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His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah greets President Corazon Aquino at the Brunei International Airport.

President Aquino pays state visit to BD

His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, and the Philippines President, Mrs. Corazon Aquino, reiterated their total support for ASEAN efforts to find a comprehensive political solution to the Kampuchean problem.

This is one of the outcomes of the discussions between the two leaders in Bandar Seri Begawan during President Aquino's three-day state visit to Brunei Darussalam, which began on August 29.

Both leaders stated that if the Kampuchean issue was not resolved, it would remain an obstacle to the realization of South East Asia as a zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality (ZOP-FAN).

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Diversification and the private sector

Brunei Darussalam's Fifth Development Plan, 1986--1990, is a good indication of the direction the Government is taking to diversify the country's economy, which is heavily dependent on oil and gas.

Industrialisation and entrepreneurship are among the main items in the Plan that seeks to fulfill the national aspiration of economic diversification.

The crucial question surrounding the country's quest for "industrialised" status has to be what type of manufactures it should produce and what level of capability its entrepreneurs have in order to avoid any problems.

The Government had identified 23 industrial sites and approved several industrial projects. Steps are also being taken to develop potential forest and fishery resources.

Like elsewhere in the free world, the Government wants the private sector to play a meaningful role in the country's economic development.

Brunei Darussalam has a wealth of resources waiting to be tapped by local entrepreneurs with the determination and willingness to work hard and succeed.

With this in mind the Government has given a myriad of incentives, including finance and premises, in an effort to develop and encourage the private sector to contribute more to the country's economic well-being.

Further incentives being provided in the Plan should enable the private sector to shoulder gradually their share of the burden and do away with the bad old habit of leaving everything to the Government.

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The two Heads of State held talks in the traditional spirits of warm friendship, and exchanged views on matters of mutual interests, including bilateral and regional topics as well as current international issues relevant to world peace.

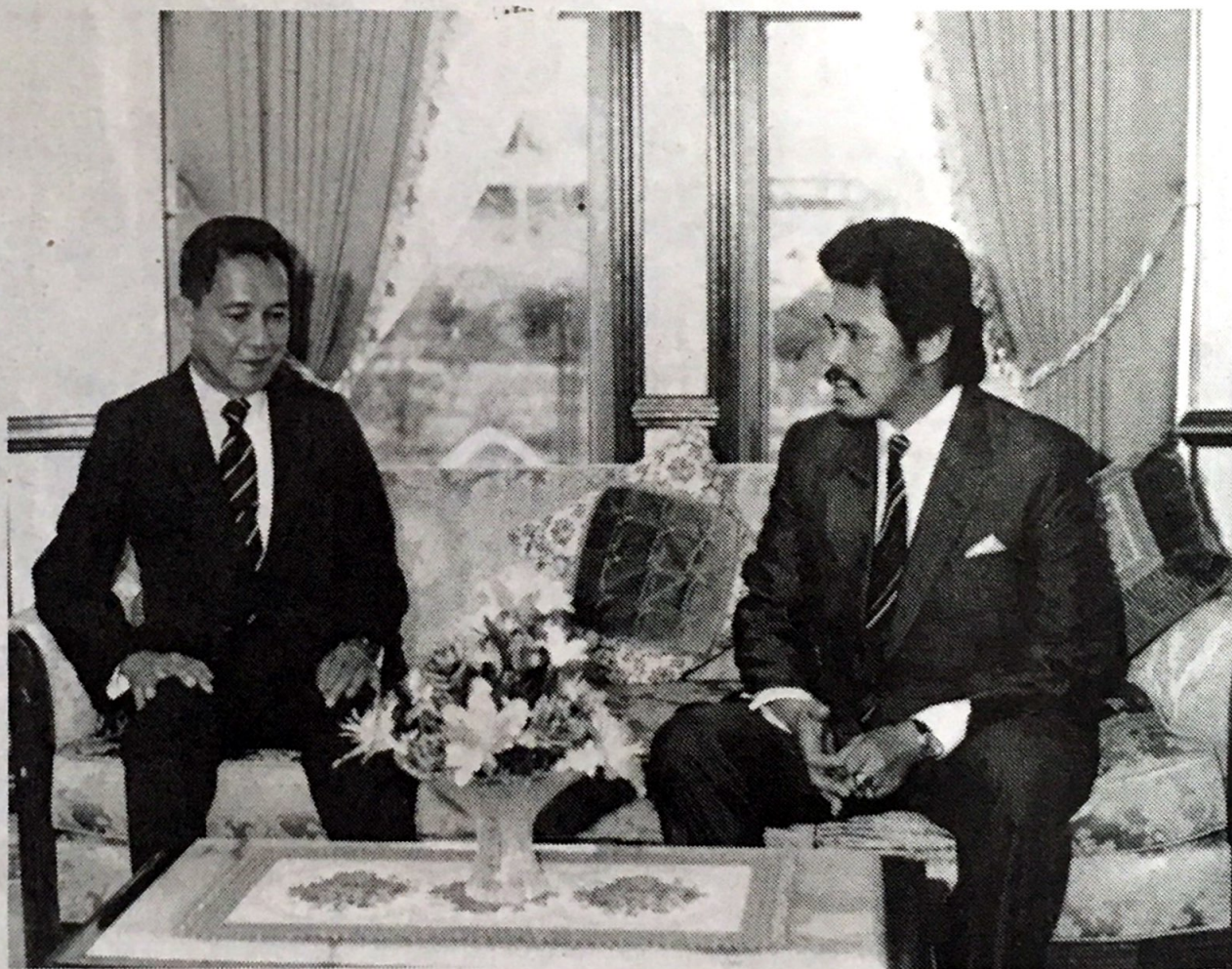
His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan and President Aquino recognised the existing potentials for the expansion of bilateral cooperation between the two countries in trade, investment, communication, shipping and construction. The two leaders noted the needs to encourage joint efforts to facilitate direct interaction between private sectors from both countries.

Earlier Mrs Aquino arrived to a red carpet welcome at the Brunei International Airport where she received a 21 gun-salute and inspected a guard-of-honour.

At the airport to welcome President Aquino was His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan. Also present were His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Bendahara Seri Maharaja Permaisura Pengiran Muda Haji Sufri Bolkiah, and His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Digadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Haji Jefri Bolkiah, the Finance Minister, cabinet ministers and other state dignitaries.

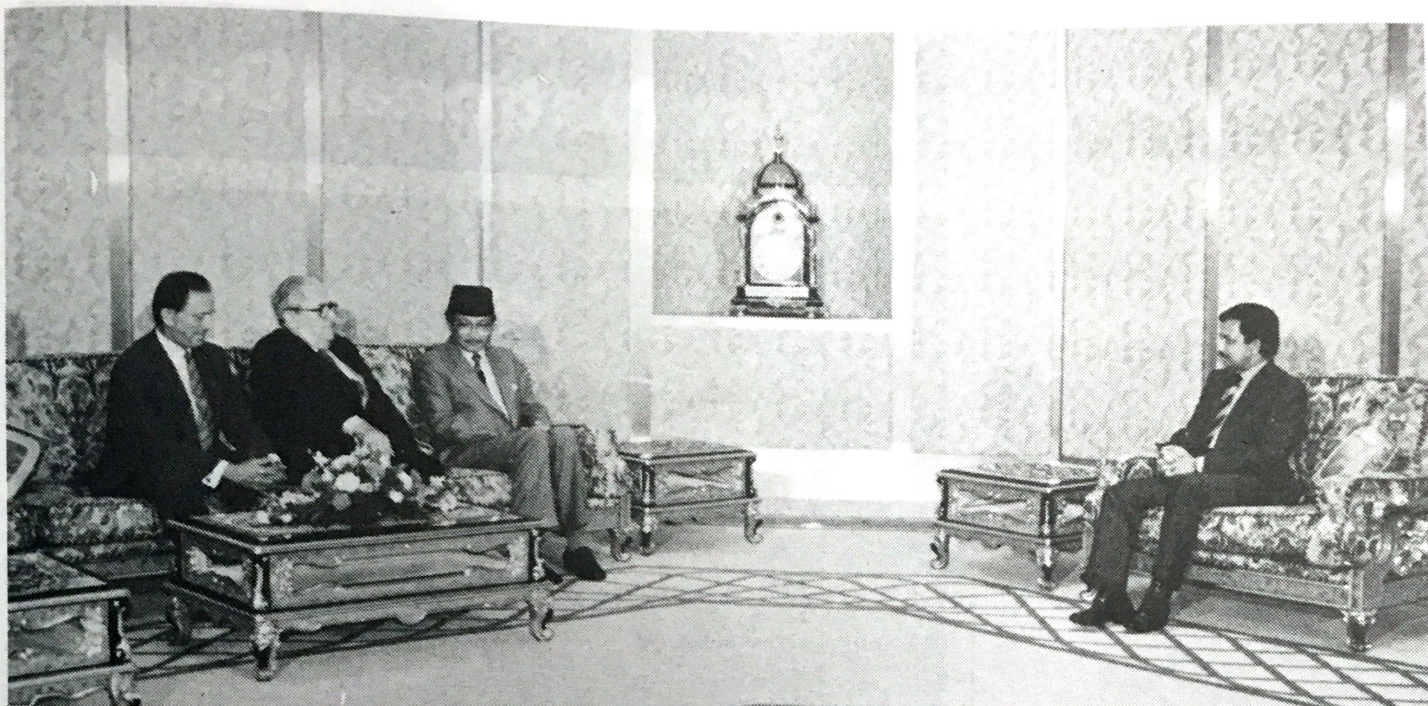
The route from the airport to Istana Edinburgh, where the President and her delegation were staying, was lined on both sides by thousands of flag-waving schoolchildren.

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H.R.H. Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister, having a discussion with Mr Roul S. Manglapus, the Philippines Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

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His Excellency Mr Vernom A. Walters, the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations (second from left), who was in Brunei Darussalam for a short visit, was granted an audience by His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, at Istana Nurul Iman on September 1.

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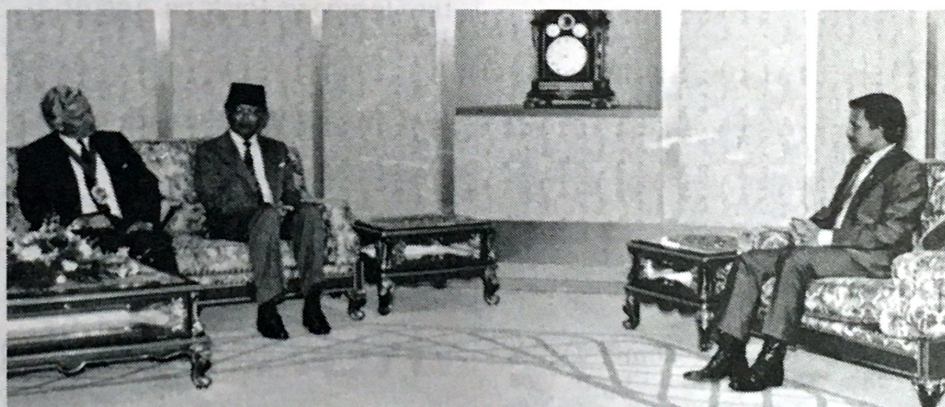
President Aquino was later received in audience by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan at the Istana Nurul Iman.

At the audience President Aquino conferred the 'Ancient Order of Siktuna' (Rank of Rajah) on His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan, who bestowed the Darjah Kerabat First Class Dato Laila Utama Darjah Kerabat Yang Amat Dihormati (DK) on the President.

During her visit, Mrs Aquino met some of the 6000 Filipinos in the country at a gathering held at the Pusat Dakwah Islamiah.

The President delegation included Mr Roul S. Manglapus, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr Carlos G. Dominguez, the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr Franklin M. Drilon, the Secretary of Labour and Employment, Mr Jose S. Concepcion, the Secretary of Trade and Industry, Mr Jose P. de Jesus, the Cabinet Secretary, Mr Neptali A. Gonzales, a Member of the Senate, Mr Roul S. Roco, a Member of the House of Representatives, and Mr. Miguel Perez Rubio, the Chief Presidential Protocol.

London Mayor on good-will visit



Sir Greville Spratt, the Lord Mayor of London (left) during an audience with His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at Nurul Iman.

The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Greville Spratt, was on a two-day good will visit to the Sultanate last month. The Lord Mayor was accompanied by his wife; the Sheriff of London, Mr Richard Saunders, and his wife; and Sir Greville's deputy private secretary, Mr John Trotter.

The Lord Mayor called on the Foreign Affairs Minister, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran

Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah.

Later Sir Greville Spratt was received in audience by His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, at Istana Nurul Iman on August 31.

The London delegation was in Kuala Lumpur before they came to the Sultanate, and was scheduled to visit Singapore and Japan before returning home.

Deputy Minister visits Sultanate



Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman

The Malaysian Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman, gave talks to several senior women government officers on "Women's role in the nation's development" during a gathering held at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium lecture hall near the capital.

Before returning home, Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman was granted an audience by His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, at Istana Nurul Iman.

Earlier the Malaysian deputy minister paid a courtesy call on His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister.

During her three-day visit, which started on September, the minister toured a kindergarten run by the Pertiwi Women's Association, and the Arts and Handicrafts Training Centre.

31st National Day



His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah (right) with the Malaysian High Commissioner Datuk Zainal Abidin Mokhtar.

The Malaysian High Commission marked Malaysia's 31st National Day with a reception at the Jerudong Park on August 31, 1988.

His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs

Minister, represented the Brunei Darussalam government at the reception.

Also present at the occasion, which was hosted by Datuk Zainal Abidin bin Mokhtar, the Malaysian High Commissioner, were members of the diplomatic community, senior government officials and Malaysians residing in the Sultanate.

RBA sends apprentices to UK

A group of 13 Royal Brunei Airlines apprentices last month left for the United Kingdom to undergo a five-year apprenticeship training with Britannia Airways.

The apprenticeship agreements were signed at the RBA Plaza in Bandar Seri Begawan on September 7.

Commenting on the current training programme, the RBA Managing Director, Pengiran Tengah bin Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Metassim said,

"Since our first group of Bruneian engineers were sent for extended training overseas in 1978, nineteen have returned as fully qualified engineers."

The Managing Director added: "Current and future training programmes will build on their example and will provide a solid foundation of skilled Bruneians as part of Royal Brunei's progressive localisation."

So far 73 Bruneians have been sent for the apprenticeship training since 1978.

Editors told to develop a national and regional perspective

News editors in the region should not adopt the attitude possessed by their western counterparts who are only interested in the commercial aspects of news.

Dato Seri Laila Jasa Haji Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong, Permanent Secretary at the Prime Minister's Office, said they should instead develop a national and regional perspective.



Dato Seri Laila Jasa Haji Abu Bakar

Speaking at the 13th ABU News Study Group Meeting in Bandar Seri Begawan on September 20, Dato Haji Abu Bakar said that western newsmen, particularly those of the "investigative" variety, seem only interested in negative coverage of the countries in the third world.

He said: "We cannot rely on them to provide positive coverage

Minister lays groundwork for ASEAN meeting



Pehin Jawatan Luar Pekerma Raja Dato Seri Paduka Haji Awang Hussain (right) with the Malaysian Minister of Social Welfare Services, Encik Mustapha bin Mohammad.

The Malaysian Minister of Social Welfare Services, Encik Mustapha bin Mohammad, who was on a two-day visit, called on Pehin Jawatan Luar Pekerma Raja Dato Seri Paduka Haji Awang Hussain, the Culture, Youth and Sports Minister.

Later, the Malaysian minister was received in audience at

Istana Nurul Iman by His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

The minister was here to lay the groundwork for an ASEAN ministerial meeting on social welfare services to be held in Kuala Lumpur later this month.

and Asiavision members must come to grips with this problem and bridge the news gap with positive coverage."

He also stressed on the needs for members of Asiavision to look at the value of news from their own perspective and not through the eyes of foreign commercial news agencies.

Dato Haji Abu Bakar continued: "It is therefore important for us all to strive effectively in transferring our perspective to viewers in other regions. If we don't take the initiative, the status quo will remain the same.

"The concept of Asiavision is a very important one and our aim is to balance the flow of information

or news from developing countries to the west".

He urged members of the Asiavision to increase their efforts to find a balance between news with a commercial or 'saleable' outlook and what is often judged as 'propaganda' by the west.

The biannual meeting, hosted for the first time by Brunei Darussalam, was attended by broadcasting agencies or corporations involved in the exchange of news in the Asia-Pacific region.

Among the principal aims of the meeting are the evaluations of developments and the identification of problems faced by member organisations.



His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, (second from right) accompanied by Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Major-General Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Mohammed, the RBAF Chief of Staff, came for the final assault.

'Setia Kawan' exercise a success



Helicopters of the Royal Navy aircraft carrier, HMS Ark Royal, taking off to play their role in the joint exercise.

His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, visited and briefly took part in the biggest joint military exercise involving British and Brunei armed forces, which ended on September 4.

The two-week exercise code-named 'Setia Kawan' or Loyal Friend, mobilised every unit of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) and covered all four districts of the State.

In an interview Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Major General Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Mohammad, the RBAF Chief of Staff, explained that the exercise has five main objectives:

* To train RBAF in defending

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ASEAN committee on science and technology

ASEAN should help to solve the Kampuchean problem



HRH Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah.

The nineteenth Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on Science and Technology (COST) was held in Bandar Seri Begawan last month.

The meeting discussed follow-up actions to implement the decisions of the Third Meeting of the ASEAN Heads of Government held in Manila in December last year. Its aims include the strengthening of intra-ASEAN cooperation programmes in science and technology, especially in the fields of bio-technology, material sciences, and micro-electronics.

They also discussed the preparations for the ASEAN Food Conference 88 to be held in Bangkok on October 24, and the Second ASEAN Science and Technology Week to take place in Manila early next year.

The three-day meeting, which started on September 28, was attended by delegates from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Brunei Darussalam.

ASEAN's dialogue partners in Science and Technology Cooperation are Australia, Canada, the European Community, Japan, New Zealand, the United States and UNDP.

ASEAN should help in the process of finding a solution to the Kampuchean problem acceptable to all factions, however it would be unrealistic to expect an immediate solution but I am confident ASEAN can contribute positively towards this process.

His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Brunei Darussalam Foreign Affairs Minister, who is also the Chairman of the ASEAN Standing Committee, stated this in his opening address at the first meeting of the 22nd ASEAN Standing Committee in Bandar Seri Begawan on September 6.

"The third meeting of our Heads of Government in December last year gave us a clear direction for our activities and we

should all work to ensure that all decisions are implemented.

In this and subsequent meetings of the ASEAN Standing Committee, we should be looking at ways of enhancing the unity and viability of ASEAN.

"Events in the last couple of months have given us more hope in our effort to help in the search for a solution to the Kampuchean problem. Since Bangkok, we have had the Informal Meeting in Bogor, which was the first time that the four Khmer factions have come together with concerned countries to try to settle the problem by negotiation," said His Royal Highness.

The two-day meeting was attended by the envoys of the ASEAN member countries to the Sultanate and senior ASEAN Secretariat officials.

Brunei, Singapore mark tenth year joint exercise

Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) Flotilla and the Republic of Singapore Navy last month celebrated their tenth year joint-exercises with a cake and an exercise.



Lieutenant Colonel Mohd. Noeh bin Abdul Hamid, the RBAF Naval Commanding Officer, cutting the tenth anniversary cake.

Cutting the tenth anniversary cake was Lieutenant-Colonel Mohd Noeh bin Abd. Hamid, the RBAF Naval Commanding Officer.

The Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) ships with about 200 officers and men led by Lieutenant-Colonel Kuik, the RSN Fleet Commander, arrived at the Flotilla Muara Base on September, 14.

Lieutenant-Colonel Kuik also called on Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Major General Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Mohammad, the RBAF Chief of Staff, at the Berakas Garrison.

The one-week joint-exercise named 'PELICAN 10/88' involved four RSN ships namely, RSS Tiger, RSS Sea Dragon, RSS Justice and RSS Intrepid.

Studying in Britain exhibition

Bruneian students who aspire to take up further studies in the United Kingdom were able to get advice on the prospects at first hand from British institutions representatives last month.

Twenty-one educational institutions representatives were on hand to deal with queries during a three-day exhibition entitled 'Studying in Britain 1988', which was organised by the British Council and held from September 5.

Speaking at the exhibition opening, Dato Seri Laila Jasa Awang Haji Ahmad, the Deputy Education Minister, said that the strain on public financial resources has led other governments to call for greater private sector participation in complementing national development efforts, as well as to explore new ideas to meet society's demands.

The deputy minister added that it is rightly that "we should call for private participation; and concerned enterprises to assist the government in providing greater educational services in the



Dato Seri Laila Jasa Awang Haji Ahmad (second from right) tours the exhibition.

development of human resources of Brunei Darussalam."

On display at the exhibition were leaflets on the various courses offered by the institutions leading to diploma, degree and post-graduate qualifications. There were also talks by the

representatives on such subjects as engineering, business and management, science and humanities, architecture and surveying, hotel management, accounting and finance, art and design, librarianship, maths and computing.

Businessmen urged to work together

Indigenous entrepreneurs were reminded to keep abreast with the challenges of new business management techniques.

Dato Paduka Awang Haji Abidin bin Orang Kaya Perwira Abdul Rashid, the Deputy Home Affairs Minister, was speaking at the opening of the 24th Brunei Malay Chamber of Commerce General Meeting on September 18.

The Deputy Minister also called on the entrepreneurs to be fully

committed to their businesses and industries in order to keep up with successful foreign businessmen.

He urged entrepreneurs to work together in order to create unity and harmony among themselves, which will greatly benefit the country's economy.

The Brunei Malay Chamber of Commerce, headed by Dato Paduka Awang Haji Abd. Hapidz, has 118 other local entrepreneurs as members.



Dato Paduka Awang Haji Abidin

A two-day art exhibition by Christine Healey called 'Impressions of Brunei' was held at the Malay Technology Museum, Jalan Kota Batu last month.

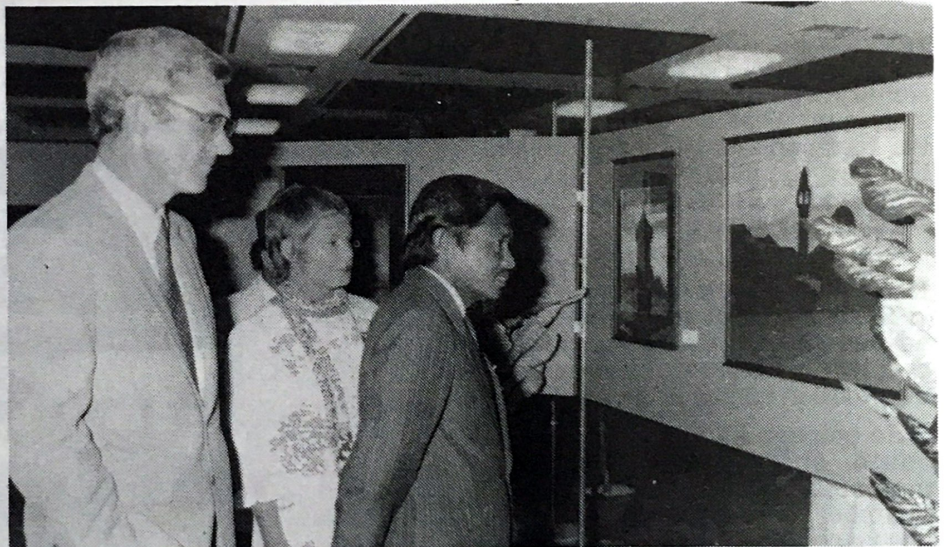
The paintings included the Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque, Kampong Ayer, Tunku Beach, Riverside Houses at Muara, and the nodding donkeys at the Seria oil-fields.

Christine Healey is the resident artist at the University of Salford, United Kingdom. Her collection of water colours and oil paintings is based on her visit to the country in 1987.

During the exhibition, the British artist also conducted a two-day workshop for amateur painters in the country.

The exhibition was officially opened by Dato Paduka Haji Abdul Razak bin Haji Mohammad, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Education, on September 3.

'Impressions of Brunei' by a British artist



Dato Paduka Haji Abdul Razak (right) tours the exhibition accompanied by Christine Healey and Mr David Elliot, a representative of the British Council.

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Brunei International Airport and Muara Port from external intruders. For this the RBAF obtained help from a Royal Navy aircraft carrier, HMS Ark Royal, which was anchored in the South China Sea.

* To train the RBAF to get help from overseas through the airport. Six hundred Hong Kong-based Gurkha 2/2 Bat-

alion arrived on the first week of the exercises.

* To train both the RBAF and British forces in sea and air joint-operation.

* To coordinate the RBAF and British forces in air operation using helicopters to support land and sea elements.

* Lastly, the exercise was to test the RBAF air defence,

which is limited but sophisticated.

The RBAF Chief of Staff said the RBAF got from the exercise valuable training and new war techniques. In future, the RBAF will send more personnel to undergo group training in such countries as Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand to upgrade their performance. He praised the RBAF for having done well and described the exercise as a success.

S.A.: Be more active in business



Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama Awang Haji Isa (second from left) looking at the exhibition.

In an effort to speed up the industrialisation process in the country, the Brunei Malay Chamber of Commerce and Industry should be more active in their business fields.

Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama Awang Haji Isa, the Special Adviser to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan cum the Home Affairs Minister, made the statement when he declared open the International Building Exhibition on September 21 at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium near the capital.

The minister said Brunei Darussalam's strategic position in Southeast Asia should be taken advantage of in full to enable the country to become a trading and distribution centre in the region.

He pointed out that this matter could only be achieved if members of the Brunei Malay Chamber of Commerce and Industry continue to cooperate with one another and help themselves expand their respective businesses.

The Special Adviser hoped that the Brunei Malay Chamber of Commerce and Industry members and local businessmen in general will benefit from the exhibition that provides the consumers and contractors with the opportunity to observe the technology of building materials and their maintenance.

In his welcoming speech, the President of the Brunei Malay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dato Paduka Awang Haji Abdul Hapidz, expressed the hope that the exhibition would give local entrepreneurs the necessary

encouragement and have a positive effect on the country's development, especially in industrial progress.

About 65 exhibitors, including some from Singapore, the Federal Republic of Germany, Austria, Taiwan, Australia, Spain, Malaysia, and Thailand took part in the four-day exhibition.

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 **campur**.

Campur is the different types of biscuits, cakes and other delicacies wrapped up and given away to the guests at a function. This has been traditional practice among Brunei Malays for many generations.

Let us use the word **campur** in a sentence:

*Para jemputan masing-masing membawa **campur** pulang selepas menghadiri majlis doa selamat yang diadakan di rumah Awang Ali.*

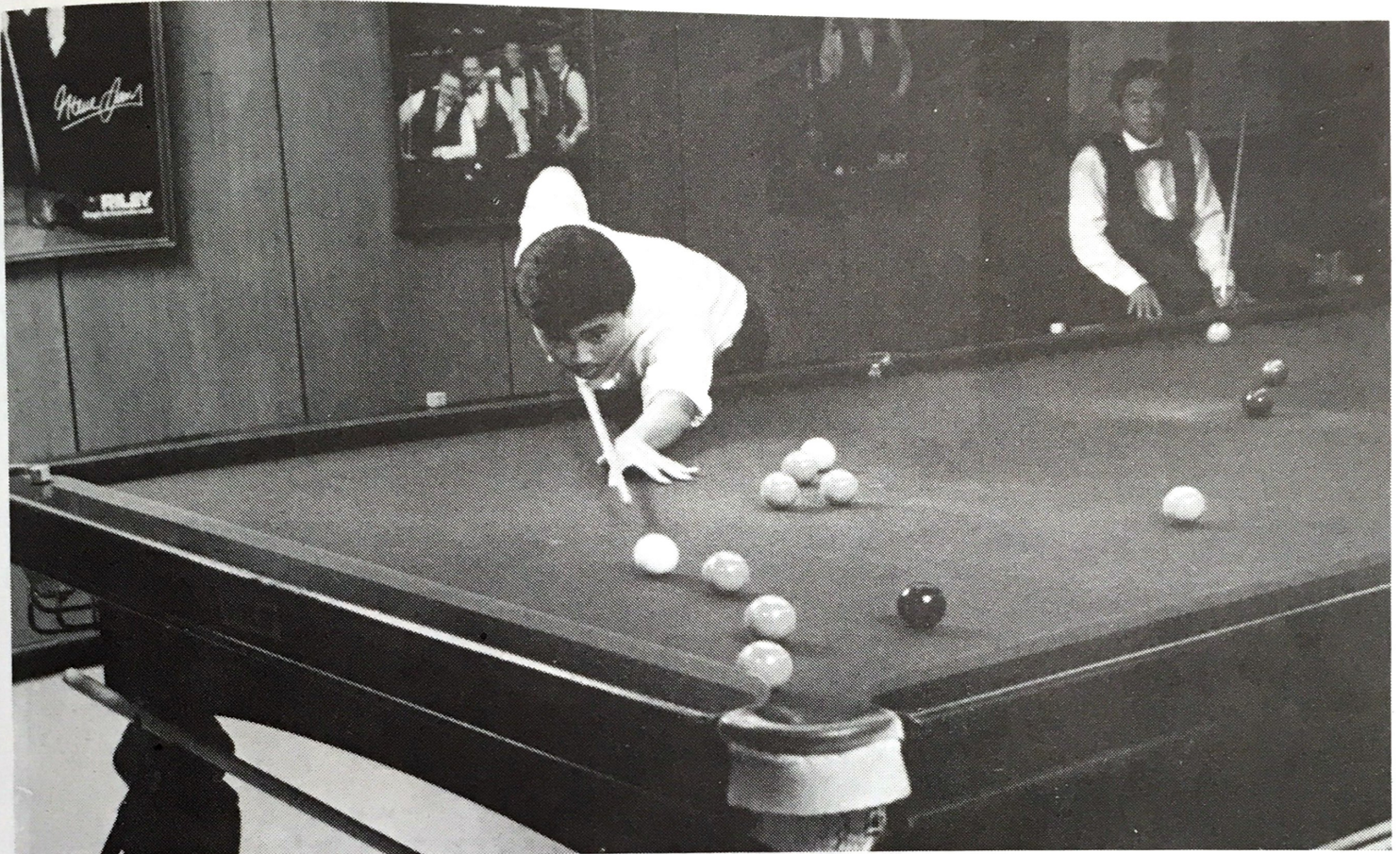
The guests each brought home some **campur** after attending the thanksgiving prayer ceremony held at Awang Ali's house.



FRG Embassy donates books

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany last month presented 30 volumes of reference books to Brunei Darussalam. The English language books were received by Awang Haji Ahmad bin Kadi (left), the Director of the Language and Literature Bureau, from Mr Jochem Sartorius, the Embassy Charge d'Affaires, on September 13. So far the Language and Literature Bureau has received similar gifts from seven other foreign missions in Brunei Darussalam.

National Snooker Open



H.R.H. Prince Al-Muhtadee Billah potting a ball.

His Royal Highness Prince Al-Muhtadee Billah, the eldest son of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan, won the Brunei National Snooker Open 1988 when he beat Awang Aris Haji Ali with two frames to one, 48 - 36, 33 - 49, 46 - 29, in the final on September 9.

Third and fourth places went to Awang Lim Tian Ching and Tan Soon She. The championship was organised by the Brunei Darussalam National Billiard and Snooker Association.

Your turn

The next issue of the *Brunei Darussalam newsletter* will appear during the second week of November 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 October 15, 1988. All editorial rights reserved.

Whipping made mandatory

Whipping will become mandatory punishment for certain criminal offences, involving acts of violence against humans and property.

This is made possible by amendments to the Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code, and the law on interpretation and general clauses, which have been promulgated by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam. The new provisions came into force on 28 September, 1988.

The new law, passed in view of the increasing number of criminal offences committed by locals and foreigners, makes im-

prisonment and whipping mandatory punishment for criminal offences such as rape, assault, robbery, extortion and vandalism.

Under the old provisions of the Penal Code, whipping was not mandatory, but was left to the court to decide.

As part of the changes to the criminal law dealing with punishment, it has also been announced that the penalty of 'imprisonment for life' or 'life imprisonment' is now defined as 'imprisonment for the remainder of the natural life of the prisoner' so sentenced. Before this, the law defined 'life imprisonment' as equivalent to 20 years' imprisonment.



A musician plays the *gulingtangan*.

Brunei's traditional orchestra

Brunei Darussalam has its own rhythm and melody, which are more or less like the gamelan (Javanese orchestra) of Indonesia.

While the gamelan usually accompanies songs or a wayang kulit (shadow play) performance, the Brunei *gulingtangan* orchestra does not need to go with anything.

There are five instruments in the *gulingtangan* orchestra namely, the *gulingtangan* itself, gong, tawak-tawak, canang and gendang labit. All, except the gen-

dang labit, are made of copper as they were centuries ago.

As its name implies, the *gulingtangan* is the main instrument in the orchestra and is turned to produce both the highest and lowest pitch, with the other instruments providing accompaniment.

Although the origins of *gulingtangan* are somewhat obscure, it has become to most Bruneians an integral part of their culture. The *gulingtangan* is a familiar sound during important occasions, including festivals and weddings.



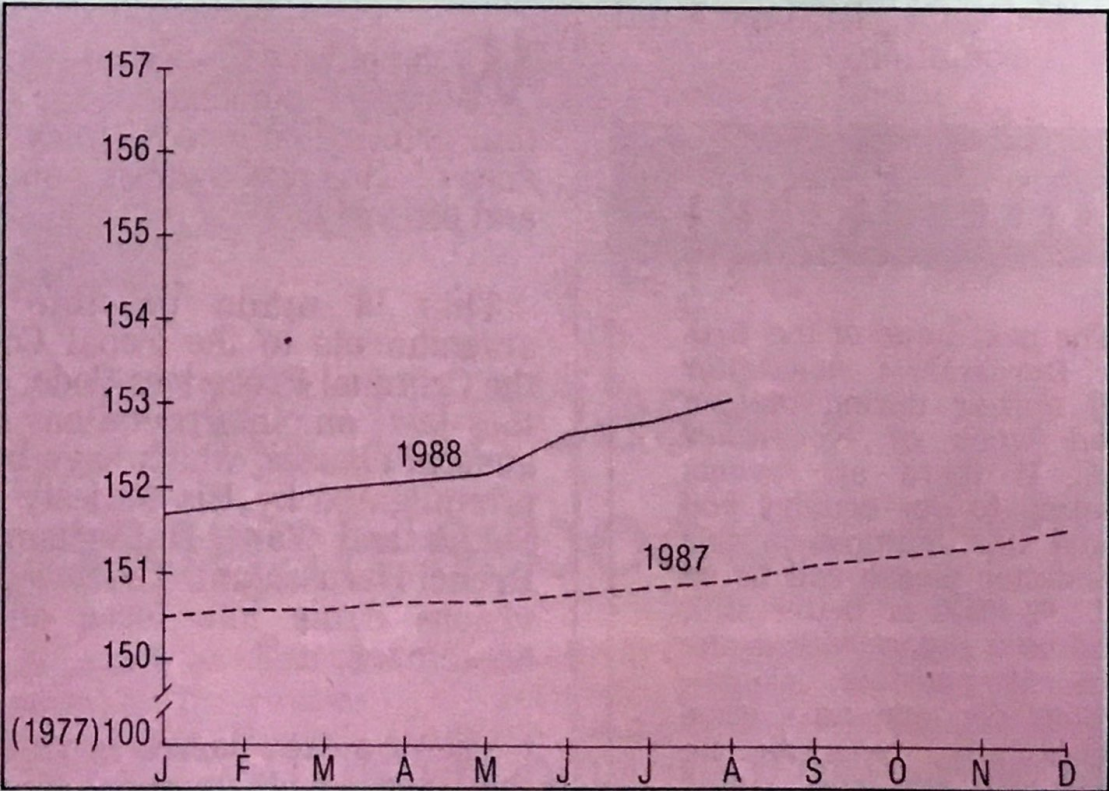
Two exponents of silat, the Malay art of self defence, battle each other to the rhythm of the *gulingtangan* orchestra.

BRUNEI IN BRIEF

Capital City :	Bandar Seri Begawan
Land size :	5765 sq.km
Population :	226,000 (1986)
Official Language :	Malay
Official Religion :	Islam
August 1988 rainfall :	468.0 mm.
(annual 2,818mm)	

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



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