



***Takbir, tahmid* and patriotism - the strength of *ummah* and national development**

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, March 28 - 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 called upon Muslims to cherish the *takbir* and *tahmid* as a way of reclaiming the strength of the *ummah*.

"A person who recites the *takbir* is a strong person as his lips only mention Allah, and in his heart there is only Allah. Is Allah not The Most Mighty and Most Powerful?" said His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei.

This is our true weapon and clothing, His Majesty stated in his *titah* (royal speech) in conjunction with the Hari Raya Aidiladha celebration at the Istana Nurul Iman, which was broadcasted via Radio Television Brunei.

In the *titah*, the Monarch further mentioned that the Muslim community at the beginning of history used these weapons and clothing, and that was why they are great and feared.

Earlier, His Majesty said that Muslims celebrate the arrival of Aidiladha with *takbir* and *tahmid*, glorifying and praising Allah.

"When the *takbir* echoes, the eyes will not be sleepy, and a weak heart will become strong. That is the blessing of Hari Raya," said His Majesty.

In this regard, the Monarch asserted that as Muslims, we should not be weak as we always recite the *takbir* in our prayers daily.

In addition, His Majesty also mentioned that in this era of difficulties and recession, it is important for us to have patriotic spirits and souls to contribute to the national development.

His Majesty further stated that everyone needs to understand the meaning of sacrifice, that is, when it is required. The Monarch also added that apart from receiving, we also need to give to ensure our shared well-being.

A steady country is a country that is upheld by sacrifices, His Majesty explained. Although weaknesses might become obstructing factors; when we are united, the weight will definitely be lighter.

"This is one of the teachings of Islam. We are told to take charge of ourselves and the country by uniting and reaching a consensus. We are also bounded by our



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 delivering his *titah* (royal speech) in conjunction with the celebration of Hari Raya Aidiladha.

common interest but not for a day or two; rather, it is for long," said the Monarch.

His Majesty then stated that when we use this policy and make it our culture, then we will become a nation with hope to rise and, at the same time, maintain our integrity.

His Majesty also hoped that the Muslim community, who are currently gathering at Makkah Al-Mukarramah, will be granted good health and peace so that they can carry out their duties thoroughly.

In this regard, the Monarch further prayed, especially for the country's haj pilgrims, so that they could return to the homeland safely after completing their duties.

His Majesty and the members of the royal family also wished a happy Hari Raya Aidiladha to all Muslim citizens and hoped that we all will be blessed by Allah, as well as obtain prosperity and well-being.



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His Majesty receives audiences

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 received audiences from three outgoing Ambassadors on March 24 at the Istana Nurul Iman from:

1. His Excellency Nguyen Ngoc Dien, outgoing Ambassador of Viet Nam to Brunei Darussalam.
2. His Excellency Maitri Chuladul, outgoing Ambassador of Kingdom of Thailand to Brunei Darussalam.
3. His Excellency Knut Solem, outgoing Non-Resident Ambassador of Norway to Brunei Darussalam.



His Majesty sends congratulatory messages

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzadin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to send congratulatory messages to:

- His Majesty King Hassan II, King of Morocco on the occasion of Morocco's National Day on March 3.
- His Excellency Muhammad Rafiq Tarar, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and His Excellency Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the occasion of Pakistan Day on March 23.
- His Excellency Shahbuddin Ahmed, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina Wajed, Prime Minister of People's Republic of Bangladesh on the occasion of Bangladesh Independence Day on March 26.

His Majesty receives diplomatic credentials

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, March 18 – 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 receive Letters of Credence from representatives of three different countries at the Istana Nurul Iman.

Presenting the Letters of Credence to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was His Excellency Hajime Tsujimoto, Ambassador of Japan; His Excellency Enrique Al Zaldivar, Ambassador of the Republic of Philippines; and His Excellency Michel Adechian, Non-Resident Ambassador of the Republic of Benin, whose current headquarters is in Beijing.

After the ceremony, His Majesty consented to receive audiences from the three Ambassadors separately. Also present at the audience was Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Isa bin Pehin Datu Perdana Manteri Dato Laila Utama Haji

Awang Ibrahim, Special Advisor to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Home Affairs.

On March 1, a similar event was also conducted at the Istana Nurul Iman, where His Majesty received Letters of Credence from representatives of Swaziland and Papua New Guinea.

His Majesty first received Letters of Credence from His Excellency Clifford Sibusiso Mamba, Non-Resident High Commissioner of Swaziland to Brunei Darussalam, whose headquarters is in Korea.

His Majesty then received Letters of Credence from His Excellency Graham John Ainui, Non-Resident High Commissioner of Papua New Guinea to Brunei Darussalam, whose headquarters is in the Republic of the Philippines.

Following the ceremony, His Majesty received audiences from His Excellency Clifford Sibusiso Mamba and His Excellency Graham John Ainui in separate occasions respectively.

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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, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam receiving Letters of Credence from His Excellency Michel Adechian, Non-Resident Ambassador of the Republic of Benin.



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 receiving Letters of Credence from His Excellency Hajime Tsujimoto, Ambassador of Japan.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam receiving Letters of Credence from His Excellency Clifford Sibusiso Mamba, Non-Resident High Commissioner of Swaziland to Brunei Darussalam.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam receiving Letters of Credence from His Excellency Enrique Al Zaldivar, Ambassador of the Republic of Philippines.



His Majesty receiving Letters of Credence from His Excellency Graham John Ainui, Non-Resident High Commissioner of Papua New Guinea to Brunei Darussalam.

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Audience with the Crown Prince

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince received in audience His Excellency Nguyen Ngoc Dien, outgoing Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam at the Istana Nurul Iman on March 20.



His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah audience ceremony

His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien received audiences at the Balai Penghadapan Bukit Kayangan from:

1. His Excellency Clifford Sibusio Mamba, newly-appointed Non-Resident High Commissioner of Swaziland on March 1.
2. His Excellency Graham John Ainui, newly-appointed Non-Resident High Commissioner of Papua New Guinea on March 1.
3. His Excellency Sheikh Salem bin Hilal Al-Khalili, President of the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (COCI) on March 10.



Friendly relations continue to strengthen

KELANTAN DARUL NAIM, March 9 – 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 expressed joy and gratification for the hospitality given by the royal family members, the government as well as the people of the State of Kelantan Darul Naim during his four-day courtesy visit to the state.

Joining His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's delegation during the visit were Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Mohamed Alam; Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam binti Haji Abdul Aziz; as well as His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajjah Masna.

At the Sultan Ismail Petra Airport, Pengkalan Chepa, His Majesty and the delegation were bid farewell by His Majesty Tuanku Ismail Petra ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Yahya Petra, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Kelantan Darul Naim and Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tengku Anis binti Al-Marhum Tengku Abdul Hamid, Raja Perempuan of Kelantan Darul Naim; along with the state dignitaries and government officials of Kelantan Darul Naim.

The night before His Majesty's departure, Their Majesties, along with Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri attended a Royal Banquet held at the Istana Balai Besar, Kota Bharu, where



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 being welcomed by His Majesty Tuanku Ismail Petra ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Yahya Petra, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Kelantan Darul Naim upon arrival.

Their Majesties and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri were greeted upon arrival by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Kelantan Darul Naim and Duli Yang Maha Mulia Raja Perempuan of Kelantan Darul Naim.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Kelantan Darul Naim and Duli Yang Maha Mulia Raja Perempuan of Kelantan Darul Naim also consented

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the 'Majlis Taman', which was held to celebrate the arrival of His Majesty and the delegation at the State of Kelantan Darul Naim.

Friendly relations continue to strengthen



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 and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Mohamed Alam; His Majesty Tuanku Ismail Petra ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Yahya Petra, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Kelantan Darul Naim and Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tengku Anis binti Al-Marhum Tengku Abdul Hamid, Raja Perempuan of Kelantan Darul Naim; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajjah Masna during the Royal Banquet.

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to welcome His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the delegation during their arrival at the State on March 6.

A special celebration known as '*Majlis Taman*' was held for His Majesty and the delegation, where an array of cultural performances was presented.

During the ceremony, Their Majesties, Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri and other members of royal family were greeted by a group of royal attendants; with the sound of *rabana* being played and flowers being spread along the yellow carpet as they made their way to the special stage.

At the stage, Their Majesties and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri received a warm welcome from His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Kelantan Darul Naim and Duli Yang Maha Mulia Raja Perempuan of Kelantan Darul Naim, as well as other royal members of the state. Afterwards, the national anthem for Brunei Darussalam was heard.

At the end of the ceremony, Their Majesties and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri consented to have a meet-and-greet session with the event's guests.

In the evening, a Royal Banquet hosted by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Kelantan Darul Naim and Duli Yang Maha Mulia Raja Perempuan of Kelantan Darul Naim was held at the Main Hall of Diamond Puteri Hotel,



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the '*Majlis Taman*'.

Kota Bharu for His Majesty and the delegation.

At the banquet, Their Majesties and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri were

presented with a cultural agenda known as *Malam Warisan Kelantan* (Kelantan Heritage Night), which is an inspiration of Duli Yang Maha Mulia Raja Perempuan of Kelantan Darul Naim.

Royalties attend Investiture Ceremony and Courtesy Visit to Kelantan



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 and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Mohamed Alam; as well as Her Royal Highness Princess Hajjah Masna in a group photo with His Majesty Tuanku Ismail Petra ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Yahya Petra, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Kelantan Darul Naim and Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tengku Anis binti Al-Marhum Tengku Abdul Hamid, Raja Perempuan of Kelantan during the Investiture Ceremony.

KOTA BHARU, March 7 - 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 and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Mohamed Alam; as well as Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam binti Haji Abdul Aziz consented to attend the Investiture Ceremony held at the Istana Negeri Kubang Kerian, Kota Bharu.

At the ceremony, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to confer The Most

Esteemed Family Order Laila Utama (D.K.) Brunei Darussalam to Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tengku Anis binti Al-Marhum Tengku Abdul Hamid, Raja Perempuan of Kelantan.

On the other hand, His Majesty Tuanku Ismail Petra ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Yahya Petra, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Kelantan Darul Naim conferred *Darjah Kerabat Yang Amat Dihormati* (D.K.) Kelantan to Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam.

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Kelantan Darul Naim during a Luncheon Ceremony, which took place at the Main Banquet Hall, Kelantan Darul Naim.

Royalties attend Investiture Ceremony and Courtesy Visit to Kelantan



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam signing a commemorative parchment during the briefing on the development of Kelantan Darul Naim and the Council of the Religion of Islam and Malay Custom Kelantan (MAIK).

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Their Majesties and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri then attended a Luncheon Ceremony at the Main Banquet Hall, Kota Darul Naim, which was hosted by His Majesty the Sultan of Kelantan and Duli Yang Maha Mulia Raja Perempuan of Kelantan.

Also present were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajjah Masna.

On the same day, Their Majesties and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri visited the Royal Museum at Istana Batu and the Royal Customs Museum at Istana Jahar. Accompanying His Majesty's delegation during the visits was Duli Yang Maha Mulia Raja Perempuan of Kelantan and Yang Teramat Mulia Tengku Muhammad Faris Petra, Tengku Mahkota of Kelantan.

In the afternoon, His Majesty attended a briefing on the state's development and the Council of the Religion of Islam and Malay Custom Kelantan (MAIK), which was presented by Yang Berhormat Dato Haji Wan Hashim bin Wan Daud, State Secretary of Kelantan.

Also present at the briefing were His Majesty the Sultan of Kelantan, Yang Teramat Mulia Tengku Mahkota of Kelantan and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

In a separate visit, Her Majesty and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri visited the Handicrafts Exhibition in Kampung Kraftangan, Kota Bharu; where Their Majesties and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri received a warm welcome from Dato Haji Ashaari Azmi bin Haji Abdullah, Chairman of the Handicrafts Exhibition Committee, as well as other members of the committee.

Also present were Duli Yang Maha Mulia Raja Perempuan of Kelantan and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajjah Masna.

In the evening, Their Majesties and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri attended a dinner hosted by Kelantan Association of State Administrative Officers.



Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Mohamed Alam and Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tengku Anis binti Al-Marhum Tengku Abdul Hamid, Raja Perempuan of Kelantan taking a closer look at a batik painting during the Handicrafts Exhibition in Kampung Kraftangan, Kota Bharu

Courtesy visit continues

KOTA BHARU, March 8 – On the third day of the courtesy visit to Kelantan Darul Naim, 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 and His Majesty Tuanku Ismail Petra ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Yahya Petra, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Kelantan Darul Naim consented to hold a badminton tournament at the Badminton Hall, Kota Bharu Municipal Council.

Attending the friendly tournament were Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Mohamed Alam; Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam binti Haji Abdul Aziz; as well as Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tengku Anis binti Al-Marhum Tengku Abdul Hamid, Raja Perempuan of Kelantan Darul Naim.

Also present at the tournament were Yang Teramat Mulia Tengku Muhammad Faris Petra, Tengku Mahkota of Kelantan; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajjah Masna; and Yang Amat Mulia Tengku Amalin A'ishah Putri.

In the doubles match, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was partnered with Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Orang Kaya Lela



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 presenting a souvenir to one of the players of the Kelantan Darul Naim team during the badminton tournament.

Pahlawan Colonel Dato Seri Laila Jasa Haji Awang Mohd. Jaafar bin Haji Abdul Aziz; against His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Kelantan Darul Naim with Mohd. Nor bin Yusof.

His Majesty then consented to witness a match between the Brunei Darussalam team and the Kelantan Darul Naim team.

At the end of the tournament, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan

of Brunei Darussalam and His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Kelantan Darul Naim consented to deliver souvenirs to the players of both teams as well as staff members.

On the same day, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam continued his series of visits at the Desa Pahlawan Camp, Bukit Cina.

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam taking a closer look at the modern equipment owned by the Royal Malay Regiment during his visit to the Desa Pahlawan Camp.

Courtesy visit continues



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkih Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam listening to a briefing on edible foods found in the forest during the visit to the Desa Pahlawan Camp.



Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Mohamed Alam during the visit to the Taman Orkid Tengku Anis, Pengkalan Chepa (left) and the Darul Aitam Puteri Orphanage (right).

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Accompanying His Majesty was His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Kelantan Darul Naim, who is also the Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Artillery Regiment.

Subsequently after receiving the Royal Salute, His Majesty was invited to inspect the guard of honour, which consisted of 103 members of the 16th Battalion Royal Malay Regiment of Malaysia.

His Majesty then consented to attend a briefing delivered by Brigadier General Hashim bin Abdul Karim, Commander of Eight Brigades; and afterwards, observed a static display of field cannon equipment, airborne cannon, sky-guard radar, and detection devices from the Royal Artillery Sensor Battery.

The capstone of the visit, which took over an hour, was the showing of a Capability Demonstration by the Corps and Regiment of the Eight Brigades; which included skydiving, unarmed combat, infantry attack and military tanks, as well as artillery motion tactics in the battlefield.

On the other hand, Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri consented to visit the Darul Aitam Puteri Orphanage.

Upon their arrival at the orphanage, Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri were welcomed by Dato Haji Ashaari Azmi bin Haji Abdullah, Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Darul Aitam Puteri.

Her Majesty and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Raja Isteri then consented to sign a commemorative parchment, and witnessed a nasyid performance by the children of the orphanage.

Their visit then continued in the afternoon with a floral festival at the Taman Orkid Tengku Anis, Pengkalan Chepa, where Her Majesty and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri consented to plant a Royal Palm tree to commemorate the event.

Accompanying Her Majesty and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri was Her Royal Highness Princess Hajjah Masna.

His Majesty visits Terengganu Darul Iman

KUALA TERENGGANU, March 10

– His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkih Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Mohamed Alam; along with Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam binti Haji Abdul Aziz departed from Terengganu Darul Iman after their courtesy visit to the state.

Joining His Majesty's delegation during the visit was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajjah Masna.

Present to bid farewell was His Majesty Al-Wathiqu Billah Al-Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Terengganu Darul Iman and Her Majesty Sultanah Nur Zahirah, Sultanah of Terengganu.

Their Majesties and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri, along with other members of the royal family arrived at Terengganu Darul Iman on March 9, a day after their visit to Kelantan Darul Naim.

Upon arrival, at the Sultan Mahmud Airport, His Majesty and the delegation were welcomed by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Terengganu Darul Iman and Her Majesty Sultanah of Terengganu.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkih Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam being welcomed by His Majesty Al-Wathiqu Billah Al-Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Terengganu Darul Iman.

In the evening, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to confer The Royal Family Order of the Crown of Brunei (D.K.M.B.) to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Terengganu Darul Iman during an investiture ceremony held at the Istana Maziah.

Also in attendance at the ceremony were Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri; Duli

Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Isteri; Her Majesty Sultanah of Terengganu; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajjah Masna; as well as other royal members of Terengganu.

The ceremony was then followed by a Royal Banquet hosted by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Terengganu Darul Iman and Her Majesty Sultanah of Terengganu.

500 presented with house keys and land grants

RIMBA, March 23 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkih Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to present the keys to houses under the Landless Indigenous Housing Scheme (STKRJ) in Kampong Mata-Mata, Lambak Kiri and houses under the National Housing Scheme (RPN) Phase 12 in Lambak Kanan; as well as Housing Land Lots in Lambak Kanan and Land Grants in the Brunei-Muara District.

The ceremony, which involved almost 500 recipients, was held at the Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan Science College in Kampong Rimba.

Upon arrival at the college, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was welcomed by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Isa bin Pehin Dato Perdana Manteri Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Ibrahim, Special Advisor to His

Majesty at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Home Affairs; Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Indera Wijaya Pengiran Dr. Haji Ismail bin Pengiran Haji Damit, Minister of Development; and Dato Paduka Awang Haji Mohd. Kassim bin Haji Johan, Brunei-Muara District Officer.

The ceremony commenced with a mass recitation of *Surah Al-Fatihah* read by Yang Dimuliakan Lagi Dihormati Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, State Mufti, followed by welcoming remarks by the Brunei-Muara District Officer.

After delivering the keys and land grants to the recipients, His Majesty then consented to tour the Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan Science College, and visited several other places including Kampong Lambak Kiri and Lambak Kanan; Kampong Pulaie; the Rimba Dialysis Centre; the Civil Service Institute; as well as the orchid flower and local product areas at the Rimba Horticulture Centre.

500 presented with house keys and land grants

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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, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam presenting a land grant (left) and a house key (right) to the recipients.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam visiting one of the patients during his tour to the Rimba Dialysis Centre.

His Majesty interacting with participants undergoing courses at the Civil Service Institute.



His Majesty taking a closer look at an orchid flower at the Rimba Horticulture Centre.

His Majesty being welcomed at the home of Haji Ali bin Piut, one of the land grant recipients in Kampong Pulaie

Underprivileged receive *Korban* meat



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam together with Their Royal Highnesses joining in a mass Sunat Aidiladha prayer held prior to the *Korban* Ceremony at the Jame' 'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah.

Bandar Seri Begawan, March 29 – A *Korban* Ceremony was conducted for 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 and His Majesty's family at the compound of the Jame' 'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah.

Attending the ceremony, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was greeted upon arrival by Yang Dimulikan Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Yahya bin Haji Ibrahim, Acting Minister of Religious Affairs.

Yang Dimulikan Lagi Dihormati Pehin Dato Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, State Mufti.

His Majesty then consented to commence the *Korban* Ceremony; whereby as many as seven goats were sacrificed on

The ceremony began with a mass recitation of *Surah Al-Fatihah* led by

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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, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during the *Korban* Ceremony at the Jame' 'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah.

Underprivileged receive *Korban* meat



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 and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince receiving *junjung ziarah* greetings after a mass Sunat Aidiladha prayer.

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behalf of His Majesty, whereas 13 cows were sacrificed for His Majesty's family members.

Also in attendance were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince; His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

At the event, His Majesty also consented to deliver a fraction of the *Korban* meat to those who are underprivileged from the nearby villages.

Prior to the ceremony, His Majesty and Their Royal Highnesses joined in a mass Sunat Aidiladha prayer at the Jame' 'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah.

The prayer was led by the Acting Minister of Religious Affairs, and was followed by a sermon delivered by Yang Dimulikan Pehin Orang Kaya Dato Paduka Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Salim bin Haji Besar, Chief Kadi.

Afterwards, the people at the mosque took the opportunity to give *junjung ziarah* (meet-and-greet) greetings to His Majesty and other members of the royal family.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam handing over *Korban* meat to the underprivileged (above and below).

IT development contributes many benefits



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim during the 10th Pan Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning.

BERAKAS, March 2 - His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince highlighted that developments in the spread of information technology and knowledge have given many opportunities and possibilities for the benefit of human beings as the world approaches a new millennium.

Touching on information technology development, His Royal Highness hoped that more people from all communities across the world will be able master information technology in order to obtain quality knowledge and education, not only for primary to secondary education, but also for higher education levels.

His Royal Highness stated the matter in his *sabda* (royal speech) during the launching of the 10th Pan Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning at the International Convention Centre.

"Speaking of proficiency, it also means that teachers and educational institutions need to have proficiency in a sense that they really have the appropriate qualifications; they are trained and motivated to deliver knowledge and skills to students," said His Royal Highness.

Upon arrival, His Royal Highness was greeted by Yang Mulia Dato Seri Laila Jasa Dr. Awang Haji Ahmad bin Haji Jumat, Deputy Minister of Education and Yang Dimulikan Pehin Orang Kaya Putera Maharaja Dato Seri Laila Jasa

Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong, Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Brunei Darussalam. Accompanying His Royal Highness at the event was His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim.

The event commenced with a recitation of *Surah Al-Fatihah* led by Yang Dimulikan Pehin Dato Imam Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Hamid bin Bakal.

After the launching, His Royal Highness consented to hear a prime lecture from His Excellency Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth. The forum was jointly organised by the Commonwealth of Learning (COL), whose headquarter is in Vancouver, Canada; the Ministry of Education; and Universiti Brunei Darussalam.

Crown Prince attends Royal Coronation Ceremony

KUALA TERENGGANU, March 5 - His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince consented to join a mass Friday prayer at the Tengku Tengah Zaharah Mosque, Teluk Ibai, Kuala Terengganu Darul Iman; after attending the Royal Coronation Ceremony of His Majesty Al-Wathiqu Billah Al-Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Terengganu Darul Iman at the Istana Maziah the previous day.

On March 4, upon arrival at the coronation ceremony, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah was greeted by His Royal Highness Tengku Sri Bendahara Raja Tengku Mustaffa Kamel; Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Amar Diraja Tan Sri Haji Wan Mokhtar bin Wan Ahmad, Chief Minister of Terengganu Darul Iman and Yang Berbahagia Dato' Toh Puan Seri Hajjah Aishatun binti Mohd. Fadlullah Suhaimi; as well as other members of the royal family and officials of Terengganu Darul Iman.

At the event where His Majesty Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin was appointed as the 16th Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Terengganu with the title of Al-Wathiqu Billah Al-Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah was representing 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.

Earlier, on March 3, His Royal Highness attended the *Majlis Jamuan Berserak* (Berserak Banquet Ceremony) at the Istana Badariah. Upon arrival, His Royal Highness was welcomed by His Royal Highness Tengku Sri Bendahara Raja as well as other members of the royal family. Accompanying His Royal Highness throughout the events was His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim.

Following the Royal Coronation Ceremony and the mass Friday prayer, His Royal Highness will be continuing his official visit to Penang and Kuala Lumpur.

Crown Prince attends Royal Coronation Ceremony

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His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince during the Royal Coronation Ceremony at the Istana Maziah.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah and His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim being greeted upon their arrival at the Istana Maziah.

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah and His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim during the mass Friday prayer at the Tengku Tengah Zaharah Mosque, Teluk Ibai, Kuala Terengganu Darul Iman.



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His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince having a conversation with His Majesty Al-Wathiqu Billah Al-Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Terengganu Darul Iman prior to the *Majlis Jamuan Berserak* (Berserak Banquet Ceremony).



His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim (left) and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Muda Abdul Qawi at the banquet ceremony held at the Istana Badariah.

Official visit to Penang



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim during their visit to the Penang Cultural Centre at Telok Bahang (above and below).

PENANG, March 6 – His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince went for a five-day official visit to Penang after attending the Royal Coronation Ceremony of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Terengganu Darul Iman.

Upon arrival at the State, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah was welcomed by Yang Berhormat Dato Haji Yahya bin Haji Abdul Hamid, Speaker for the Penang State Legislative Assembly and a few members of the Penang State Executive Council (EXCO).

During his short stay at Penang, His Royal Highness had the opportunity to visit the Penang Bridge.

At the Malaysian Highway Authority office, His Royal Highness and delegation was greeted by Mohd. Suhaimi bin Hassan, Manager of the Malaysian Highway Authority for the Northern Region. His Royal Highness was also given a briefing on the Penang Bridge 'Mid Span'.



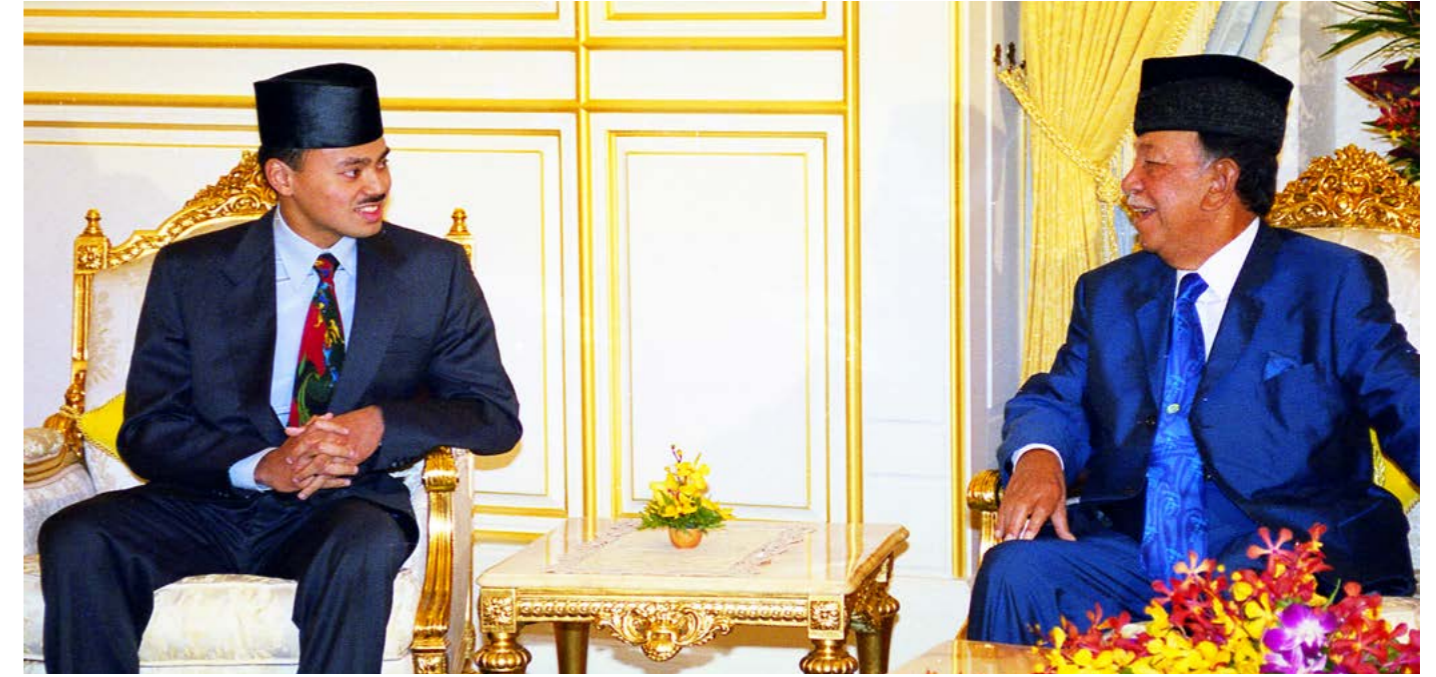
After the briefing, His Royal Highness toured the Penang Bridge 'Mid Span', which is the third longest bridge in the world.

His Royal Highness then proceeded to visit the Penang Cultural Centre at Telok Bahang, where he was greeted by Abdul Aziz bin Karim, Executive Director of the Cultural Centre.

In the evening, a Banquet was held for His Royal Highness hosted by His Excellency Tun Dato' Seri (Dr.) Haji Hamdan bin Sheikh Tahir, Yang Di-Pertua Negeri of Penang.

Also in attendance was His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim, along with the Speaker for the Penang State Legislative Assembly as well as several state dignitaries of Penang.

His Royal Highness meets Malaysian leaders



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince during the audience ceremony with His Majesty Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar ibni Al-Marhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman, Ruler of the State of Negeri Sembilan at the Istana Negara.

KUALA LUMPUR, March 8 - His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince was granted an audience with His Majesty Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar ibni Al-Marhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman, Ruler of the State of Negeri Sembilan and Her Majesty Tuanku Najihah binti Al-Marhum Tunku Besar Burhanuddin, Raja Permaisuri Agong at the Istana Negara during His Royal Highness's five-day official visit to Kuala Lumpur.

Also in attendance at the audience ceremony were the children of His Majesty Yang Di-Pertuan Agong: Yang Amat Mulia Tunku Dara Tunku Tan Sri Naquiah; Yang Amat Mulia Tunku Puteri Tunku Dato Seri Jawahir; and Yang Amat Mulia Tunku Putera Tunku Nadzaruddin.

In the afternoon, His Royal Highness visited Yang Amat Berhormat Dato Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia at his office at Jalan Dato Onn, Kuala Lumpur.

Earlier in the morning, His Royal Highness set out to visit the Economic Planning Unit at Jalan Dato Onn, followed by another visit to the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations at Jalan Ilmu Selangor.

His Royal Highness then proceeded to the PETRONAS Twin Towers, KLCC, Kuala Lumpur, which is the tallest building in the world.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah and His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim during their visit to PETRONAS Twin Towers, KLCC, Kuala Lumpur.

Previously, on March 7, His Royal Highness visited the Malaysia Badminton Academy in Cheras; where His Royal Highness was welcomed by Dato Roland Wong, Deputy President of the Badminton Association of Malaysia and consented to join a friendly badminton match.

During the official visit, His Royal Highness paid a courtesy call to Yang Berhormat Dato' Seri Mohd. Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, Minister of Education of Malaysia; as well as to Yang Berhormat Senator Tan Sri Dato Haji Mohamed bin Yakob, Yang di-Pertua Dewan Negara at the

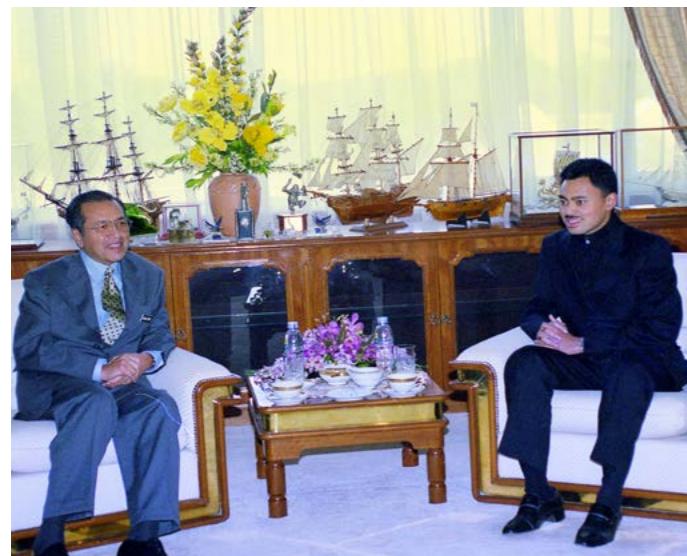
Parliament Building. His Royal Highness further made a visit to the Parliament Building located at Jalan Parlimen.

The highlight of His Royal Highness's visit to the country was his courtesy call to Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamed, Prime Minister of Malaysia at the Prime Minister's Office, Jalan Dato Onn, which was followed by a luncheon at Carcosa Seri Negara.

Accompanying His Royal Highness throughout the visits was His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim.

His Royal Highness meets Malaysian leaders

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His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah during his courtesy call to Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamed, Prime Minister of Malaysia.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah during a courtesy visit to Yang Amat Berhormat Dato Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah and His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim during their courtesy visit with Yang Berhormat Senator Tan Sri Dato Haji Mohamed bin Yakob, Yang di-Pertua Dewan Negara during a courtesy visit.



Their Royal Highnesses in a group photo during their visit to the Malaysia Badminton Academy in Cheras.

PMM Fund continues to receive contributions



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim during the Brunei Information Technology Exhibition (BITEK) 1999 at the Seri Kenangan Shopping Mall, Kiulap.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, March 3 – The Pengiran Muda Mahkota Al-Muhtadee Billah (PMM) Fund for Orphans, which was established last year in 1998, continues to receive attention and contributions from various parties in the country.

The fund received a total donation of \$1,000 from the Brunei Darussalam Computer Society, which was delivered in conjunction with the Brunei Information Technology Exhibition (BITEK) 1999 at the Seri Kenangan Shopping Mall, Kiulap.

Attending the ceremony was His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim.

Upon arrival, Their Royal Highnesses were greeted by Awang Mahathir bin Abdullah, President of the Brunei Darussalam Computer Society.

The event also featured an award presentation ceremony, whereby

an award was delivered by His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah to a representative of Apple Centre for winning the best stall. On the other hand, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cooperation won the 'highly commended' category.

Prior to leaving, His Royal Highness toured the BITEK 99 exhibition showcased by several agencies as well as computer businesses, followed by the signing of the commemorative parchment.

Luncheon hosted for Commonwealth Secretary-General

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, March 1 – His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Minister of Foreign Affairs consented to host a luncheon for His Excellency Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Commonwealth Secretary-General who was in the country for a five-day visit. The luncheon was held at the Balai Penghadapan, Bukit Kayangan.

Prior to the luncheon, His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah and His Excellency Chief Emeka Anyaoku held discussions on matters of the Commonwealth.

His Royal Highness was also given a briefing on the Commonwealth Government Leaders Meeting, which will be held in South Africa in November.

His Excellency was in the country to attend the 'Pan Commonwealth on Open Learning' Forum, which was jointly organised by the Universiti Brunei Darussalam, the Ministry of Education and Commonwealth studies.

Also in attendance was Her Royal Highness Princess Hajjah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2nd Meeting of Brunei Darussalam Economic Council

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, March 2 - His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Minister of Foreign Affairs chaired the Second Meeting of the Brunei Darussalam Economic Council at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the meeting, His Royal Highness mentioned the acceptance of reports from the Chairman of the committees, members of the Economic Council, as well as Chairman and President of the Chambers of Commerce in the country.

The reports received were on the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Overview of Economic Downtown; the Proposal to Secretariat of National Economic Council; Brunei Darussalam's Economic Difficulties and the recommendations for their solutions;

as well as the policies and the 21st Century Economic Development Goals for Brunei Darussalam.

These reports were the council's first and second, and they serve to review the country's economic state at present; reports on financial and banking; economic policy facilities; finance and credit; infrastructure; labour and immigration; as well as tourism and trading.

These reports will also identify the economic problems faced by the country; as well as the short-term and long-term solutions to overcome the issues and accelerate the country's economic development.

The meeting included a briefing from Timothy Ong Teck Mong, Chairman of the Economic Status Reviewing Committee. Other reports from the Chairmen of the other committees will be included in the upcoming meeting.

2nd ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting Reception Ceremony



Her Royal Highness Princess Hajjah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam during the 2nd ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Berlin.

BERLIN, March 28 - Her Royal Highness Princess Hajjah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam attended a Reception Ceremony alongside other Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

The event was hosted by His Excellency Professor Dr. Roman Herzog, President of the Federal Republic of Germany. The event took place at the Schloss Bellevue in conjunction with the 2nd ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

After the reception, Her Royal Highness joined other Ministers of Foreign Affairs to the official opening of the Vietnamese artists' exhibition, as well as the official

launching of cultural performances of the students from ASEM member countries.

Her Royal Highness then attended a meeting for Asia-ASEM Foreign Ministers at the InterContinental Hotel in the late afternoon.

In the evening, Her Royal Highness and other Foreign Ministers attended a casual dinner, hosted by His Excellency Joschka Fischer, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany.

During the ceremony, the Foreign Ministers of ASEM also conducted a political dialogue, where they discussed matters concerning Korea Peninsula, Cambodia, Kosovo and Russia.