



## His Majesty attends 2014 ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit

SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, December 9 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam left for the Republic of Korea to attend the 2014 ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit, which was held in conjunction with the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ASEAN-Republic of Korea relations.

During the three-day state visit, His Majesty held a bilateral meeting with the President of the Republic of Korea, Her Excellency Park Geun-hye and witnessed the signing of an Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Government of the Republic of Korea at the Cheong Wa Dae (Blue House) in Seoul.

During the meeting, both leaders exchanged views on bilateral relations and efforts to enhance cooperation between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Korea as well as matters relating to regional and international affairs of mutual concern.

Afterward, both leaders witnessed the signing of Agreement of the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income. The Minister of Finance II at the Prime Minister's Office, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Ibrahim signed on behalf of the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam while the Republic of Korea was represented by His Excellency Yun Byung-se, the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

It was followed by the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Education. The Minister of Finance II at the Prime Minister's Office represented the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam while the Republic of Korea was represented by His Excellency Hwang Woo-yea, the Minister of Education.

Then, the Minister of Finance II at the Prime Minister's Office signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Agriculture on behalf of the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam while the Republic of Korea was represented by His Excellency Lee Dong-phil, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

At a State Banquet hosted by the President of the Republic of Korea at the Yeong Bin Gwan Hall, Cheong Wa Dae, His Majesty in a *titah*



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the President of the Republic of Korea at the Yeong Bin Gwan Hall, Cheong Wa Dae in Seoul.

(royal speech) lauded the strong partnership between both countries spanning over the past 20 years, as energy cooperation remains the core of economic engagement between both countries.

His Majesty also expressed pleasure that the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) contract with the Republic of Korea has been extended until 2018.

Brunei Darussalam values the Republic of Korea's assistance in constructing vessels for the sultanate's LNG consignments and is ready to continue working closely with the republic to further enhance the cooperation in this field, His Majesty said.

In addition, His Majesty is pleased to see that the existing relationship between both countries is further strengthened by signing the three new agreements. His Majesty also acknowledged that both countries have enjoyed progress in bilateral cooperation that extends to many areas including energy, education, agriculture and communication.

His Majesty further stated that the sultanate hopes to learn from the republic's experience in order to realise



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## >> 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 422,700 people (2012).

It is divided into four districts – Brunei-Muara, Tutong, Belait and Temburong.

Malay is the official language but English is widely spoken.

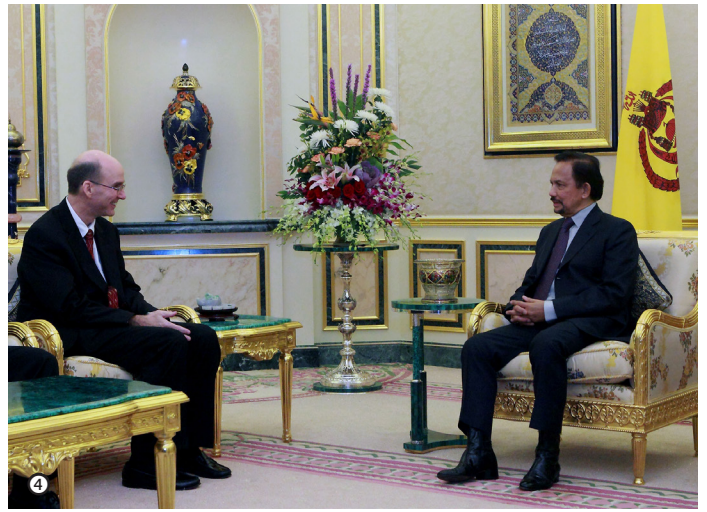
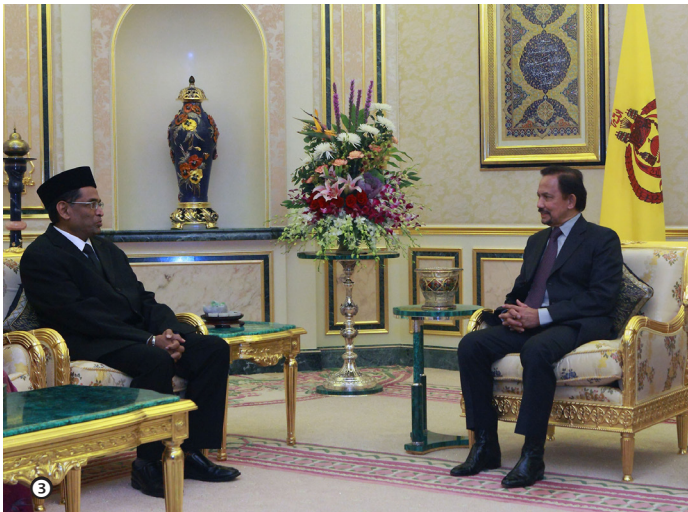
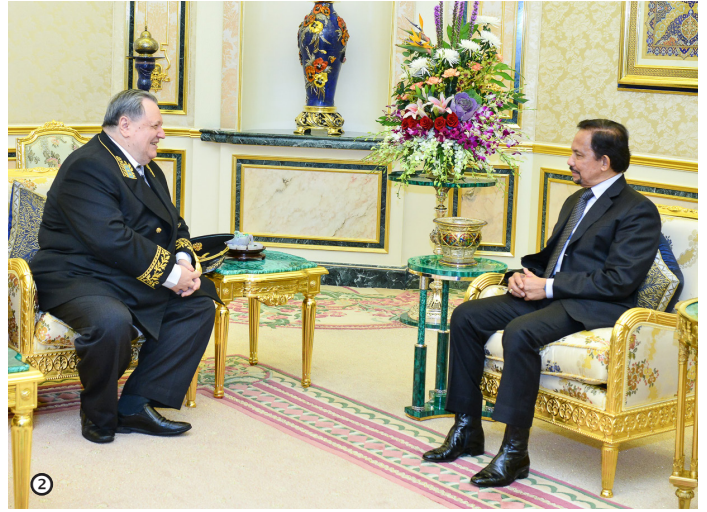
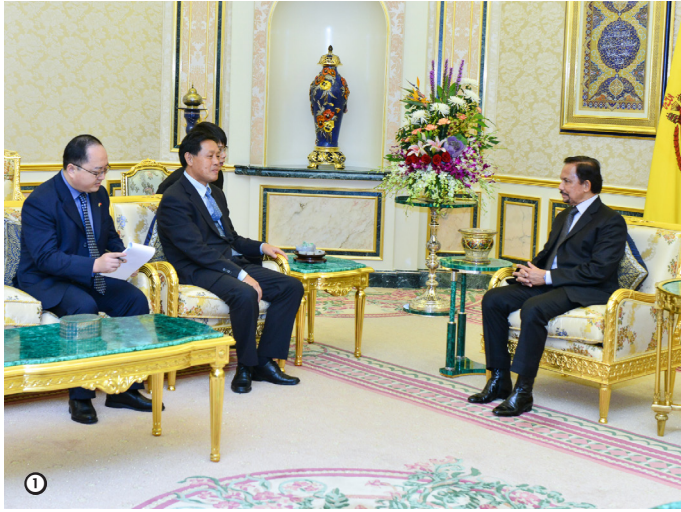
Islam is the official religion and it allows other religions to be practiced.

National carrier is Royal Brunei.

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

## 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, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to receive in audiences at the Istana Nurul Iman:

- ① His Excellency Zheng Xianglin the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Republic of the People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam on December 1.
- ② His Excellency Victor Alexandrovich Seleznev the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Russian Federation to Brunei Darussalam on December 1.
- ③ The Honorable Datuk Seri D. Subramaniam, the Minister of Health of Malaysia on December 2.
- ④ His Excellency Daniel L. Shields III, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Brunei Darussalam on December 2.



## His Majesty confers title

Bandar Seri Begawan, December 4 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to confer a state decoration, 'Darjah Pahlawan Negara Brunei Yang Amat Perkasa Darjah Pertama (P.S.P.N.B)', which carries the title 'Dato Seri Pahlawan' upon His Excellency Peter Ng Joo Hee, the Commissioner of Police of the Republic of Singapore.

After the ceremony, His Majesty consented to receive in audience His Excellency Dato Seri Pahlawan Peter Ng Joo Hee and received a pesambah (gift) from the Commissioner of Police of the Republic of Singapore.

His Excellency Jaya Ratnam, the High Commissioner of the Republic of Singapore to Brunei Darussalam was also present.

The ceremony took place at the Istana Nurul Iman.

## Her Majesty The Raja Isteri receives audiences



Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam consented to receive in audience at the Istana Nurul Iman, on December 3:

- ❶ Madam Sangeeta Shields, the spouse of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of United State of America to Brunei Darussalam.
- ❷ Madam Ahn Seung Mee, the spouse of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Brunei Darussalam.
- ❸ Datin Dayang Hajah Rashidah binti Haji Md. Zain, spouse newly- appointed Permanent Representative of Brunei Darussalam to Geneva, Switzerland.

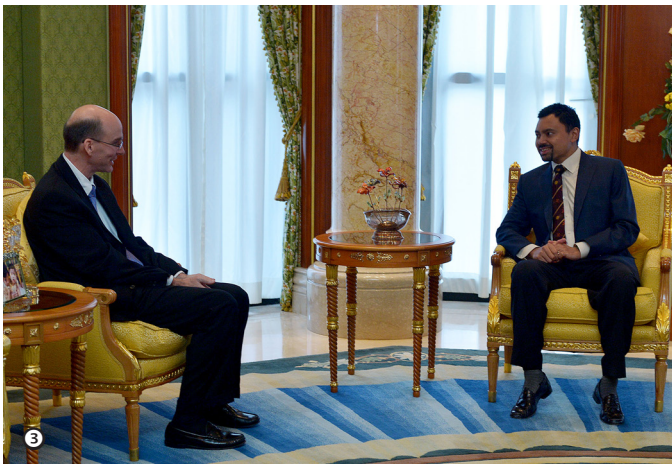
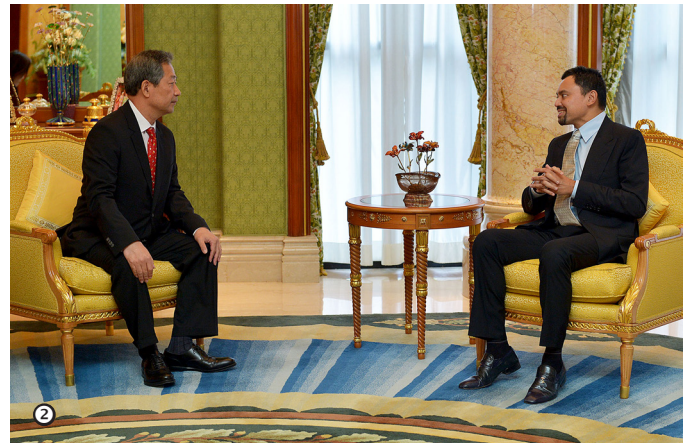


## His Majesty sends congratulatory messages

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

- His Excellency Thongsing Thammavong, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic as well as the Government and people of Lao People's Democratic Republic on the occasion of Lao People's Democratic Republic 39<sup>th</sup> National Day on December 2.
- His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, The King of of the Kingdom of Thailand on the occasion of His Majesty's 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 4.
- His Excellency Shinzo Abe, the Prime Minister of Japan on the Liberal Democratic Party's victory in Japan's General Elections on December 15.
- His Majesty Emperor Akihito, Emperor of Japan and His Excellency Shinzo Abe, the Prime Minister of Japan as well as the Government and the people of Japan on the occasion of His Majesty 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on December 23.
- His Excellency Shinzo Abe, the Prime Minister of Japan on his reappointment as the Prime Minister of Japan on December 24.

## His Royal Highness The Crown Prince receives audiences



**His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office consented to receive in audience at Qashr Al-Meezaan:**

- ❶ His Excellency Mohammad Reza Havaseli Ashtiani, out-going Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Islamic Republic Iran to Brunei Darussalam on December 1.
- ❷ His Excellency Mr. Cho Won Myung Xianglin, newly appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Brunei Darussalam on December 1.
- ❸ His Excellency Daniel L. Shields III, out-going Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of United State of America to Brunei Darussalam on December 4.
- ❹ His Excellency Dr. Ashok Kumar Amrohi, newly appointed High Commissioner of India to Brunei Darussalam on December 4.
- ❺ His Excellency Dato Paduka Haji Awang Mahdi bin Pehin Orang Kaya Digadong Seri Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Abdul Rahman, newly-appointed Permanent Representative to Geneva, Switzerland on December 6.
- ❻ His Excellency Aprichart Phetcharatana, out-going Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Thailand to Brunei Darussalam on December 6.



His Majesty with the President of the Republic of Korea inspecting the Royal Guard of Honour mounted by 170 personnel of the Army, Navy and Air Forces of the Republic of Korea.



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the Brunei Vision 2035.

The Republic of Korea has achieved rapid economic growth for the past decades. Today, the republic is widely regarded as a leading economy with world-class industries and well-known for their technological advancements. Its achievements are an inspiration to many around the world, His Majesty added.

His Majesty also touched upon the Republic of Korea's continued efforts to promote youth exchanges, particularly through the Brunei Darussalam-The Republic of Korea Youth Exchange Programme. His Majesty expressed deep appreciation and said that the people of Brunei Darussalam, especially the young generation, have developed an interest in the Korean language, food and culture. This has contributed to the strong bonds of friendship and understanding between both countries.

Other than that, His Majesty stated that both countries are also taking a huge step in the field of e-government, where the republic's assistance and expertise in developing Brunei Darussalam's ICT has been invaluable.

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His Majesty at the wreath-laying ceremony.



His Majesty with the Korean President during a bilateral meeting held at the Jipheyon Room of the presidential residence.



His Majesty and the President of the Republic of Korea witnessing the signing of agreements between the Governments of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Korea.



His Majesty delivering a *titah* (royal speech).



His Majesty with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Brunei Darussalam.

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This year is a special occasion for relations between ASEAN and the Republic of Korea, which now marked its 25<sup>th</sup> year of cooperation and reaffirmed Brunei Darussalam's commitment to continuously work together to further enhance the ASEAN-Republic of Korea partnership, His Majesty said.

His Majesty also wished the President of the Republic of Korea success in hosting the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit that will be held in Busan.

His Majesty was accompanied by the Minister of Finance II at the Prime Minister's Office, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Ibrahim; the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade II, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Pekerma Dewa Dato Seri Setia Lim Jock Seng; and the Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office, The Honourable Pehin Datu Singamanteri Kolonel (Rtd) Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Awang Haji Mohammad Yasmin bin Haji Umar.



His Majesty being greeted by 80 students and citizens of Brunei Darussalam at the Grand Hyatt Seoul Hotel.



# ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit 2014 in Busan, Republic of Korea

BUSAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, December 12 – His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam attended the First and Second Sessions of the 2014 ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit held at the Busan Exhibition and Convention Centre (BEXCO).

At the first session of the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit, His Majesty highlighted in a *titah* (royal speech) the importance of continuing the efforts and work under the ASEAN-Republic of Korea ICT Partnership Project to develop innovative and practical ways to use ICT to enhance the lives of the people.

Cooperation is vital, as the Republic of Korea has been established itself as a leader in the field of ICT, His Majesty said.

In the last four years, the Republic of Korea has been rated as the top country in the ICT Development Index. This is indeed a remarkable achievement, which indicates the deep integration of ICT in the Republic of Korea's society, and demonstrates how readily accessible the Internet is to the public, particularly through extensive usage of mobile communication, His Majesty added.

ICT is fast becoming the foundation

for many commercial activities, and developing further knowledge and expertise in this field has the potential to bring much economic benefit to the future of the region.

His Majesty further stated that at the heart of its cooperation is the relationship shared by the people of ASEAN and the Republic of Korea including the youths.

The trust and confidence among the youths are the foundation for a sustainable future. Therefore, ASEAN and the Republic of Korea should continue its commitment to nurture these relationships through the various exchange programmes.

His Majesty hopes to see the continuation of activities such as the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Youth Exchange Programmes, which would help the region to promote greater understanding and mutual respect.

In addition, His Majesty expressed delight that this year marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ASEAN-Republic of Korea partnership and the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Korea.

His Majesty also expressed pleasure that the longstanding bilateral ties have now expanded to cover many areas including energy, trade, ICT as well as people-to-people exchanges. The cooperation is further supported at the

regional level through the ASEAN-Republic of Korea and ASEAN Plus Three frameworks.

Concluding the *titah*, His Majesty stated that it is apparent that ASEAN-Republic of Korea relations would deepen and be further strengthened, bringing much benefit to the people and the region.

His Majesty then expressed appreciation to the President of the Republic of Korea for bringing together ASEAN at the meeting as well as to the President of the Republic of Indonesia for the country's excellent effort in facilitating the relationship between ASEAN and the Republic of Indonesia.

His Majesty also extended appreciation for the continued support from all of ASEAN's dialogue partners, including the Republic of Korea, which has helped realise its Community goals.

At the second session of the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit, His Majesty emphasised on climate change.

Climate change and its negative effects on people and their livelihood is a concern recognised by ASEAN, His Majesty said.

Last month, ASEAN reaffirmed its commitment to address climate change and hoped for the support of all its partners in tackling climate change.

There was also a global recognition

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His Majesty with the President of the Republic of Korea viewing a cultural exhibition at the Busan Exhibition and Convention Centre.



His Majesty at the welcoming dinner for the ASEAN Heads of State and Government hosted by the President of the Republic of Korea.





The 2014 ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit in Busan.



His Majesty during the Second Session of the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit.

for the need to address climate change as discussed at the United Nations Climate Summit this year, said His Majesty.

In the *titah*, His Majesty expressed appreciation to the President of the Republic of Korea for her donation of an additional US\$100 million to the Green Climate Change Fund and said that ASEAN values the Republic of Korea's efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change through initiatives such as forest conservation.

His Majesty said that Brunei Darussalam is working closely with the Republic of Indonesia and Malaysia

to address climate change. Brunei Darussalam has allocated 58 per cent of its land area, which is part of the Heart of Borneo, for forest conservation. His Majesty also welcomes all potential partners who are interested in the work to preserve biodiversity of the region's rainforests.

In addition, His Majesty noted that East Asia is a one of the most prominent areas that is most affected by natural disasters. The region experiences flooding, typhoons and landslides as well as strong earthquakes, volcanic activity and tsunamis. However, its geographical proximity enables it to react quickly in providing humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in the region.

In this regard, His Majesty hoped that the region would be able to deepen its cooperation and create measures that would help each other in the future.

His Majesty, in the *titah*, conveyed condolences to the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Indonesia and the Republic of the Philippines on the sinking of a Korean fishing vessel in Russian waters, and to the people of the Republic of the Philippines on the devastation brought by Typhoon Hagupit.

His Majesty also expressed appreciation to the President of the Republic of Korea, the Government and the people of the Republic of Korea for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to His Majesty and the delegation since arriving in Busan.

Earlier, His Majesty was greeted upon arrival at the Lobby of the Convention Center by the Secretary General of the Preparatory Office for the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit 2014, His Excellency Choi Jong-moon.

His Majesty then proceeded to the upper level of the Convention Centre where His Majesty was greeted by the President of the Republic of Korea.

Afterward, His Majesty joined other Heads of State and Government attending the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit for a group photo session.

Upon arrival at the Gimhae Air Base in Busan on November 11, His Majesty was greeted by the Mayor of Busan Suh Byun-soo; the Deputy Minister for Economic



His Majesty with leaders visiting the Special Exhibition on Public Governance at the Busan Exhibition & Convention Centre at the conclusion of the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit.



His Majesty sitting in the cockpit of an FA-50 Fighter Light Combat Aircraft at a static exhibition at the Gimhae Air Base, Busan.

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# Their Majesties visit Bruneians in UK

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, December 28 – His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam consented to attend a Get-Together ceremony with citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam in the United Kingdom and Ireland and the conferment of Universiti Brunei Darussalam's 'The Chancellor's Scholar' for the 2014/2015 session.

The ceremony was held at the London Hilton on Park Lane, London, United Kingdom.

Their Majesties were accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah

Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Her Royal Highness Princess Fadzilah Lubabul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah and Her Royal Highness Princess Ameerah Wardatul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah.

At the ceremony, His Majesty delivered a *titah* (royal speech) at the Grand Ballroom emphasising the need to change the education system in the country starting from pre-school to tertiary education to continuously prepare Bruneians for the constant changing world, which demands them to be more dynamic, creative and skilled.

His Majesty stated that the three important factors in achieving the best education system are choosing suitable individuals as teachers, training teachers to be effective educators and ensuring every student's success through quality education.

Additionally, His Majesty congratulated the two scholars who were awarded 'The Chancellor's Scholar', Dayang Siti Nurul Azian binti Zakaria and Dayang Nur Liyana binti Haji Ahmad, and advised all students to work and study hard to achieve their goals.

His Majesty further reminded the students to uphold their values, integrity and identity and to always follow the Malay Islam Monarchy as a way of living and thinking.

His Majesty also expressed gratitude as Brunei Darussalam achieved 100 years of formal education, showcasing the country's serious attention to education.

Earlier, Their Majesties joined senior

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Their Majesties at the annual get-together ceremony with citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam in United Kingdom and Ireland.



Their Majesties and members of the royal family with the recipients of Universiti Brunei Darussalam's 'The Chancellor's Scholar' Scholarship for the 2014/2015 session.

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government officials as well as students who excel in their studies and are active in extra-curricular activities for afternoon tea at the Wellington Ballroom. Their Majesties then signed a commemorative parchment.

Afterward, the Get-Together ceremony proceeded with a welcoming remark by Radin Abdullah bin Radin Mas Basiuni, the President of the Brunei Students' Union in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland. After delivering the *titah*, His Majesty conferred the 'The Chancellor's Scholar' upon the scholars.

After receiving a *pesambah* (gift), Their Majesties met and greeted approximately 2,400 citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland comprising students, government officials who are currently attending courses as well as those who are on holiday with their families



His Majesty awards the University Brunei Darussalam's 'The Chancellors' to one of the two recipients during the get-together ceremony at the London Hilton on Park Lane in London.



Their Majesties with the President and Acting Vice-President of the Association of Students of Brunei Darussalam in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.



Their Majesties being greeted by citizens and resident of Brunei Darussalam in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.



SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, December 4 – Recognising the impact and influence of having a cohesive and resilient family is vital in shaping future generations to contribute to the development of the community, society and nation.

An appreciation of family values should be instilled at an early age through the school curriculum. In Brunei Darussalam, steps have already been made to ensure that such values are included in the school curriculum and the National Youth Service Programme.

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Pekerma Laila Diraja Dato Seri Setia Haji Hazair bin Haji Abdullah stated this at the 6<sup>th</sup> East Asia Ministerial Forum on Families (EAMFF), which was held from December 4 to 5 under the theme of 'Creating Family-Friendly Social Environment'.

The minister stated that the strengthening of the family institution with a family-friendly social environment has always been a part of the country's development agenda, which is reflected in the Brunei Vision 2035 as well as in the National Development Plan, through education, health, housing, employment, financial care, eradicating poverty as well as promoting gender equality. He added that creating such environment would enable the community to continuously live in harmony and strengthen the family unit.

The Government of His Majesty

## Minister: Appreciation of family values should be instilled at an early age



**The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Pekerma Laila Diraja Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Hazair bin Haji Abdullah at the 6<sup>th</sup> East Asia Ministerial Forum on Families in Seoul, Republic of Korea.**

The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, he explained, has consistently provided the people in the country with a positive social environment, which includes the provision of educational services and free healthcare, a place of living that is not only adequate and affordable but also comfortable regardless of their socio-economic status, the Supplemental Contributory Pensions

Scheme that ensures living a sustainable family lifestyle after retirement and the survivor pension paid to widows and children.

Additionally, the minister stated that a conducive working environment and regulations in the workplace favouring workers' welfare also contributes to positive social development.

In this regard, Brunei Darussalam

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BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, November 29 – The Minister of Health, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Johan Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Haji Adanan bin Begawan Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Mohd. Yusof attended and participated in the World Diabetes Day celebration held at ground floor of the middle plaza at the Yayasan Complex in Bandar Seri Begawan.

The event offered free health screening services to test blood pressure and blood sugar levels and to provide support, counseling and advice to diabetes patients and a healthy cooking demonstration by Malaysian celebrity chef, Datuk Chef Wan.

Other activities included various exhibitions to raise awareness on diabetes and the importance of a healthy diet and booths were also set up to demonstrate the use of medical instruments in the treatment of diabetes patients.

Under the theme of 'Healthy Living and Diabetes', the activities were organised to educate the public on diabetes and the methods of managing and preventing the disease.

World Diabetes Day is celebrated worldwide every November 14. Aside from raising awareness on diabetes, it also aims to provide support for diabetics to continue their endeavours in managing the disease.

## Brunei Darussalam celebrates World Diabetes Day



**The Health Minister, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Johan Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Adanan bin Begawan Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Mohd. Yusof attends a cooking show by Datuk Chef Wan held to commemorate World Diabetes Day.**

## Brunei Solutions Development Centre launched

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, December 1 – The facility for the Brunei Solutions Development Centre (BSDC), funded by the e-Government National Centre (eGNC) and managed by Microsoft, was officially launched at the Knowledge Hub in Berakas.

The Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office, The Honourable Pehin Datu Singamanteri Colonel (Rtd.) Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Awang Haji Mohammad Yasmin bin Haji Umar was present at the opening ceremony as the guest of honour.

BSDC's objectives are to provide a facility to develop 'Made-in-Brunei' software solutions and to assist with the skills development of the local information technology (IT) ecosystem.

Moreover, it aims to accelerate the growth and increase the quality of local information and communications technology (ICT) industry by providing collaborative training and knowledge transfer programmes to local IT graduates and service providers.

Speaking at the launch of the centre, Fredrik Nylander, the Head of Enterprise

Services of Microsoft Southeast Asia said that Microsoft is committed to help Brunei Darussalam produce its own software applications for the government as well as for the private sector.

One of the key features of BSDC is providing regular training and certification in both technical and non-technical aspects of solution development to the Capability and Mentorship Programme (CAMP) interns, IT partners and other interested parties.

The BSDC's CAMP programme first started in November 2013 to nurture the local ICT professionals' skill development, and currently has trained ten local interns. Four local IT companies have also been accredited into the IT Vendor Programme.

The BSDC contract was signed between EGNC and Microsoft on March 28, 2013 and its first development project started on October 28, 2013. The centre is currently implementing two projects for two government departments.

At the event, the minister presented the 'Microsoft Certified Solutions Developer, specializing in Sharepoint Applications' certificates to two of the very first local Bruneians who were awarded with the accreditation. They were Haji Mohammad Hazmi bin Pengiran Haji Othman and Nuruljannah Binti Noor Hadee.

The ceremony also saw a video presentation and an exhibition on BSDC.



The Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office The Honourable Pehin Datu Singamanteri Colonel (Rtd.) Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Awang Haji Mohammad Yasmin bin Haji Umar at the exhibition on the Brunei Solution Development Centre (BSDC).

## Brunei Darussalam– Malaysia strengthen cooperation in health enforcement

JERUDONG, December 2 – One of the outcomes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Bilateral Ministers of Health Meeting between Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia was an agreement to establish a new area of cooperation concerning health enforcement in identifying an effective regulatory framework to protect public health and safety.

Through the meeting, both Ministers of Health agreed to strengthen identified activities of cooperation, particularly in the prevention and control of communicable diseases such as dengue and tuberculosis.

The matter was included in a joint statement given by the Minister of Health, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Johan Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Adanan bin Begawan Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Mohd. Yusof and Malaysia's Minister of Health, The Honourable Datuk Seri Dr. S. Subramaniam at the end of the meeting held at the Indera Kayangan Ballroom, The Empire Hotel and Country Club.



The Ministers of Health exchanging the cooperation agreement at the Empire Hotel and Country Club in Jerudong.

The Brunei Darussalam minister said they are satisfied with the outcome of the meeting and praised the efforts of the senior officials and the technical working group in implementing the joint work plans.

He also highlighted the importance of continuing cooperation in sharing information, capacity building and research and joint operations. This includes monitoring and controlling of

communicable diseases; food quality and safety control; drugs and cosmetics control; preventing and controlling of non-communicable diseases; developing manpower; transferring patients across borders; traditional and complimentary medicine; health tourism and utilising information and communication technology.

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on cross border transfer of patients, they explained, have resulted in the establishment of harmonised procedures and guidelines as well as good networking among the health, immigration and customs of both countries that will assure continued effective facilitation of patients' transfer.

Other than that, the ministers strengthened their commitment in combating non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and addressing the risk factors of NCDs that include joint activities that promote community-based health promotion programmes, people-centred care and cost-effective intervention and management of diseases.

In relation to this, the minister urged senior officials and the technical working group to monitor the progress of the

activities as well as review the health cooperation under the joint work plans from time to time and encourage both sides to be proactive and to use new approaches or initiatives in handling health challenges of both countries.

"We also reaffirmed our commitment in further strengthening health cooperation between the two countries as agreed in the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the health and welfare of the people of both countries," said the minister.

Meanwhile Malaysia's Minister of Health said that Malaysia greatly welcomes the cooperation in all fields that benefit the two countries through experience and expertise.

At the press conference, he also highlighted the three prioritised fields: strengthening the development of the health sector through sharing of experience and expertise; enhancing the cooperation in the level of ASEAN particularly when ASEAN becomes a community by 2015;

and the international health issues and how the two countries can enhance as well as strengthen cooperation in facing challenges.

"It will be important with the development of ASEAN Economic Community post 2015 and how the agenda of ASEAN could be structured so that common health issues which affect Asean as a whole could be handled through our collaborative mechanism," he explained.

He added that they will strengthen the collaboration in the three fields at the national, regional and international level to ensure the two countries will benefit from their experience and expertise.

The 8th Bilateral Ministers of Health Meeting and the 8th Bilateral Ministry of Health Senior Officials Meeting will be hosted by Malaysia in 2016.

## Higher Education National Strategic Plan to be implemented

**The Minister of Education, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong with the participants of the 8<sup>th</sup> review meeting of the ASEAN International Mobility for Students (AIMS) Programme.**



TUNGKU, December 2 – The Higher Education National Strategic Plan will be introduced by the first quarter of next year, providing a clear direction to the higher education institutions in Brunei Darussalam.

The Minister of Education, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong announced this at the 8<sup>th</sup> Review Meeting of the ASEAN International Mobility for Students (AIMS) Programme held at the Pengiran Anak Puteri Rashidah Sa'adatol Bolkia Institute of Health Sciences at the Universiti Brunei Darussalam.

The plan, he said, will aspire to create a nation of knowledgeable, highly skilled

and educated Bruneians who would live a high quality lifestyle with sustainable economy.

The meeting also addressed challenges faced by each member country, proposed improvements for the AIMS Programme, and planned for greater expansion as well as further collaborations.

Earlier, the minister expressed his delight in seeing the presence of delegates comprising representatives from ministries and universities from Japan and ASEAN member countries at the meeting.

Their presence showed their commitment in working together to meet the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development (SEAMEO

RIHED)'s objective, which is to foster access, excellence, and synergy in higher education for regional development, through the AIMS Programme, he said.

AIMS programme, he added, is a key strategic element of cooperation leading to the development of this harmonised higher education environment in ASEAN, in turn to achieving an open space for higher education.

In 2014, AIMS surpassed a milestone, with more than 700 students from 60 ASEAN universities participating in the exchange programme, including 11 universities from Japan.

The two-day meeting was hosted by UBD with support from SEAMEO RIHED and the Ministry of Education.

The Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office, The Honourable Pehin Datu Singamenteri Kolonel (B) Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Awang Haji Mohammad Yasmin bin Haji Umar with his counterparts at the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN AMMDM meeting in Jakarta.



## Brunei Darussalam committed in fighting drug threats

JAKARTA, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, December 5 – Brunei Darussalam is committed to work with ASEAN Member States to combat drug crimes.

The Minister of Energy at Prime Minister's Office, The Honourable Pehin Datu Singamenteri Kolonel (Rtd.) Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Awang Haji Mohammad Yasmin bin Haji Umar emphasised this at the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMMDM) in Jakarta held from December 1 to 4.

At the meeting, he highlighted the success of the implementation of the community-based treatment programme, which incorporates therapeutic community approach and encourages voluntary admission, at the Pusat Al-Islah Rehabilitation Centre in Brunei Darussalam.

Brunei Darussalam will continue to strive in combating illicit drug issue that not only threatens security and order but also the economy and social state of the country, which is aligned with His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's vision, he said.

Additionally, the minister called for ASEAN to review its strategies of past last decade and said that the strategy should acknowledge the challenges and gaps in fighting drug crimes.

He also called for a more holistic and balanced drug policy to promote security and development for the post-2015 ASEAN drug strategy.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the 3<sup>rd</sup> AMMDM, Police Commissioner General of the Republic of Indonesia, Anang Iskandar expressed concerns regarding the increasing threat of trafficking and abuse of illicit drugs in the region, and reaffirmed their strong commitment in enhancing regional cooperation and continuing relentless work in reducing illegal drug use.

According to the chairman, the ministers agreed that the regional aspiration of 'Drug-Free ASEAN', which signifies ASEAN resilience and commitment towards a zero tolerance approach in protecting the community from illicit drugs, should be maintained.

The ministers also exchanged views

in regards to existing and new challenges such as 'New Psychoactive Substance' that has risen, and reaffirmed their commitment in strengthening regional cooperation and continuing to work hard to combat drug crime.

The chairman also stressed that the relentless actions against drug threat and abuse must be an ongoing and lifelong effort that requires hard work, more coordination and effective actions beyond 2015.

Thus, there is a need for a new paradigm of managing risks of drugs to be implemented, with a new strategy and approach that balances both the treatment and prevention approach with the law enforcement approach, he said.

Additionally, a comprehensive concept paper on the institutionalisation of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters was also approved and welcomed, while work on the regional review titled 'Achieving a Drug Free 2015: Review and Recommendations Post 2015' is still ongoing.

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**(Minister: Appreciation of family values should be instilled at an early age)**

has introduced various regulations and programmes to promote work-life balance, such as an increase from 56 days to 105 days of maternity leave, holiday allowance for government employees every four years, the choice of early retirement, the establishment of childcare centres at the workplace as well as work-life balance workshops for all employees.

He explained that the national plan of action towards promoting, protecting and strengthening the family institution has already been set up by a Women and Family Institution special committee under a National Council Against Social Issues.

The plan of action focuses on eight strategic issues including strengthening of the family institution, balancing work and family life, economy, education, health and women's right and legislations, he said.

This year, the 6<sup>th</sup> EAMFF was officiated

by the Minister of Gender Equality and Family of the Republic of Korea, Her Excellency Kim Heejung.

It saw the participation of ministers from Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, Kingdom of Thailand, the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the host country, the Republic of Korea.

The ministers agreed to develop an international family-friendly social environment index that can be applied to the member countries and combine the EAMFF and the East Asia Gender Equality Ministerial Meeting in 2016 to focus on the agenda that can effectively contribute to the realization of family friendly and gender equal society.

The forum also adopted the Seoul Declaration that outlined 12 operative action lines to strengthen and support efforts towards creating a family-friendly

social environment

Earlier, the forum was preceded by a senior officials meeting attended by the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Yang Mulia Dato Paduka Haji Mohd Hamid bin Haji Mohd Jaafar.

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to the Republic of Korea, His Excellency Dato Paduka Awang Haji Harun bin Haji Ismail and senior officers at the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports were also present to attend the forum.

The next ministerial meeting will be held at the Kingdom of Thailand in 2016.



## Minister of Health attends reception

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, December 5 – The Minister of Health, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Johan Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Adanan bin Begawan Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Mohd. Yusof, attended a reception held to celebrate the 87<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the King of the Kingdom of Thailand.

The ceremony was held at the International Convention Centre in Berakas.

As a representative of the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the minister performed the cake cutting ceremony with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Thailand to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Apichart Phetcharatana and other prominent guests to commemorate the occasion.



## State of Qatar Embassy celebrates National Day

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, December 10 – The Embassy of the State of Qatar in Brunei Darussalam held a dinner reception to celebrate the State of Qatar's 43<sup>rd</sup> National Day at the Rizqun International Hotel.

The reception was hosted by the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Qatar to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Saleh Mohammed Al-Nasef.

The Minister of Religious Affairs, The Honourable Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Mohammad bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman, who was accompanied by his spouse, Datin Hajah Alimah binti Mohd Taib, attended the celebration on behalf of the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

The celebration also saw a cake cutting ceremony performed by the minister and His Excellency.

Brunei Darussalam established diplomatic relations with the State of Qatar on October 1991 and the relations between both countries continue to expand in the fields of business, economy, culture, communication, education, health, tourism and sports.

The State of Qatar gained independence on September 3, 1971 and celebrates its National Day on December 18.



## Minister launches land transport White Paper

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, December 15 – The Ministry of Communications launched the White Paper for land transport, which is aligned with the Brunei Vision 2035 and the ministry's vision of a Smart Society and Excellence in Communications by 2017 at the Dewan Pahlawan, Ministry of Communications.

The Minister of Communications, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Hamzah Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdullah bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar who is also the Adviser of the Brunei Darussalam National Road Safety Council said that the White Paper contains National Transport Policies that form the basis of the Land Transport Master Plan and its implementation plan.

It will pave the way for reduction of dependency on cars, prevention of traffic jams, achieving sustainable society, and strengthening governance, he said.

He further said that the Land Transport Master plan would offer more employment opportunities, increased efficiency in the movement of people, goods and services both in the country and region, and help achieve social sustainability with emphasis on reducing road traffic injuries and fatalities.

The launch was held in conjunction with the opening ceremony of the National Road Safety Seminar.

The two-day seminar, which was held at Institut Teknologi Brunei (ITB), aimed to provide a platform for the dissemination of the multi-sectoral initiatives and programmes related to road safety with a focus on the concept of safer systems.

Under the theme of 'Our Strive Towards Safer Systems', the seminar featured a keynote presentation by Khairil Anwar Abu Kassim, the Secretary-General of the ASEAN New Car Assessment Programme (NCAP), entitled 'Global NCAP and Asean NCAP: Contribution to Safer Systems'.

Afterward, the Ministry of Communications signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ITB's Centre for Transport Research (CfTR), which marked the official commencement of two road safety projects: the Road Accident Data Enhancement and Development and the Average Speed Monitoring System. These projects will be conducted by CfTR and funded by the Ministry of Communications under the National Development Plan 2012-2017 budget.

The Acting Director of the Land Transport Department, Dr Haji Supry bin Haji Awang Ladi signed the agreement on behalf on the Ministry of Communications while ITB was represented by the CfTR Director, Dr Tan Soon Jiann.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Communications, Yang Mulia Awang Abdul Mutalib bin Pehin Orang Kaya Seri



The Minister of Communications at the launch of the Land Transport White Paper.



The White Paper for land transport is aligned with the Brunei 2035 Vision and the Ministry of Communication's vision of a Smart Society and Excellence in Communication by 2017.

Setia Dato Paduka Haji Mohd. Yusof; the Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Communications, Awang Mohd. Riza bin Dato Paduka Haji Mohd. Yunos and the Chief Commissioner of the Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPf), DCP Dato Paduka Seri Awang Bahrin bin Mohd Noor were also present at the ceremony.



The Minister of Development at the High-Level Segment of the 20<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP20) to the United Nations Framework on Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC) and the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting to the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol in Lima, the Republic of Peru.

## Minister attends conferences in Lima, Republic of Peru

LIMA, REPUBLIC OF PERU, December 10 – The Minister of Development, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Indera Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Suyoi bin Haji Osman attended the High-level Segment of the 20<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP20) to the United Nations Framework on Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC) and the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP10) in Lima, the Republic of Peru.

At the conference, the minister stated that His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's *titah* (royal speech) at the Climate Summit held on September

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23, 2014 in New York, reflected Brunei Darussalam's readiness to play its part in tackling the important global issue of climate change with the rest of the world.

The minister further said that Brunei Darussalam has undertaken various efforts to ensure prudent use and consumption of its energy resources and conservation of its forests as a carbon sink as well as recently ratified the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol.

The country also expects the new global agreement in Paris in 2015, to be effective, robust, ambitious, and legally

binding, in accordance with the principles and provisions of the UNFCCC, he added.

Earlier, the Lima COP20/CPM10 conference commenced with an opening remark by the President of COP20/CMP10, His Excellency Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Peru as well as speeches by His Excellency Sam Kutesa, the President of the United Nations General Assembly and His Excellency Ban Ki-Moon, the Secretary General of the United Nations.

The conference, held from December 1 to 12, was expected to come up with an agreed outcome relating to mitigation, adaptation, finance, capacity building, and technology development and transfer, as a positive move towards a collective and

global response to address and combat climate change.

Government delegates, representatives from business and industry, environmental organisations, research institutions as well as the media attended the conference.

Brunei Darussalam's delegation comprised the Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Development as well as officials from the Department of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office, the Attorney General Chambers, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Ministry of Development and the Department of Environment, Parks and Recreation, the Ministry of Development.

## iFlyBrunei application launched

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, December 20 – A mobile application called 'iFlyBrunei' was launched to provide the public, especially passengers, with easy access to the latest information on flights, rules and regulations as well as the services and facilities offered at the Brunei International Airport.

The Minister of Communications, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Hamzah Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdullah bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar launched the application at the International Civil Aviation Day celebration held at the Royal Brunei Recreational Club in Berakas.

The 'iFlyBrunei' is one of the initiatives taken by the Civil Aviation Department in support of the ministry's vision to create a 'smart society' by 2017.

Speaking at the International Civil Aviation Day, the minister said that the civil aviation industry has made tremendous achievements throughout the 60 years of its establishment.

He further said the Brunei International Airport's runway length has quadrupled from its initial 3,000 feet to 12,000 feet long. The previous runway could only accommodate light aircraft, now it can accommodate the B747 plane.

The standard of the airfield lighting system has been upgraded and an Instrument Landing System has also been installed, he added.

The large-scale passenger terminals can now accommodate more than 3 million passengers per year. Previously, passengers were required to use the stairs to leave the aircraft but now, they can walk



**The Minister of Communications touring an exhibition in conjunction with the International Civil Aviation Day.**

onto the aerobridge that connects the aircraft to the terminal building.

The developments in civil aviation also included the localisation of its employees, he continued.

As the country is increasing its flights regionally and internationally, the minister called for an upgrade to improve the airport and aircraft safety.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Communications, Yang Mulia Awang Abdul Mutalib bin Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Setia Dato Paduka Haji Mohd. Yusof; the Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Communications Awang Mohd. Riza bin Dato Paduka Haji Mohd. Yunos; department directors, heads and deputy heads of departments and senior

officers at the Ministry of Communications were present at the event.

The International Civil Aviation Day is celebrated every December 7 by the members of Civil Aviation Organisation. This year's theme was 'Cooperation in Global Aviation Progress'.

This year marked the 60th anniversary of Brunei Darussalam's involvement in the airlines industry since its first base was launched on November 15 1954.

Commercial air transport was first introduced in Brunei Darussalam in 1953. The first flights were made to Labuan and Lutong of the Malaysian states of Sabah and Sarawak.



The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports delivering his speech at the opening ceremony of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brunei Darussalam National Games.

## Minister launches 2<sup>nd</sup> Brunei Darussalam National Games

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, November 29 – The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Pekerma Laila Diraja Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Hazair bin Haji Abdullah officiated the opening ceremony of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brunei Darussalam National Games (SKBD) at the Indoor Stadium of the Hassanal Bolkiah National Sports Complex in Berakas.

The minister, in his speech, said that the SKBD encourages and supports the community in Brunei Darussalam to be more active in sports. It also hopes to increase efforts and understanding among the public and private sectors as well as the national sports organisation by holding the tournament together.

Sports, he said, have contributed to the glory and success of the country and it is their goal to enhance the performance of athletes and national contingents in high performance sports at regional and international level.

The minister encouraged the efforts to further organise SKBD not only in Brunei-Muara District but also in Belait District, Tutong District and Temburong District.

He explained that the SKBD acts as a platform that would identify potential athletes who can compete at the international level and provide them with athletic programmes as well as continuous support and assistance.

“SKBD could facilitate the development of talents and abilities of local athletes before they participate in more prestigious international tournaments. Athletes and sports organisations must focus on their own goals and achievements instead of solely focusing on winning awards and medals,” he continued.

In relation to that, the minister advised stakeholders in each district to provide the athletes’ achievement records and pointed out that all contingents should take strategic steps in progressing to higher levels, with more systematic and organised planning, executing and reviewing of training.

Additionally, he announced that random sample test would be carried out for the first time to ensure that there would be no misuse of drugs among the athletes during the tournament. This is aligned with the objective of the Ministry of Culture,

Youth and Sports to prevent athletes from misusing prohibited drugs as stated by the World Anti-Doping Code, he said.

Other than that, the minister said that it is the responsibility of all parties to attain national achievement in high performance sports at regional and international level.

He also called upon the public and media to provide moral support and positive encouragement to the athletes and sports unions.

“Supporters need to have the mindset ‘swim together, sink together’ with the athletes and national contingents,” he said.

A total of 2,754 athletes will compete in athletics, badminton, basketball, cue sports, cycling (road and mountain biking), darts, fencing, football, futsal, gasing (top spinning), golf, hockey, karatedo, netball, pencak silat, petanque, regatta, sepak takraw, softball, taekwondo, tenpin bowling, tug of war and wushu.



The minister observing the march-past from participating contingents.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with leaders at the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit in Busan, Republic of Korea.

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Affairs of the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Ahn Chong-ghee; the Vice Secretary-General of the Preparatory Office for the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit 2014, His Excellency Yi Won-Woo; the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Cho Won Myung as well as senior officials of the Government of the Republic of Korea.

His Majesty were also greeted by

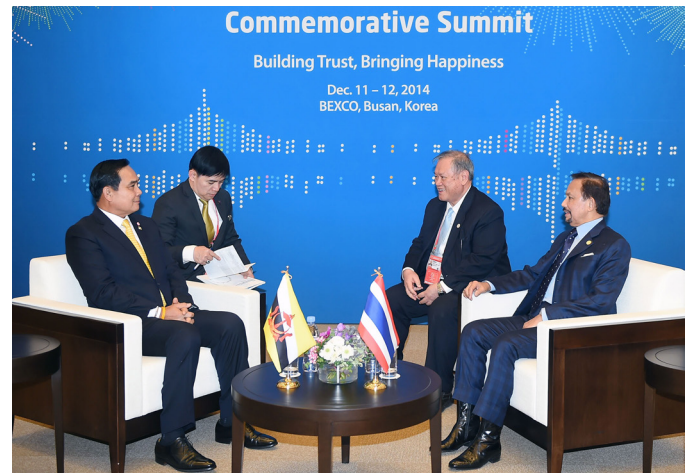
the Brunei Darussalam delegates: the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade II, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Pekerma Dewa Dato Seri Setia Lim Jock Seng; the Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office, The Honourable Pehin Datu Singamanteri Kolonel (Rtd) Dato Seri Setia (Dr) Awang Haji Mohammad Yasmin bin Haji Umar; and the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to the Republic of Korea, His Excellency

Dato Paduka Awang Haji Harun bin Haji Ismail.

During His Majesty's three-day state visit to the Republic of Korea, His Majesty attended a state banquet hosted by the President of the Republic of Korea at the Yeong Bin Gwan Hall, Cheong Wa Dae in Seoul.



His Majesty with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore.



His Majesty with the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand.

## His Majesty holds bilatering meeting the Republic of Singapore and the Kingdom of Thailand leaders

BUSAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, December 12 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam held a four-eye meeting with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, and a bilateral meeting with His Excellency General Prayuth Chan-ocha, the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand.

The meetings were held at the Busan Exhibition and Convention Center (BEXCO), the Republic of Korea.

His Majesty first held a meeting with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore to discuss bilateral issues and cooperation between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Singapore, and exchanged views on regional and international matters of mutual interest.

Afterward, His Majesty held a bilateral meeting with the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand to discuss bilateral issues and cooperation as well as matters pertaining regional and international affairs of mutual interest.

The Minister of Finance II at the Prime Minister's Office, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Dato Seri

Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Ibrahim; the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade II, The Honourable Pehin Orang Kaya Pekerma Dewa Dato Seri Setia Lim Jock Seng; and the Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office, The Honourable Pehin Datu Singamanteri Colonel (Rtd.) Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Awang Haji Mohammad Yasmin bin Haji Umar were also present at the meeting.

His Majesty was in Busan, the Republic of Korea for the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit.