SEAFDEC Council from ASEAN countries.

and Japan.

SEAFDEC's mandate was set up to develop and manage the potential of fishery resources in the region by rational resource exploration to contribute food security and safety to the population and reduce poverty through the application of new technologies, research and dissemination of information.

The SEAFDEC organisation is also a technical arm of the ASEAN organisation in the field of fisheries.

The 49th Meeting of the SEAFDEC Council aims to discuss the progress of projects that have been implemented in 2016 and further approve projects to be implemented in 2017.

The meeting also discussed the projects to be undertaken under the SEAFDEC cooperation and

ASEAN bodies under the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group in Fisheries (ASWGF).

The launch of the ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme is very much in line with Brunei Darussalam's efforts to advance the outcome of the country's catchment sector in meeting the export needs of fishery products, especially to the United States and the European Union countries.

Brunei Darussalam is honoured to be the site for this 'pilot project' before it was adopted by SEAFDEC countries when it succeeded.

The meeting was attended by the director-level or director at the Department of Fisheries or Department responsible for the development of fisheries in each member country.

BIBD shares Brunei views on Fintech opportunities

KUALA LUMPUR, April 12 – BIBD recently represented Brunei at the 15th General Assembly of the Islamic Financial Services Board's (IFSB) Annual Meetings 2017 hosted by Bank Negara Malaysia.

The annual meetings also included a seminar on "Islamic Finance and Global Regulation: Moving Targets and New Horizons" where BIBD's

Head of Government Relations and Special Projects, Haji Minorhadi Haji Mirhassan gave a presentation on the rise of fintech and its benefits to Islamic finance.

In his presentation, he expressed his appreciation for inviting BIBD to participate in this prestigious event together with global regulators, market players, academics, rating

agencies and other industry stakeholders.

"We are also thankful that we are able to be part of discussions that would allow us to enrich our customer preposition to be in a position to better understand and capitalise on upcoming opportunities, especially within the fintech space," he said.

The delegation from UNIVA Medan, Indonesia visits UNISSA

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN - Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) became the focus of international community, particularly from Islamic educational institutions to foster closer friendship with a visit to the university.

Recently, UNISSA received a visit from the Al-Washliyah University (UNIVA) Medan, Indonesia headed by the university's rector, Professor Dr. H. Basyaruddin, MS. The delegation was welcomed by Dr. Haji Mohammed Hussain bin Pehin Penyurat Haji Ahmad, the acting rector of UNISSA.

The purpose of the visit was to explore collaborative opportunities in the field of research involving the two academic specialists of the university, especially in the field of dissemination of Islamic da'wah and to combat the deviance of the creed as well as to plan cooperation activities involving the Faculty of Shariah and Law, and the Faculty of Economics and Islamic Finance.

In his speech, the UNIVA rector, among others, explained that UNIVA was established in May 18, 1958 and is now 59 years old and its establishment is to produce responsible and noble scholars and



Dr. Haji Mohammed Hussain bin Pehin Penyurat Haji Ahmad, acting rector of UNISSA exchanging souvenirs with the Professor Dr. H. Basyaruddin, the Rector of Al-Washliyah University (UNIVA) Medan, Indonesia.

masters in order to preserve the safety of religion, race and nation.

Also participating in the UNIVA group is the Al-Jam'iyatul Washliyah Education Council of North Sumatra, Indonesia, which comprises 24 members comprising lecturers, instructors of Educational Institutions and Corporate Members.

The ceremony concluded with a dialogue and souvenir exchange as

a symbol that UNISSA and UNIVA will continue to work together and become close partners in fields of scientific research and will plan the signing of a memorandum of understanding in the future.

Also present were assistant rector of UNISSA, executive officers, deans and dean facilitators and central directors.

ASWGL forge partnerships for livestock project

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, April 27 - ASEAN countries are expected to continue to strengthen the close cooperation of the ASEAN community towards a more secure and prosperous with regards to commitment and continuous political support.

These efforts can be further enhanced through continuous collaboration and partnership with dialogue and development partners.

This was highlighted by Dayang Hajah Aidah binti Haji Mohd Hanifah, Director of Agriculture and Agrifood, at the opening meeting of the 25th ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Livestock (ASWGL) held at the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT).

Under the initiative and achievement of the ASWGL, the body continues to recognise the significant socioeconomic impact on animal diseases as well as the development and implementation of strategic frameworks and mechanisms at regional and national levels.

Among the accomplishments through this technical body is the Trans-Boundary Animal Disease (TADS) such as foot and mouth and Avian Influenza, ASEAN Coordination Center for Animal Health and Zoonosis (ACCAHZ); Strengthening the Animal Services Program; ASEAN Regional Animal Health Information System (ARAHIS) and the Cooperation Program with the Food

and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

"The initiative is parallel to addressing challenges that affect ASEAN and global such as food shortages, impact on animal life and movement due to zoonosis and public health, economic and international trade and regional through harmonisation of standards and climate change with the impact on livestock production," she said.

She further hopes that this meeting will not only provide the opportunity to share and update the achievements and network activities over the past few years, instead, making it easier to make the necessary decisions to advance the ASWGL agenda and forge new partnerships through livestock-related projects in the region.

Brunei Darussalam was elected to host the two-day meeting, which was attended by delegates and government officials from ASEAN member countries: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam Including the ASEAN Secretariat, FAO and OIE.

ASWGL is a technical body held annually under the ASEAN initiative for livestock development, animal disease and its effects on human health through zoonotic diseases.

Keep the survival of the country's history

KATOK, April 3 – Historical events can provide positive exposure and useful knowledge to young people especially secondary school students on the importance of learning and knowing the history and relevance of historical lessons to the development of the country.

According to Awang Hanafi bin Haji Salleh, Acting Deputy Principal of the Brunei History Centre (PSB), the Outreach Programme: Getting Closer with History (*Mendekati Sejarah Silam*) focuses on young generations to understand and love the nation's history, for they are the future generation to develop and progress the country's future. The event took place at the Multipurpose Hall, Katok Secondary School.

Through understanding and affection, he added, such sentiments encourage the future generation of the country nowadays to obey the king, nation and country and support the national philosophy of Malay Islamic Monarchy (MIB).

Therefore, he hopes that the programme will provide exposure to students through interaction and question-and-answer sessions on any questions, especially those involving the history of the country.

Meanwhile, Dayang Penrose



Awang Hanafi bin Haji Salleh, Acting Deputy Principal of the Brunei History Centre (PSB) at the Outreach Programme.

Saleha binti Haji Mohd. Salleh, the Principal of Katok Secondary School, said the aim of the programme was to support the philosophy of MIB through knowledge and teaching history to young generations and youths so that they have the spirit of patriotism and self-esteem.

The three-day programme organized by PSB in collaboration with Katok Secondary School, was filled with briefings and brief explanations on PSB's functions and

roles besides being provided with workshops, exhibitions, book clinics and other activities.

Through the programme it is hoped that it will be a catalyst, especially in the interests of youths about the importance of learning history towards the nation's development as well as to safeguard and sustain the survival of the country's history in the face of a challenging globalisation world.

Dissemination of Strata Title Act

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, April 19 - Property ownership in Brunei Darussalam has stepped into a new phase with the enforcement of the Land Code Act (Strata) Chapter 189 commencing on 1 July 2009.

Meanwhile, in disseminating information on the strata titles granted by His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in 1999, the Ministry of Development through the Land Department has established a Strata Title Restructuring Act roadshow held at the Bertabur Hall, 1st Floor, Ministry of Development.

At the briefing, the advantages of strata ownership, as well as procedures related were described through five briefings, namely Introduction to Strata Title Act; The Process of Division of Buildings Strata; Process of Certificate Preparation for Subdivision of Building Strata; Process for Registration and Transfer of Ownership Strata and finally The Role of the Strata Corporation.

The briefings were presented by officers from the Land Department and the Survey Department.

The roadshow was attended by stakeholders representing landowners, developers, real estate agents, professional bodies, land surveyor licensed, lawyers and financial institutions to increase their understanding and help increase the rate of withdrawal titles strata.

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introduced to encourage domestic and foreign investors to invest in the property market in the country as well as to guarantee private land ownership and strata ownership rights to Bruneians, permanent residents and foreign citizens.