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Ministry set up to ensure prosperity, encourage foreign investments

His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Wad-aulah said the setting up of the Industry and Primary Resources Ministry is one of government efforts to ensure the continued prosperity of the people and future generations, as well as to en-

courage foreign investments.

The ministry's establishment, His Majesty added, is designed to speed up economic diversification so as not to be solely dependent on natural resources namely, oil and gas.

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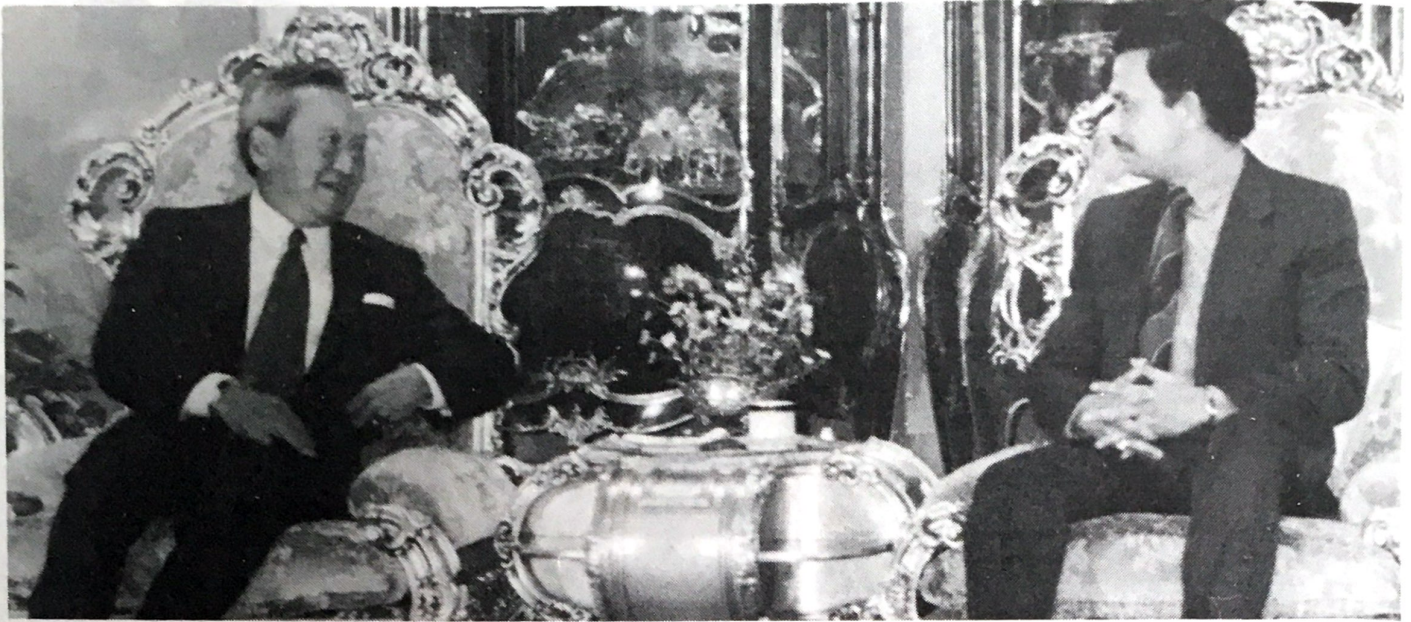


His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah delivering his National Day message from the Istana Nurul Iman.



The climax of the celebrations: participants forming the pattern showing this year's National Day celebration emblem, which symbolises — among other things — five years of full independence; unity; self-reliance; strength; harmony; and above all that Brunei Darussalam is a Malay Islamic Monarchy.

Thai PM on official visit



His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah granted the Thai Prime Minister, General Chatichai Choonhavan (left), an audience at Istana Nurul Iman.

The Thai Prime Minister, General Chatichai Choonhavan, arrived in Bandar Seri Begawan on February 13 for a three-day official visit to Brunei Darussalam.

General Chatichai was accompanied by a delegation, which included his wife, Madam Khunying Boonruen Choonhavan and the Foreign Minister, Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila.

The Prime Minister was received in audience by His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, at the Istana Nurul Iman.

Present at the audience were His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Bendahara Seri Maharaja Permaisura Pengiran Muda Haji Sufri Bolkiah, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri



HRH Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister, and his Thai counterpart, Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila.

Pengiran Digadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Haji Jefri Bolkiah, the Finance Minister, and Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama

Haji Awang Isa, the Special Adviser to His Majesty in the Prime Minister's Office cum Home Affairs Minister.

Madam Khunying Boonruen Choonhavan had separate audiences with Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha at the Istana Nurul Iman and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam at the Istana Nurul Izzah.

General Chatichai Choonhavan and his delegation later visited Brunei Shell headquarters in Seria and the Malay Technology Museum and Brunei Arts and Handicrafts Centre in the capital.

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HM the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan stated this in a message broadcast nation-wide to mark Brunei Darussalam's fifth National Day on February 23.

His Majesty said in order to expedite the process of industrialisation and development of the country's primary resources, it is important to review and streamline the laws and regulations relating to industry and investments.

HM the Sultan stressed that it is vital that the facilities and services given by the ministry comparable with those in the region in order not only step up industrialisation but also to attract foreign investors into the country.

His Majesty called on the private sector to play a positive role in developing the country's industry and primary resources by always tapping new industrial fields whose products could compete in the international market.

He said in this connection, the Government welcomes foreign investors to form joint ventures in industries, agriculture and fisheries. They are also welcome because Brunei Darussalam needs their technical and managerial expertise.

"However, foreign investors are reminded that in order to give benefits to both parties, they must understand the Government's economic aspirations and objectives," added His Majesty.

Touching on problems of inheritances, which had been communicated to him during his visits to the various villages throughout the country, HM the Sultan announced that, as from 15 December of last year, inheritances or estates of up to \$2 million will be exempt from duty, and for those valued at more than \$2 million a three percent duty will be levied.

On the international front, His Majesty said Brunei Darussalam has managed to strengthen relations with friendly countries, particularly in efforts to create mutual benefits for all concerned.

In the endeavour to make the region's political environment firm and stable, HM the Sultan pointed out that Brunei Darussalam has also played a positive role, and this can be seen in its capacity as the Chairman of the ASEAN Standing Committee it has succeeded, with the coopera-

tion of its ASEAN partners, to increase the votes on the United Nations resolution on Kampuchea.

On the theme of the National Day celebrations 'Berdikari Meningkatkan Kemakmuran Negara' (Self-Reliance To Enhance The Country's Prosperity), His Majesty reminded the people the importance of boosting the country's economic growth by carrying out various ventures in the fields of industry, agriculture and fishery.

By promoting the spirit of self-reliance, the monarch said, they can reduce dependence on the Government for jobs.

HM the Sultan said the Government will always give encouragement and stimulation to those with the enterprise, for example, through privatisation of several agricultural projects as the first step. Various other projects are also being looked into for possible privatisation.

His Majesty said it is hoped that members of the private sector in the State would come forward and do their utmost to carry out to success whatever government schemes given to them, because in this way they would complement the Government's efforts to enhance the people's prosperity and happiness.

HM Sultan Haji Hassanali Bolkiah went on to emphasise to the people the need for everyone to practise the habit of self-reliance and to inculcate in the younger generation such habit early in their life, because this would strengthen their fortitude to carry on creating an ever independent and sovereign nation.

His Majesty said it would also instill stout-heartedness and a spirit of determination in facing any threat from those who want to do away with the nation's independence and sovereignty.

However, His Majesty made it clear that self-reliance must be practised in line with the existing laws and regulations. It must also be in accordance with Bruneian customs and traditions, and must not set aside the values which Bruneians have inherited for countless generations.

Earlier, HM the Sultan expressed his appreciation and thanks to all the people (citizens and other residents in the country), including government servants and the security forces, for working together in maintaining and guaranteeing national security and peace, and also for the high growth in the development of Brunei Darussalam.

National Day greetings

His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanali Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah has received congratulatory messages on the occasion of Brunei Darussalam's fifth National Day from leaders around the world.

The messages were from Their Majesties the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia; King Bhumibol of Thailand; King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev of Nepal; King Juan Carlos I of Spain; King Carl Gustaf of Sweden; the Ameer of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa bin Salman Al-Khalifa; King Qaboos bin Said of Oman; the Ameer of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah; Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Salim Al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti Crown Prince and Prime Minister; and Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of Netherlands; President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahayyan of the United Arab Emirates; the Vice President and Prime Minister of United Arab Emirates Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al-Maktoum; President Soeharto of Indonesia; President Wee Kim Wee of Singapore; President George Bush of the United States; President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak of Egypt; President Maumoon Abdul Qayoom of Maldives; President Kenan Evren of Turkey; President Saddam Hussien of Iraq; President George Vassiliou of Cyprus; President Mikhail Gorbachev of Soviet Union; President Ralf Ditzdarevic of SFR Yugoslavia; President Aristides Pereira of Cape Verde; Acting President Paul Xuereb of Malta; President Corazon Aquino of the Philippines; President Abdou Diouf of Senegal; President Al-Haj Sir Dewa Kairaba Jawwara of Gambia; President Virgilio Barco of Colombia; President Ghulam

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Djibouti Minister arrives for official visit



Mr Moumin Bahdon Farah being given an audience by HRH Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Djibouti, Mr Moumin Bahdon Farah, was in Brunei Darussalam recently for a three-day official visit.

The minister, who arrived on January 25, paid a courtesy call on His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs

Minister, who also hosted a dinner for the Djibouti delegation.

He was accompanied by four senior officials, including the Djibouti Ambassador to the United Nations and the United States, Mr Roble Olhaye.

Before leaving for home, the minister and his delegation visited the Brunei Arts and Handicrafts Training Centre and the Pusat Dakwah Islamiah (The Islamic Missionary Centre).

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Ishaq Khan of Pakistan; President Roh Tae Woo of Korea; President Jean-Pascal Delamuraz of Switzerland; President Richard Von Weizsacker of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Several Prime Ministers also sent messages, and they included Mr Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore, Mrs Margaret Thatcher of Britain, and Ms Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan.

Others who despatched similar messages were the Governor-General of New Zealand, Sir Paul Reeves; the Governor-General of Mauritius, Sir Veerasamy Ringadoo; General Saw Maung, the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council of Burma; Syed Sharifuddin Pirzada, the Secretary-General of Organisation of Islamic Conference; and Mr Javier Perez De Cuellar, the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Envoy presents credentials

His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, last month graciously received the credentials of the new Pakistani Ambassador to the Sultanate, His Excellency Mr Sardar Ahmad, at a ceremony held at the Istana Nurul Iman.



His Excellency Mr Sardar Ahmad

The 60-year-old envoy, who replaced Mr Mir Abad Hussain, had previously served as the Minister in Pakistan's mission in Bad Godesberg, West Germany; Consul-General in Toronto; and Charge d' Affaires in Aden.

He joined the Pakistani Foreign Service in 1979 and held the post of Director-General in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs until 1981.

Mr Sardar Ahmad, who rose to the rank of Brigadier, served in the Pakistani Armed Forces and held various staff and command appointments, including as a representative in Turkey before joining the foreign service.

Exchange ideas with overseas artists



HRH Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam (right) tours the arts and handicrafts exhibition.

Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam has urged local artists to exchange ideas with their counterparts abroad as this will help them learn new techniques and improve their skills.

Her Royal Highness was speaking before she officially opened the arts and handicrafts exhibition at the Brunei Museum in Kota Batu on February 19.

Her Royal Highness also said that arts and handicrafts could be based on the environment and community.

The week-long exhibition, which featured more than 150 works, was sponsored by the University of Brunei Darussalam Women's Association.

The Indonesian Minister of Information, Bapak Haji Harmoko, has called for greater flow of information between his country and Brunei Darussalam, especially in the electronic and print media.

Bapak Haji Harmoko made the call when he spoke to Radio Television Brunei (RTB) officials during a three-day visit to the Sultanate, which began on February 2.

He told them that the two countries would exchange visits to discuss technical problems.

The Indonesian minister was accompanied by his wife and two officials from his ministry, Bapak Janner Sinaga, the Director General of Information, Press and Graphic, and the Permanent Secretary, Bapak Soekanto.

Bapak Haji Harmoko had an audience with His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Wad-daulah at the Istana Nurul Iman. Her Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam granted Madam Harmoko separate audiences.

Bapak Haji Harmoko made a courtesy call on Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang

Indon minister calls for more info flow



Bapak Haji Harmoko (right) making a courtesy call on Pehin Dato Haji Awang Isa.

Isa, the Special Adviser to His Majesty at the Prime Minister's Office cum the Home Affairs Minister. He also met Pehin Jawatan Luar Pekerna Raja Dato Seri Paduka Haji Awang Hussain, the Culture, Youth and

Sports Minister, who hosted a dinner for him and his delegation.

The minister and his delegation also toured the Brunei Museum, Malay Technology Museum and the Pusat Dakwah Islamiah (Islamic Missionary Centre).

Magnificent displays mark fifth National Day

Brunei Darussalam celebrated its fifth National day on February 23 with pomp and colour, depicting the country's rapid development, progress, prosperity and happiness.

The celebrations, held in the morning at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium, were watched by thousands who included His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah; His Majesty's three brothers: His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Digadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Haji Jefri Bolkiah, the Finance Minister; other royal family members and state dignitaries; members of the diplomatic community; and senior government officials.

Thousands more watched the celebrations at home as the whole event was telecast live by Radio Television Brunei.

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Participants about to display this year's celebration emblem



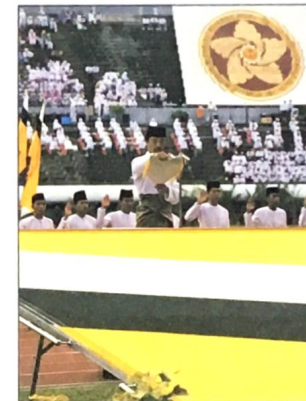
Spectators wearing caps presented by the organisers (right).



A section of the schoolchildren who took part in the pattern formation



His Majesty the Sultan, royal family members and some of the state dignitaries on the royal balcony of the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium (above)



A pledge of allegiance, led by one of the participants (left)



Brunei Darussalam's National Day celebrations began with special congregational prayers at all mosques throughout the country on the evening of February 22. His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah joined his subjects for the prayers at the Omar Ali Saifuddin Mosque in Bandar Seri Begawan.



The capital, Bandar Seri Begawan, at night

M'sia, Brunei agree to cooperate on education

Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam have agreed to work together to upgrade their education systems.

This was disclosed to newsmen by the Malaysian Education Minister, Encik Anwar Ibrahim, before his departure for home after a two-day visit to the Sultanate last month.

Encik Anwar, who had talks with his Brunei Darussalam counterpart, Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Aziz, said both parties agreed to work together in the fields of education, including upgrading higher educational institutions.

He said the two countries would also cooperate in research programmes as well as in the exchange of information and lectures.

Besides these, Encik Anwar said, both countries have agreed to share experiences through the exchange of expertise.

The minister, who arrived on February 2 at the head of a five-member delegation, was briefed



Pehin Dato Haji Awang Abdul Aziz, (left) and Encik Anwar (centre) during a reception given in Encik Anwar's honour.

on Brunei Darussalam's education system.

He also had an audience with His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah at the

Istana Nurul Iman.

Encik Anwar and his delegation wound up their visit with a tour of the Brunei Museum, the Arts and Handicrafts Training Centre and the History Centre.

Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia to organise forum

Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia will organise a forum on Islamic affairs at the end of the year.

Datuk Dr Yusof Noor, the Minister at the Prime Minister's Department, disclosed this before returning home after a three-day visit to the Sultanate recently.

He said the forum, which will be

held annually, aims to promote closer relations, improve management of Islamic affairs and create Islamic activities between both countries.

Datuk Dr. Yusof, who arrived on January 24, said officers from Brunei Darussalam's Religious Affairs Ministry will hold follow-up discussions soon on the forum with their counterparts at the Religious Affairs Division of the

Prime Minister's Department in Malaysia.

He was in Brunei Darussalam to reciprocate the visit to Malaysia last year of the Religious Affairs Minister, Pehin Orang Kaya Ratna Diraja Dato Seri Utama Dr Ustaz Haji Awang Mohamed Zain.

Datuk Dr Yusof also mentioned Brunei Darussalam's interest in his country's Islamic Information System (Sismi), which has network of information linked to all the states in Malaysia.

He said both countries felt that the system would make bilateral communications easier, especially in obtaining information on religious activities.

National Day party



The Australian High Commissioner (second from left) and the Education Minister having a chat.

The Australian High Commission celebrated its country's National Day with a reception held on January 26 at the official residence of His Excellency Mr Philip Moulton Knight, the Australian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam.

The chief guest at the function

was Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Aziz, the Education Minister, who represented the Government.

Also present at the event were diplomats, senior government officials and other invited guests.

Stamps mark fifth National Day

Philatelists have four more stamps to add to their collection. The Postal Services Department issued a new set of commemorative stamps on February 23 to mark Brunei Darussalam's fifth National Day.

The stamps, in denominations of 20 cents; 30 cents; 60 cents; and \$2, were designed by a Bruneian artist, Awang Norariffin bin Mohammad Yassin and printed by the Security Printer (M) Sdn Bhd Malaysia.

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

Indon Air Chief calls

Air Chief Marshal Utomo, the Indonesian Armed Chief of Staff (Air) Forces, arrived at the head of a 10-member delegation for a three-day official visit to the Sultanate last month.

Marshal Utomo, who flew in to the country on February 15, was granted an audience by His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, at the Istana Nurul Iman.

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



Pengiran Sanggamara Diraja Major-General Pengiran Haji Ibnu meets Air Chief Marshal Utomo.

Muslims told to adhere to Sunni belief

His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassan Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah has reminded Muslims in the country not to follow religious teachings outside the belief of 'Ahlu Sunnah Wal-Jemaah' (Sunni belief).

HM the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam gave the reminder at the final of the National Koran reading competition held in Bandar Seri Begawan on February 2.

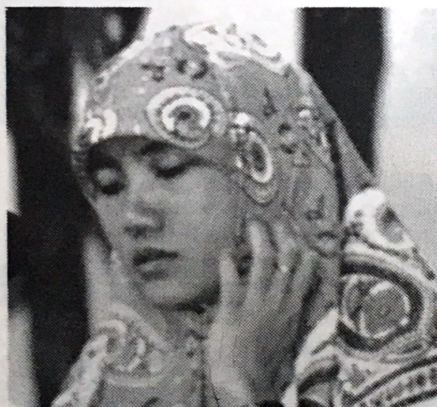
His Majesty said the Government has always made serious efforts to ensure that Muslims in the country stick to the Sunni belief, as stated in the Brunei Darussalam Constitution.

The monarch, who is also the head of the Islamic faith in the country, further reminded Muslims that they must follow the Prophet Muhammad's way of life and his teachings as in the Koran and his traditions, which are the main sources of Islamic laws.

The prize giving ceremony was also attended by, among others, HRH Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji



Muhammad Daud bin Haji Abdul Kadir.



Aminah binti Haji Abdul Manaf.

Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister, HRH Paduka Seri Pengiran Bendahara Seri Maharaja Permaisua, Pengiran Muda Haji Sufri Bolkiah and HRH Paduka Seri Pengiran Digadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Jefri Bolkiah, the Finance Minister, as well as state dignitaries and foreign diplomats.

Eight readers competed in the final. The men's section was won by Awang Muhammad Daud bin Haji Abdul Kadir and the women's section by Dayang Aminah binti Haji Abdul Manaf.

This year's panel of judges included experts from Egypt, Indonesia and Malaysia.

Both the winners will represent the state at the International Koran Reading Championship to be held in Kuala Lumpur next month.

A law for amateur radio to be introduced

Brunei Darussalam plans to introduce a law for amateur radio activities in the country.

The law will co-ordinate, guide and control the use of amateur radio in accordance with international requirements.

Dato Paduka Awang Haji Abdullah bin Haji Abu Bakar, the Director of Telecommunications, said this before declaring the first Brunei Darussalam Amateur Radio Association (BDARA) seminar opened on February 12.

Dato Haji Abdullah said the prime aim of introducing the law will be that the licence holders are those with sufficient knowledge of radio and expertise in morse code. In addition, general matters such as the use of non-abusive language and the importance of keeping correct records will be stressed in the law.

The BDARA seminar invited two foreign guests, Mr Erlangga from Indonesia, who spoke on "The Importance Of Modern Communication At Present With Amateur Radio", and Mr Ebbey Lucas of Singapore, whose topic was 'The Role of Amateur Radio In All Aspects'.

More than 200 amateur radio enthusiasts attended the day-long seminar.

Brunei Malay in a minute

Each month we introduce readers to common Brunei Malay words as used in the State. This month the word selected is ampul.

Ampul means light in weight. In standard Malay **ampul** means ringan.

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

*Kapas **ampul** jika dibanding dengan batu.*

Cotton is **light** compared to stone is heavy.



Interpol regional conference

Two senior police officers attended the Interpol regional conference held in Nepal last month.

They were the Deputy Commissioner, Dato Seri Laila Jasa Haji Abdul Rahman, and Superintendent Walter Boyd.

The conference, which started on February 21, was attended by the representatives of 34 other nations.

As many as 45,000 people from all walks of life representing educational institutions; uniformed government departments; districts and ethnic groups; the private sector; the Defence Ministry; and other ministries took part in making the celebrations a glittering success.

For more than three hours the participants thrilled the spectators with a variety of magnificent displays of colourful patterns symbolising, among other things, Bruneian values of love for the monarch, Islam, nation and country; education and its objectives; defence; law and order; unity; honesty and sincerity; productivity; industry; cooperation; and the four mentioned earlier: rapid development, progress, prosperity and happiness.

All the symbols were designed to relate to the concept of this year's celebration theme: 'Berdikari Meningkatkan Kemakmuran Negara' (Self-Reliance To Enhance The Country's Prosperity).

In addition to the displays, a choir of 1,200 entertained the crowd with a series of patriotic songs.

The celebrations actually began the previous evening with congregational prayers at all the main mosques throughout the State.

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah as well as His Majesty's brothers and other royal family members and state dignitaries were among the thousands who packed the Omar Ali Saifuddin Mosque in the capital.

Your turn

The next issue of the *Brunei Darussalam* newsletter will appear during the second week of April 1989. If there are events relating to our country you would like featured in this newsletter please call us on Tel: 02-25941 or better still, send us a report with a picture, if possible. Contributions for our next issue should arrive by March 20, 1989. All editorial rights reserved.

Chemists urged to cooperate with overseas counterparts

Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Aziz, the Minister of Education, has stressed on the importance of international cooperation between chemists here and their counterparts abroad.

The minister was speaking at a dinner held in Bandar Seri Begawan to mark the eleventh anniversary of the Brunei Darussalam Chemical Society last month.

He called on the society's

members to take an active part in international and regional chemical activities as it would help in enhancing the industrial development of the country.

The minister, who is the society's patron, said: "The exposure will be of particular help to the newly-created Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources".

The minister also called for closer cooperation between the society and the University of Brunei Darussalam.

Air agreement amended



Dato Paduka Job Lim (second from left) and Dr Srisook Chandransu signing the agreement.

Brunei Darussalam and Thailand have amended their air services agreement by giving the designated airlines of the respective countries to operate with increase frequencies and capacities.

The agreement was signed on January 26 in Bandar Seri

Begawan by the Brunei Darussalam Director of Civil Aviation, Dato Paduka Job Lim, and the Thai Director of Civil Aviation, Dr Srisook Chandransu.

The amendments also granted the designated airlines to operate beyond both countries' respective territories.

Natural Medicines

The Seven Golden Candlesticks (pictured here), also called ringworm plant, is an erect legume with dark green leaves.

Known as Pawul or Tam Sulok in Brunei Malay and scientifically as *Cassia alata*, it belongs to the Leguminosae family.

Pawul is considered to be the most attractive among the genus of *Cassia*, and Leguminosae is the third biggest family of horticultural plants in the world after the orchids and the compositae.

Cassia alata has 16 to 28 leaves per branch and bright yellow flowers arranged in erect spikes. A few pods, each containing between 50 to 60 flattened triangular seeds, cluster round the stem just below the flowers.

Pawul, which thrives in open wasteland, is one of the country's common shrubs.

Bruneians who have used the leaves found them efficacious for treating ringworm and other skin diseases and insects bites. They say the seeds pounded into powder and mixed with warm water can be taken as medicine for getting rid of worms from the bowels.



BRUNEI IN BRIEF

Capital City :	Bandar Seri Begawan
Land size :	5765 sq.km
Population :	220,000 (1984)
Official Language :	Malay
Official Religion :	Islam
January 1989 rainfall :	151.1 mm.
(annual 2,818mm)	

PRIME LENDING RATE

March 6.5%. (quoted by Bankers' Association).

