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His Majesty touring the 5th IHPE. Photo shows the sovereign at one of the booths own by local entrepreneur.

5th International Halal Products Expo launched

BERAKAS, June 3 – The 5th International Halal Products Expo (IHPE) has been officially launched with participation from 10 countries namely Australia, China, Dubai, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Yemen. Brunei's participation takes up 140 booths including those run by small-and-medium enterprises.

Present to launch the IHPE was His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam. Also present was His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah and His Royal Highness Prince `Abdul Malik

The exposition is categorised into various sectors such as *halal* food section, non-food, Islamic finance, insurance and investment services.

The Expo, now in its fifth year, is an annual programme jointly organised by the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources, Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Ministry of Health towards bolstering the country's reputation as an Islamic country and as a prime generator of the *halal* product service centre at the national and international levels.

900 participate in Queen's Baton Relay

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 9 – The Queen's Baton Relay 2010 in Brunei Darussalam received well response as about 900 people took part in the relay.

The Queen's Baton was relayed passing through Brunei's landmarks like Omar `Ali Saifuddin Mosque, House of Twelve Roof (Bubungan 12), several roads such as Jalan Mc Arthur and Jalan Residency which are synonyms to the Commonwealth and cruising the famous Kampung Ayer (water village).

The Queen's Baton Relay was officiated by His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, the President of Brunei Darussalam National Olympic Council (BDNOC) at the Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Foundation Complex in the capital.

Firstly, His Royal Highness received the Baton from the representative of XIX Commonwealth Games, Alka Lamba. His Royal Highness then begun the relay and later passed the Baton to Yang Amat Mulla Pengiran Muda Anak Abdul Aleem.

The relay continued to the Foundation jetty and the Baton was brought to a boat for cruise around the water village. The boat arrived at Jalan Residency Jetty and the Baton was passed to the High Commissioners of Commonwealth countries in Brunei Darussalam and brought until the Clock Tower at Jalan Elizabeth II.

The Baton was then relayed by sports associations, sports school students, special needs persons and public passing



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah receives the Queen's Baton from Madam Priyanka Negi.

through the State Legislative Council before it ended at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium in Berakas.

At the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium, His Royal Highness presented the Baton to the High Commissioner of Malaysia to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Ku Jaafar Ku Shaari. Malaysia will be the 66th country to be visited by the Queen's Baton.

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His Majesty receives audiences

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam received in audience from outgoing foreign envoys at the Istana Nurul Iman from:

- ① His Excellency William Edward Todd ,the outgoing Ambassador of the United States of America to Brunei Darussalam on June 3.
- ② His Excellency Alexander B Yano, the outgoing Ambassador of the Republic of Philippines to Brunei Darussalam on June 17.

Her Majesty receives audiences

Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha received audiences at the Istana Nurul Iman from:

- ❶ Madam Manichanh Phouyavong, the wife of newly-appointed Ambassador of Lao People's Democratic Republic to Brunei Darussalam on June 8.
- ❷ Madam Zhan Zin Feng, the wife of newly-appointed Ambassador of People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam on June 8.
- ❸ Madam Zahra Havaseli Astiani, wife of Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Brunei Darussalam on June 15.
- ❹ Madame Estela Aragon-Yano, wife of the outgoing Ambassador of the Republic of Philippines to Brunei Darussalam on June 22.



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HRH Crown Prince receives audience

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 3 - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office received in audience at the Istana Nurul Iman from:

- ① His Excellency William Edward Todd, the outgoing Ambassador of the United States of America to Brunei Darussalam on June 3.
- ② His Excellency Alexander Badong Yano, the outgoing Ambassador of the Republic of Philippines to Brunei Darussalam on June 5.
- ③ His Excellency Min Yongnian, the newly-appointed Ambassador of People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam on June 7.

Congratulatory messages

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam sent congratulatory messages to:

- His Excellency Naoto Kan following of his election as the new Prime Minister of Japan on June 9.
- Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Island and also members of royal family in conjunction with Her Majesty's birthday on June 12.
- The Prime Minister of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, His Right Honourable David Cameron MP and to the government and people of Great Britain and Northern Island on the occasion of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's birthday on June 12.
- Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, President of the Republic of Philippines in conjunction with the republic's 112th Independence Day on June 12.
- The Honourable Julia Gillard, the new Prime Minister of Australia on her election as the Prime Minister of Australia on June 24.



One of the recipients receives his key to new house from His Majesty.



His Majesty mingles with students of Dato Basir Primary School.

More residents receive houses and housing lots

LAMBAK KANAN, BERAKAS, June 30 – In its bid to provide shelter and comfortable living to its residents, the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam continues to provide housings and land lots through various housing schemes introduced since 1986.

The latest saw 295 people received houses and land lots through the National Housing Scheme (RPN) in Kampung Rimba, Gadong; and also Landless Indigenous Citizens Housing Scheme (STKRJ) in Kampung Rimba, Kampung Tungku, Gadong and Kampung Madang in Brunei-Muara district.

Thus, a ceremony was held for the presentation of the keys to the recipients of the new houses and land lots.

Present to award the keys for the new houses and land lots to the recipients was His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam. The ceremony was held at the Dato Basir Primary School at the National Housing Scheme in Lambak Kanan.

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AMPUAN HAJI TENGAH



A recipient with his family in a group photo with His Majesty.

At the ceremony, 295 recipients received house under the National Housing Scheme in Kampung Rimba, Gadong consisted of 83 houses of deluxe type, 74 houses of standard type and 138 houses of terrace type.

Meanwhile, another 11 recipients received housing lots, where two recipients received housing lots under the National Housing Scheme in

Kampung Rimba, Gadong and eight received keys to twin houses under the Landless Indigenous Citizens Housing Scheme in Kampung Rimba, Gadong.

Soon after the presentation ceremony, His Majesty toured around the Dato Basir Primary School. The school which opened on April 1, 1996 has 538 students with 38 teaching staff.

His Majesty also visited several houses of recipients in Kampung Rimba, Kampung Tungku in Gadong and Madang in Berakas.

Also visited was Soon Lee Megamart at Jalan Penghubung Berakas. The megamart is one of the branches under the Soon Lee Company established in 1986.

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(900 participate in Queen's Baton Relay)

Meanwhile the Welcoming Reception Ceremony for The Queen's Baton Relay 2010 Delhi was held at the Rizqun International Hotel in Gadong on June 8.

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, President of Brunei Darussalam

National Olympic Council (BDNOC) attended the ceremony.

The ceremony is to welcome the arrival of 'The Queen's Baton Relay 2010 Delhi' together with delegation from Commonwealth Games Federation led by Madam Priyanka Negi as head of delegation.

An exhibition was also held at The Mall, Gadong on June 10.

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MINISTER OF FINANCE



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Awang Haji Gahrin
bin Abdullah,
DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE



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binti Othman,
DEPUTY MINISTER OF CULTURE,
YOUTH AND SPORTS

Swearing-in Ceremony for newly appointed cabinet ministers and deputy ministers

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 9 – His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam attended the Swearing-in Ceremony for the newly appointed Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers and consented to present the Letters of Appointment.

The ceremony took place at the Istana Nurul Iman.

The Swearing-in Ceremony was carried out in front of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

His Majesty announced the new line-up of Brunei Darussalam's Ministerial Cabinet and New Appointment on May 29, 2010. The new appointment will be for five years that is from 2010 to 2015 effective May 29, 2010.

With the reshuffle, the Ministerial Cabinet now has 14 Cabinet Ministers and eight Deputy Ministers.

Also present was Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Senior Minister at Prime Minister's Office receives his appointment letter from His Majesty.

PHOTO: RANILU TENGAH

Girl Guides Association hosts Al-Quran reading competition

MANGGIS, June 25 – The Brunei Darussalam's Girl Guides Association hosted its annual Al-Quran reading competition for its members where five categories were opened.

In attendance to present the prizes was Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha, the Royal Patron of the association held at the Ballroom, Hua Ho Manggis Mall.

Also present at the ceremony were Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah, Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Bini Hajah Faizah, Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah, Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna as Vice President of Brunei Darussalam Girl Guides' Association, Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthom and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Noor Ehsani.

The champion for Adult Leaders category was Dayang Hajah Aisah binti Haji Muhammad while for Council and Commissioner category was Dayang Hajah Siti Hafsa binti Haji Abdul Halim. Both received trophies of the Royal Patron, Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha.

Young Leaders category was won by Dayang Atikah binti Mirwan Batu Bara where she received President's Trophy from Her Royal Highness



The winner for the Council and Commissioner category receives her trophy from Her Majesty The Raja Isteri.

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Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah.

Meanwhile, Dayang Fatin Afiqah binti Haji Tarip won the category of Girl Guides and Rangers and received trophy from Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, the Vice President of Brunei Darussalam Girl Guides'

Association.

Champion for Brownies category, Dayang Nurmunawarah binti Haji Brahim received Head of Commissioner Trophy.

This association has organised the Al-Quran reading competition for its members since 1986.

SINGAPORE, June 1 – His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade was in Republic of Singapore from May 31 to June 1 to attend the 2nd ASEAN – Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Ministerial Meeting.

Present to accompany His Royal Highness was Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Zariah.

Their Royal Highnesses arrived in Singapore on May 31 where the itinerary included His Royal Highness attending a welcoming dinner for the 2nd ASEAN – GCC Ministerial Meeting hosted by His Excellency George Yeo, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Singapore; and later visited an exhibition entitled 'Rihlah – Arabs in Southeast Asia' organised by the National Library of Singapore;

While on June 1, His Royal Highness attended the 2nd ASEAN-GCC Ministerial Meeting. The Foreign Ministers discussed on the development of cooperation ties of the organisation with the approval of Joint Action Plan for 2 years for cooperation between ASEAN and GCC (2010-2012); and exchanged ideas on the future direction of ASEAN-GCC relation.

His Royal Highness then joined other ASEAN and GCC Foreign Ministers in a courtesy call on Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong held at the Istana.

His Royal Highness attends 2nd ASEAN – GCC Ministerial Meeting



His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah with His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong.

PHOTO: HERMIE SULIANA HAJI OTHMAN

Consistent commitment to *halal* quality products



BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 5 – Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in her sabda stated government agencies in the country had explore new areas for developing *halal* market like developing hall standard in pharmaceutical industry.

Her Royal Highness delivered the *sabda* during officiating the 5th International Halal Market Conference (IHMC 5) at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Berakas.

Her Royal Highness added, for this reason one guideline book for manufacturing and handling of *halal* medicinal products, traditional medicines and health supplements had been launched besides aligning guidelines on manufacturing and handling of *halal* cosmetics.

"These contributions show our strong consistent commitment to *halal* quality products and Islamic values in fulfilling international standards for health and food security. They show, God willing, the spiritual policy of Brunei Halal Certification," said Her Royal Highness.

Practically, said Her Royal Highness, this means it is important for small-and-medium entrepreneurs to gain the strategic relation and to enter competitive partnership with foreign company.

"With that, they will not only learn international good practise and company management, but for making sure of better access to *halal* market and increase international appreciation to *halal* product generally and Brunei Halal Brand particularly," said Her Royal Highness.

Cooperation with Ghanim International Foods Corporation enable the promotion and marketing of Brunei Halal Brand, which will enhance its name and values around the world, added Her Royal Highness.

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Her Royal Highness visits IHPE booths.

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(Consistent commitment to *halal* quality products)

Her Royal Highness further added the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam really believe that the development of relevant policies, regulation frameworks, programme and infrastructure will provides platform for local entrepreneurs to

success in the new industry and play important role in the country economic development.

On this reason, said Her Royal Highness, the Government will begin the construction of Brunei Agro-technology Park which includes Halal Science Centre.

The steps clearly show that the Government highly welcome investment not only in manufacturing

industry and support services, including halal logistic, but also research and development activity.

The IHMC 5 with theme 'Halal – The Next Decade', among other aimed to review several significant developments of Halal sector in upcoming years.

Her Royal Highness also visited the International Halal Products Expo (IHPE).

Guidelines on *halal* medicines and health supplements

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 2 – Brunei Darussalam has introduced a book as guidelines on halal medicines and health supplements.

Named 'The Brunei Darussalam Guidelines for Manufacturing and Handling of Halal Medicinal Products, Traditional Medicines and Health Supplements', the book is an addition to the series of existing guidelines books introduced previously.

The book was launched by Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Yahya at the 5th International Halal Products Expo (IHPE) Reception Night held at the Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Foundation Complex in the capital.

The contents of the book include the acquisition of raw/starting material, production, packaging, transportation and storage of medicinal products, traditional medicines and health supplements.

The publication of this guideline is as a contribution by Brunei Darussalam to the international community particularly in facilitating Muslim community in obtaining *halal* medicines.

The effort to produce the *halal* guidelines book started few years

Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Yahya presents the newly launch book to Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs, Pengiran Haji Bahrom.



PHOTO: AMPLUAN HAJI MAHMUD AMPLUAN HAJI TENGAH

ago, in which four guidelines books had been published since 2007.

The initiative was jointly-organised by Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources (MIPR), Ministry of Health and Ministry of Religious Affairs (Brunei Islamic Religious Council).

These guidelines had been used as reference by relevant authorities like Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) in the effort to establish OIC Standard – General Guidelines on Halal Food.

Pehin Dato Haji Awang Yahya in his speech said that now it is time for Muslim community around the world to be concerned on *halal* issues of various products including food, drink, cosmetic, medicines and services.

The Brunei Halal Brand, said the Minister has shown positive development since the last IHPE.

The establishment of Ghanim International Food Corporation in 2009, he said, has become an important benchmark in the progression made for the Brunei Halal Brand project.

Ghanim International Food Corporation is a marketing agency given exclusive mandate by the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam to market Brunei Halal Brand products.

International Halal Products Expo (IHPE) has become one of the most awaited international events by entrepreneurs in halal industry.



PHOTO: AMPLUAN HAJI MAHMUD AMPLUAN HAJI TENGAH

The Commander of RBAF presents the TUDB Honorary Pilot Wing to the Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Air Force.

TUDB Honorary Pilot Wing for Chief of Indonesian Air Force

RIMBA, June 3 – The Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Air Force (TNI AU), The Honourable Air Marshal TNI Imam Sufaat bin Daud was awarded with Royal Brunei Air Force's (TUDB) Honorary Pilot Wing.

The TUDB Honorary Pilot Wing was presented by the Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) Major General Haji Aminuddin Ihsan. The award was in recognition for his valuable efforts and outstanding services he has been contributing in strengthening ties between TUDB and TNI AU.

The ceremony took place at the Royal Brunei Air Force base in Rimba.

PHOTO: AMPUAN HAJI MAHMUD AMPUAN HAJI TENGAH



JERUDONG, June 11 - The Minister of Health, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Adanan with His Excellency Victor A. Seleznev, Ambassador of Russian Federation to Brunei Darussalam attended a reception to celebrate the republic's national day at The Empire Hotel & Country Club in Jerudong.



PHOTO: AMPUAN HAJI MAHMUD AMPUAN HAJI TENGAH

JERUDONG, JUNE 9 - The Minister of Education, Pehin Dato (Dr.) Haji Abu Bakar and wife with His Excellency Rob Fenn, British High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam and wife attended a reception to celebrate the 84th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at The Empire Hotel & Country Club in Jerudong .

PHOTO: HASTRAL HAZMI ABD. HAMID



BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 26 - The Minister of Communication, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Abdullah and wife, with His Excellency Wendell J Sanford and wife at a reception to celebrate the 143rd anniversary of Canada Day at Radisson Hotel in the capital.

National athletes urged show best performance



PHOTO: HAJI MASMALEH HAJI MOHD ALI

Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports presenting the national flag.

SUNGAI AKAR, June 3 – Brunei's national athletes competing at the 13th Malaysia Games (SUKMA) were reminded to demonstrate their best performance and give competition to other athletes.

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Hazair stressed the matter at the National Flag presentation to the Bruneian contingent for the 13th SUKMA to be held in Melaka.

Brunei's contingent will participate in 13 events namely aquatic, athletic, badminton, bicycle, karate-do, fencing, petanque, sepak takraw, silat, skuash, tennis, tenpin bowling and wushu.

Did you know that...

- The first Malay primary school was opened in Brunei Town (now known as Bandar Seri Begawan) in 1912.
- Brunei Darussalam's National Anthem, 'Allah Peliharakan Sultan' was composed by Awang Besar Sagap while the lyrics were written by Pengiran Mohd Yusuf bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahim (now known as Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Setia Negara Pengiran Haji Mohd Yusuf)

>> BRUNEI IN BRIEF

- Official name is Negara Brunei Darussalam.
- Capital is Bandar Seri Begawan.
- It is located on the north-west of Borneo Island in Southeast Asia.
- Land size is 5765 sq. km
- Population is estimated at 406,200 people (2009).
- It is divided into four districts – Brunei Muara, Tutong, Kuala Belait and Temburong.
- Malay is the official language but English is widely spoken.
- Islam is the official religion and it allows other religions to be practiced.
- National carrier is Royal Brunei Airlines.
- It has an equatorial climate, a uniform temperature, high humidity and heavy rainfall.

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

>> HOW TO GET TO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM?

There are a number of ways to reach Brunei.

- By air - Brunei's national carrier, Royal Brunei Airlines travels to more than 20 destinations around the world. The airline also has worldwide office for you to book a return flight to Brunei (to know the nearest RBA's office at your place, please log to: www.bruneiair.com)
- International airlines such as Singapore Airlines, Malaysia Airlines and Thai Airways also fly frequently to Brunei. Beginning July 2006, Air Asia, the Malaysia's lowest airfare carrier also has direct flight from Kuala Lumpur to Brunei.
- Arrival by plane would land you to Brunei International Airport (BWN), the sole airport in the nation.
- For those who enjoy journey by sea, you can reach Brunei by boat or ferry. The main ferry terminal in Brunei is the Serasa Ferry Terminal at Muara. You can catch a ferry from Labuan, Sabah or Lawas and Sundar, both in Sarawak, a state of the neighbouring country, Malaysia. Another option is via a boat from Limbang, Sarawak which will arrive at the jetty around Jalan Residency area in the Capital.
- You would have two options of entry point to Brunei by land transport. You can enter through the Sungai Tujoh Immigration Control Post in Belait District or the Kuala Lurah Immigration Control Post in Brunei Muara District. The Sungai Tujoh Immigration Control Post in Belait is the entry point for those from Miri, Sarawak. While the Kuala Lurah Immigration Control Post is the entrance for those coming from Limbang, Sarawak; Kota Kinabalu; and Kalimantan.



PHOTO: HERNIE SULLANA HAJI OTFIMAN

The signing of the three MoUs is witness by the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Yahya.

Mashor Group of Companies inks pact with SEDCO

BERAKAS, June 3 - Mashhor Group of Companies is expanding its business activities to the international arena with the signing of three Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) with Sabah Economic Development Corporation (SEDCO).

The signing of the MoUs between Mashhor Companies Groups, Tasconi's and Brudesh with SEDCO was held at the International Convention Centre.

The first MoU was between Managing Director of Tasconi's Pizza, Hajah Sapurah Bee binti Haji Ibrahim with the Chairman of SEDCO, Yang

Berhormat Datuk Haji Mohammad Arifin. This was followed with the signing of MoU between Mashhor Group of Companies Group represented by its Chairman Awang Haji Malai Hamir bin Haji Malai Mashhor, and SEDCO was represented by its Chairman, and Managing Director of Brudesh Engineering Sdn Bhd, Hajah Sapurah Bee. The third signing of MoU was between Awang Haji Malai Hamir bin Haji Mashor, representing Mashor Group of Companies and the Chairman of SEDCO, Yang Berhormat Datuk Haji Awang Mohd Arifin.

This joint-venture agreement enables Mashhor Food Sendirian Berhad to market its product under the brand name TASCONI Pizza through SEDCO. With the signing of the agreement through a Memorandum of Understanding, the Mashhor Companies Group is taking another step forward in its effort to expand its business in the fast-food sector.

Present to witness the signing ceremony was the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Yahya.

Brunei celebrates World Ocean Day

MUARA, June 8 - Entrepreneurs involved with fish capturing activities are urged to adhere to directives set by the Fisheries Department in the bid secure continuity of fishery resources.

The call was made by the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Yahya at an event to commemorate World Ocean Day 2010.

The call was made as Fisheries Department revealed that Brunei Darussalam is experiencing overfishing. As the situation are worrying, said the Minister, his Ministry is currently

reviewing policies and actions to be taken to ensure one of the food resources will be protected and controlled its production for the safety of nation's food security.

Brunei Darussalam celebrates World Ocean Day 2010 which is held every June 8 as declared by the United Nations (UN) under Resolution 63/11 Para 171 in year 2008.

This year's World Ocean Day theme is 'Our Oceans: Opportunities and Challenges'.



World Ocean Day 2010 launched by Minister of Industry and Primary Resources.

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MINDEF & RBTS sign agreement on Training Simulation Centre

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 3 - The Ministry of Defence has awarded a Contract relating to Training Simulation Centre (TSC) procured under the Ministry of Defence's Public Private Partnership Initiative with the Royal Brunei Technical Services (RBTS) Sdn Bhd.

The signing ceremony was held at the Officers Mess, Bolkliah Garrison.

Signing on behalf of Ministry of Defence was Permanent Secretary II, Dato Paduka Haji Awang Abd. Majid Mangarshah and Colonel (U) Pengiran Haji Kamal Bashah bin Pengiran Haji Ahmad, Chief Executive Officer on behalf of RBTS Sdn Bhd.

Present to witness the ceremony was Deputy Minister of Defence, Dato Paduka Haji Awang Mustappa.

The TSC training facility will house weapon training simulators that provides a virtual environment for the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) to train in handling of small arms and mortar system.

The TSC building will be based at the Training Institute, Penanjong Garisson and scheduled to be completed by November 2010.

BSP-UBD ink pact

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 23 – Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd (BSP) signed a five-year sponsorship agreement costing \$750,000 for training programmes in research on health workstyles with Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD).

Signing on behalf of BSP was its Deputy Managing Director, Awang Haji Zainal Abidin bin Haji Mohd. Ali while his counterpart was Dr. Zulkarnain bin Haji Hanafi, Vice Chancellor of UBD.

Present to witness the signing was Minister of Education, Pehin Dato Dr. Haji Awang Abu Bakar.

The signing ceremony was held at the Pengiran Anak Puteri Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah Institute of Health Science.



The signing of the agreement witnessed by Minister of Education, Pehin Dato Dr. Haji Awang Abu Bakar.



The camp launched by Acting Permanent Secretary at Prime Minister's Office, Awang Saifulbahri.

Law Enforcement Agency Camp 2010

TUTONG, June 7 – Brunei Darussalam is currently hosting a three-day Law Enforcement Agency Camp.

Present to officially launch the camp was Acting Permanent Secretary at Prime Minister's Office, Awang Haji Saifulbahri bin Haji Mansor at Balai Purun, Tasek Merimbun.

Forty-two law enforcement personnel including six from Anti-Corruption Commission of Malaysia are taking part in this camp.

It is hoped that this camp will enhance participants' knowledge and assist in their daily task besides exposing them to integrity, discipline, dedication, team spirit and responsibility.

Fisheries Department signs MoU on R&D



The MoU is for the joint exploration on opportunities to produce lobster commercially, witnessed by Minister of Industry and Primary Resources.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 21 – Fisheries Department, Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources and Darden Aquafarm Incorporation (DAI) from the United States of America (USA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Research and Development (R&D) Projects for Lobster in Brunei Darussalam. The signing ceremony was held at The Centrepoint Hotel in Gadong.

The MoU is for a joint exploration on opportunities to produce lobster

commercially.

Signing on behalf of the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was Director of Fisheries, Dayang Hajah Hasnah binti Ibrahim while DAI was presented by its Senior Vice President, Bill Herzig.

Present to witness the signing was Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Yahya.

Lobster is a type of seafood highly

demanded where international market requires 150,000 metric tonnes per year. Currently, the requirement cannot be fully achieved as majority of lobsters in the market are from capturing. This gives the aquaculture industry to fulfil the demands of the international market.

DAI is based in Orlando, Florida which is a world's largest full-service restaurant company with annual sales of US\$7.2 billion.

AFCF vital to strengthen regional fisheries industry

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 21 – ASEAN Fisheries Consultative Forum (AFCF) endorsed by the 30th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) Meeting in 2008 is a vital step towards forming and strengthening regional cooperation in managing fisheries industry.

Director of Fisheries, Dayang Hajah Hasnah binti Ibrahim said these matters at the Opening of AFCF's 2nd Meeting at the Centrepoint Hotel in Gadong.

According to Dayang Hajah Hasnah, at the forum last year, the meeting had identified the main cluster of cooperation under the frameworks of AFCF.

The two-day meeting, she said, will discuss further on job capabilities and activities prioritised by the group clusters.

She also touched on the fisheries industry which face many challenges regionally and internationally such as the fluctuation of food and fuel prices, strict international market and trade instruments enforced on fisheries industry, natural disasters including climate change.

With the decreasing trend of fish stocks, needs for sustaining live hood of fishermen, pressure and requirements from fisheries market and trade, all ASEAN member countries need to find innovative ways of working towards



The delegations from ASEAN countries in discussion.

sustainable and responsible fisheries activities.

The meeting will focus on initiatives and projects in eight cluster groups that is Illegal Unreported Unregulated (IUU) and promoting sustainable fisheries practices.

The AFCF also discussed on fisheries co-management, adaptation and mitigation of impacts of climate change; fisheries post-harvest and

food safety; strengthening ASEAN joint approaches or positions on international trade related issues, information, education and communication to support development and management of fisheries and capacity building.

The outcome of the meeting will be reported to the 18th Meeting of ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Fisheries which will be held from June 23 to 25.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 23 – In the bid to protect and preserve ASEAN's Heritage Park, the local community are urged to work together to promote it either individually or in groups.

The matters were said by Awang Haji Mohd Rozan bin Haji Mohd Yunus, the Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Development at the official opening of Heritage Park Conference.

Heritage park, according to him, needs to be balanced with tourist's demand towards environment and local community.

"We must generate highest awareness among the relevant authorities in public and private sectors, community and customers relevant to ecotourism capacity for contributing towards maintenance of cultural heritage and natural environment at rural areas," he said.

In relations to that, he hoped that all participants will take the opportunities to meet, interact, cooperate, share the efforts made by their respective country for implementing their maintenance measures and to decide effective ways on managing and maintaining the parks and also to decide matters of areas for mutual cooperation areas ASEAN member-countries.

Brunei Darussalam became hosting country for the conference from June 23 to 25 held at Radisson Hotel. The conference was participated by managers from 28 ASEAN Heritage Parks in Southeast Asia and protected areas in the 10 ASEAN countries, secretariat and ASEAN Biodiversity Centre.

3rd Conference on Heritage Park



Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Development said heritage park needs to be balanced with tourist's demand towards environment and local community.



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The international conference officiated by Minister of Education.

International Conference on VTET Research and Networking

GADONG, June 24 – An international conference on 'VTET Research and Networking' was held in Brunei Darussalam from June 23 - 24 at The Rizqun International Hotel.

The international conference entitled 'Exploring Best VTET Policies and Practises through Research and Networking Initiatives' featured working papers from researchers representing 11 SEAMEO member countries under the Southeast Asian Vocational Education Research Network.

Present to officiate the conference was Minister of Education, Pehin Dato Dr. Awang Haji Abu Bakar.

The international conference was organised by SEAMEO VOCTECH in collaboration with international partners such as the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNESCO Bangkok, Institute of Technical Education, Singapore, and Yogyakarta State University.

Dialysis Centre for Tutong patients



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Minister of Health, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Adanan said Ministry of Health to set up a dialysis centre in Tutong District.

JERUDONG, June 26 – The Ministry of Health is currently in process to set up another dialysis centre to accommodate patients in Tutong district; and it is expected to be completed by end of 2011.

Currently there are 45 dialysis patients commuting from Tutong to Bandar Seri Begawan.

The Minister of Health, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Adanan in his remarks during the Official Opening of the 3rd International Nephrology Conference said that until May 2010, dialysis record showed there are about 484 people undergoing dialysis in the country and this includes 63 patients undergoing peritoneal dialysis.

There are currently five dialysis centres available in the country; three in Brunei Muara district, and each in Temburong and Belait districts.

The triennial conference was held at

the Indera Kayangan Ballroom, the Empire Hotel and Country Club.

International statistic showed about 1.5 million people undergoing dialysis in year 2000 and at the end of 2010, the cumulative total of dialysis patients around the world expected to increase to 2.5 million.

The increase, said the Minister, has become a focus in Brunei Darussalam where one of 800 patients is suffering End Stage Renal Disease; and the statistics are quite worrying.

The International Nephrology Conference is an important event for Renal Service Department of the ministry; where doctors, specialists and nurses throughout the country are able to gain more knowledge on nephrology.

The two-day conference comprised of speakers from Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Australia.

MoU to publish 'The Report: Brunei Darussalam'

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 26 –

The book titled 'The Report: Brunei Darussalam' among others includes update information on Brunei Darussalam in various areas which features nation's potential and economic development.

The last three publications, since the first Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in 2007, had given several impacts through worldwide distributions by Oxford Business Group (OBG).

The book was further developed and supported by publication and



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Representatives from Brunei Darussalam's Prime Minister's Office and Oxford Business Group at the signing of the MoU.

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an update economic briefing which was emailed to OBG customers, said Acting Senior Administrative Officers at Prime Minister's Office, Awang Haji Mohammad Zamree.

"In my point of view, this will strengthen and develop the book distributions," he said during the Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the publication of report book 'The Report: Brunei Darussalam 2010' between the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the OBG.

The signing ceremony was held at Sukma Indera Hall, Centre for Strategic and Policy Studies (CSPS) in Gadong.

It is hoped that this will contribute to the economic development in this country as planned in Brunei Vision 2035; and enhance positive images of the country and the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

Signing on behalf of the Brunei Government was Acting Senior Administrative Officers at Prime Minister's Office, Awang Haji Mohammad Zamree while his counterpart was Madam Jana Treeck, Country Director of OBG.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by the Permanent Secretary at Prime Minister's Office, Pengiran Abdul Haris bin Pengiran Haji Shahbudin.

The Report: Brunei Darussalam 2010' is expected to be published by end of this year.

ACB – BAB: MoU to combat corruption



The Anti-Corruption Bureau and Brunei Banks Association sign MoU to combat corruption.

JERUDONG, June 29 – In its continuous effort to combat corruption, Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) together with Brunei Banks Association (BAB) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The signing ceremony was held at the Empire Hotel & Country Club in Jerudong.

Signing on behalf of ACB was its Acting Director, Ang Swee Kiang meanwhile his counterpart was Awang Abdul Razak bin Abdul Malek, the Chairman of BAB.

Present as guest of honour and witnessing the signing was Permanent Secretary at the Prime Minister's

Office, Awang Haji Omar bin Haji Abd. Rahman.

The signing of this MoU is a significant step in combating corruption in private sectors in its vision to create a free corruption nation.

The MoU among others aim to enhance the existing good relationships between both sides besides educating bank staff to practice anti-corruption culture at workplace.

Banks representatives also received an anti-corruption poster from the guest of honour.

JERUDONG, June 29 – Maktab Duli Pengiran Muda Al-Muhtadee Billah (MDPMAMB) emerged as the champion for the Brunei Shell Petroleum (BSP) and Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) Green Debate Final 2010 after defeating UBD.

MDPMAMB was as the opposing team and UBD as proposing team, debate on the topic title 'The Individual's Choice is Ineffectual in combating human-induced climate change.

Present as guest of honour and to present the awards was Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Yahya.

The champion received a trophy and cash prize of \$2,000 while UBD received a trophy and cash prize of \$1,000.

The BSP UBD Green Debate Final 2010 is a debate competition which discussed on the environment and organised by BSP with cooperation from UBD.

The competition, among others

MDPMAMB Debate Champion



The BSP UBD Green debate final featuring UBD and MDPAMB.

aims to nurture student's skills in critical thinking, to develop logic argument, and to express it in an attractive manner. It also aims to create student's awareness on the current dilemma faced by the environment.

The competition was opened to higher learning institutions and sixth form centres in the country. Ten institutions and schools took part in this year's competition.

National Workshop on ASEAN Strategic Transport Plan 2011-2015

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 29 – The Ministry of Communications (MOC) have undertaken a number of initiatives and efforts in implementing transport cooperation and projects initiated under ASEAN. It is projected to increase services and facilities towards supporting hard and soft infrastructures for integrating the transport system both within and outside ASEAN.

The matters were said by Awang Haji Alaihuddin, Permanent Secretary at MOC at the official opening of a National Workshop on ASEAN Strategic Transport Plan 2011-2015 held at Dewan Amar Pahlawan.

Speaking on capacity development, Brunei Darussalam through Ministry of Communications has actively been participating in several capacity development programmes and trainings in the transport sector organised by ASEAN member-countries and dialogue partners.

The implementation of ASEAN transport sector is steered by ASEAN Transport Action Plan (ATAP) 2005 – 2010 which includes maritime, land, air and transport facility.

As ATAP 2005-2010 will conclude by end of 2010, the ASEAN Transport Sector is currently preparing the next action plan which will be known as ATAP 2010-2015 agreed during the 29th Senior Transport Officials Meeting (29th STOM) held recently in Brunei Darussalam in June and agreed to be known as 'Brunei Action Plan'.



Delegates with guest of honour at the opening of National workshop on ASEAN Strategic Transport Plan 2011-2015

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Bruneian youths to participate jamboree in Indonesia

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 1 – A number of 15 youths from Brunei Darussalam will be participating a jamboree in Indonesia in Ngabang District, Kabupaten Landak, Kalimantan West Province.

Brunei's delegation comprises of three leaders and 12 youths aged between 20 to 25 year led by Awang Haji Ramli bin Haji Kurus from Youth and Sports Department of Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports.

During the jamboree, the youths will be participating in activities and programmes organised by the hosting organiser such as art and culture show and athletics competition.

RBLF joins Exercise Garuda Shield

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 5 – Forty Royal Brunei Land Forces of Royal Brunei Armed Forces personnel consisting of three officers and 37 ranks will be participating in a military exercise code-named Exercise Garuda Shield 2010 held in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The contingent is led by Major Pengiran Sufri bin Pengiran Haji Rosli.

The two-week exercise will be held at the Infantry Education Centre in Cipatat Bandung.

The exercise is part of Global Peacekeeping Operations initiative sponsored by United States' Pacific Command and will be focusing on training to improve the operational capacity of United Nations peacekeeping operation towards strengthening regional peace-keeping capabilities. Last year, 21 nations joined the exercise involving more over thousand troops.

Brunei has been involved in the United Nations peacekeeping operation, the first in 1992 for United Nation Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) and currently for the third year, the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).



Guests viewing the exhibited items.

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Contemporary Japanese Crafts on exhibit

KOTA BATU, June 7 – Brunei Museum is currently hosting an exhibition on Contemporary Japanese Crafts from June 7 to 27 where it is showcasing 60 selected unique crafts

Present to officially launch the exhibition was the Principal of Brunei History Centre, Pehin Dato Dr. Haji Awang Mohd. Jamil Al-Sufri.

This is the third exhibition project organised by the Japan Embassy in Brunei Darussalam with cooperation from the Japan Foundation and Brunei Museums Department.

The first exhibition was held in May 2006 with the theme 'The Japanese Contemporary Claywork'; followed by an exhibition in April 2009 with the theme Japanese Pottery: The Rising Generation from Traditional Japanese Kilns'.

The exhibition is open for public and admission is free.

New Health Centre in Tutong

LAMUNIN, TUTONG, June 10 – Ministry of Health will have a new health centre in Kampung Lamunin, Tutong by mid-March, next year.

The building of the health centre is one of the Ministry's efforts to enhance primary health services to become more comprehensive, high quality and effective.

The foundation-laying of the health centre was held by Minister of Health, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Adanan.

The health centre project which cost \$2.2 million will be built on two hectares of land under the National Development Plan 2007-2012. The construction works of the building has started since last March.

Commander of RBAF receive Singapore's prestigious military award

SINGAPORE, June 10 - The Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF), Major General Haji Aminuddin Ihsan bin Pehin Orang Kaya Saiful Mulok Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin, was conferred Singapore's prestigious military award, the Meritorious Service Medal (Military) or Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Tentera) by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, The Honourable Teo Chee Hean at the Ministry of Defence in Singapore on June 9.

Major General Haji Aminuddin Ihsan was in Singapore for an introductory visit from June 8 to 10, 2010.

138.5 metric tonnes dates for fasting month

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 10 - A total of 138.5 metric tonnes of Safawi dates, a personal gift of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam will be distributed to all Muslims in the country for the fasting month of Ramadhan.

The distribution of the dates was announced in a meeting, chaired by Dato Paduka Awang Haji Ali Hashim, Managing Director of Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Foundation.

The meeting was held at the Multipurpose Hall of Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Foundation Complex in the capital.

The management of the distribution of the dates is organised by Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Foundation every year. The dates are imported from Saudi Arabia and expected to arrive mid-July.



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The cyclist on the journey from Kuala Belait to Sengkurong in Brunei-Muara District.

Olympic Day Run & Mini Sports Festival

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 20 - An Olympic Day Run 2010 was organised to commemorate the birth of Modern Olympic where it started from the Hassanal Bolkiah National Indoor Stadium and ended at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium.

Also participating were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, President of Brunei Darussalam National Olympic Committee (BDNOC) and his son, Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Muda Abdul Alim.

The run was organised by Youth and Sports Department, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports which was divided into six categories including category for people with special needs.

His Royal Highness consented to launch the run and also presented prizes to the winners.

A Mini Sports Festival to mark the Olympic Day 2010 was also held on June 18 at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium by BDNOC in cooperation with Youth and Sports Department.

Seven sports were opened for public participation such as basketball, golf, tennis, ping pong, hockey, paddling and athletics. The festival was aimed to search young talents aged six to 14.

One of the objectives of the festival were to inform public on the history of Olympic besides inviting the public to experience the fun of doing sports and promote healthy lifestyle.

The Olympic Day Run is held every June 23 to commemorate the birth of Modern Olympic on June 23, 1894 in Paris

Cycling expedition for good cause

SENGKURONG, June 20 - More than 400 cycling enthusiasts joined the 'Cycle for Smarter' expedition including Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Yahya.

The 108 kilometres expedition from Kuala Belait to Sengkurong in Brunei-Muara district was launched by the minister himself.

The cycling expedition which was organised by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) aimed to collect funds for the Society for the Management of Autism Related issues in Training, Education and Resources (SMARTER) of Brunei Darussalam and increase public awareness on autism. Various activities such as bazaar were also held at the association centre in Sengkurong.

Brunei hosts 11th BIIBBF

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 26 - More than 360 bikers representing 19 motorbikes clubs and associations from Brunei Darussalam, Sabah including Labuan, Sarawak, Pontianak (Kalimantan, Indonesia) were in Brunei Darussalam to attend the 11th Borneo Island International Big Bike Festival (BIIBBF).

The festival was launched by the Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Dato Paduka Awang Haji Jemat at Jalan Sultan in the capital.

Sabah will be hosting the same festival next year.



Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports launched the festival.

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Mangrove Paradise Resort



PHOTOS: MOHD. ZUL-IZZI HAJI DURAMAN

Mangrove Paradise Resort was opened on October 1, 2009. Located in Kampung Sungai Belukut, Kota Batu; Mangrove Paradise Resort is another new addition to places of interest in Brunei Darussalam. Besides the chalets, the resort also provides facilities like swimming pools, conference room, spa, prayer room and restaurant. Another main attraction is the fish pond opened to public for fishing.

