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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to a Titah Statement in conjunction with the Hari Raya Year 1435 Hijri / 2014 AD.

Religion as torch and guide

Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi
Wabarakatuh

Bismillaahir Rahmaanir Raheem
Alhamdulillah Rabbil 'Alameen,
Wabihee Nasta'eenu 'Alaa Umuuriddunya
Wadden, Wassalaatu'

Wassalaamu 'Ala Asyrafil Mursaleen,
Sayyidina Muhammaddin, Wa'alaa
Aalihee Wasahbihee Ajma'een, Waba'du
Allahuakhbar, Allahuakhbar,
Allahuakhbar, Walillahilhamd.

Our deepest gratitude to the Almighty
Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala for giving
healthy blessing and big fortune, so
with such grace we are able to perform

fasting properly.

In addition to healthy blessing and
big fortune, we also enjoy peace and
prosperity continuously.

Two blessings namely peace and
prosperity, in my opinion, are more
difficult to get than others.

This can be traced from the
circumstances that exist, where in all
corners of the world, incidents that
threaten the security and well-being.

Apart from the natural phenomena
that come relentless, there are also
internal crises that trigger a variety of
disturbances, that has the potential to

destroy the peace and prosperity.

Especially within a country where it is
nested with social problems, especially
the symptoms of crime, then without a
doubt, they will be a threat to the safety,
peace and even lives.

Alhamdulillah, in our country these
things are not happening. There is nothing
that could be considered disturbing the
peace. Everything is running smoothly,
with people constantly united without any
contention.

We believe this is the luck of Brunei,

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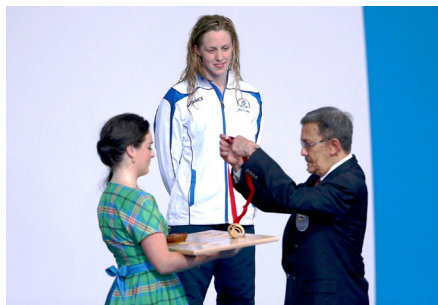
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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Mahkota Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Deputy sultan, His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abddul 'Azim, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen performing Hari Raya Aidilfitri prayers at the Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque the capital city.

The Monarch Congregated For Aidilfitri Prayer

Bandar Seri Begawan, 29 July - His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, who along with the Royal family joined hundreds of congregants to perform the Aidil Fitri prayers at Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddien (SOAS) Mosque in the capital.

Accompanying His Majesty were His Royal Highness Prince Hj Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul 'Azim, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

Pehin Datu Imam Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Hj Abd Hamid Bakal conducted the Aidilfitri prayers at SOAS Mosque. It was then followed by the Hari Raya Khutbah (sermon)

delivered by Chief Syariah Judge Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Hj Awg Yahya Hj Ibrahim.

The khutbah, reflected in all mosques throughout the country, urged all Muslims who were in the time of celebration, to spare a thought for those who are in a state of fear and chaos this Aidil Fitri, especially the Palestinians, who are facing a war.

SOAS Mosque was brimming with congregants, with additional tents installed to accommodate the overflow.

One of the many special privileges of the Aidil Fitri prayers in the country is the chance to personally wish His Majesty and the Royal family 'Selamat Hari Raya' ahead of the customary Istana open house session.

His Majesty sends congratulatory messages

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

- The Canadian Governor-general David Johnston, the government and the people of Canada on the occasion of Canada Day on the 1st July.
- The United States of America President Barack Obama, the government and the people of United States of America on the country's Independence Day on the 4th of July.
- The French President Francois Hollande, the government and people of France on the occasion of Bastille Day on the 14th July.
- The newly elected Indonesian President Joko Widodo, in the recent 2014 general elections on the 23rd July



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha and member of royal family receive greeting from local dignitaries, senior government officials and foreign diplomats.

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a blessing that is always navigated by religion. We in all aspects of life will not turn our back to religion, but putting it forward most as a torch and a guide.

A religion that has never been wrong, but that is one of our own, when we choose other than religion.

Therefore, make sure that we will remain with religion. In daily lives with religion. In developing with religion. In administering with religion. Even all of our dealings with religion.

If everything is with religion, then certainly there will be no extra space to

be filled or occupied by disadvantages.

Aren't insecure atmosphere or chaos or anarchy or crime bad? All this, by religion, is not allowed to occur, but must be overcome or prevented from happening.

Our obligation, as who is blessed with peace and prosperity are thankful and forever grateful, is to determine the preservation and to defend it indefinitely.

It is an asset to be enjoyed, not only by us today, but also for the next generation continuously. Because without peace and well-being, life will be bland and unlikely to attain happiness.

It doesn't feel fair if we just keep enjoying the peace and prosperity while our brothers and sisters out there are not able to enjoy it, because their country is experiencing a variety of turmoil or war or disaster that came suddenly.

To them, we offer deep sympathy and prayers, hopefully the situation will soon change for the better.

Allahuakhbar, Allahuakhbar, Allahuakhbar, Walillahilhamd

Taking advantage of this glorious moment, my family and I with honest joy wish Aidilfitri to the citizens and residents wherever they are, so that together we may be able to celebrate this happy day in an atmosphere of good cheer.



Brunei-based foreign diplomats greeting His Majesty.

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Palace newsround



His Majesty and His Royal Highness receive greetings from state dignitaries, senior government officials and foreign diplomats.



Her Majesty and Her Royal Highness receive Hari Raya Aidilfitri greetings from state dignitaries, senior government officials, foreign diplomats and their spouses.

PHOTO: HERNIE SULIANA HAJI OTHMAN



His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik meeting with the national dignitaries.



PHOTO: HAJI ARIFFIN MOHD. NOOR

His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen greeted by the guests.



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Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah, Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah, Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah, Her Royal Highness Princess Fadzilah Lubabul Bulqiah, Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal umi Kalthum Al-Islam attending the celebration of Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

His Majesty launches Mushaf Brunei Darussalam

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 14 - His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam graced the commemoration of the National Level Nuzul Al-Quran (Revelation of the Holy Al-Quran) celebration at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Berakas.

In addition, His Majesty also launched the Mushaf Brunei Darussalam and the complete Translation Edition of the 30 Juzuk or chapters.

"This is a historical achievement for Brunei Darussalam. This book is the result of (efforts by) locals who are among scholars and graduates from Al-Azhar University," said His Majesty in his *titah*.

"I hope it will be a reading material and reference for Muslims in the Sultanate," he added.

His Majesty then presented award to winners of this year's national Al-Quran Memorisation and Understanding Competition.

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PHOTO: MOHD. ZULIZI HAJI DURAMAN

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah consented to a *Titah Statement* in conjunction with the Celebration Nuzul Qur'an National Level for the Year 1435 Hijrah / 2014 AD at International Trade Centre, Berakas



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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah granting prizes to the winners according to their category respectively.

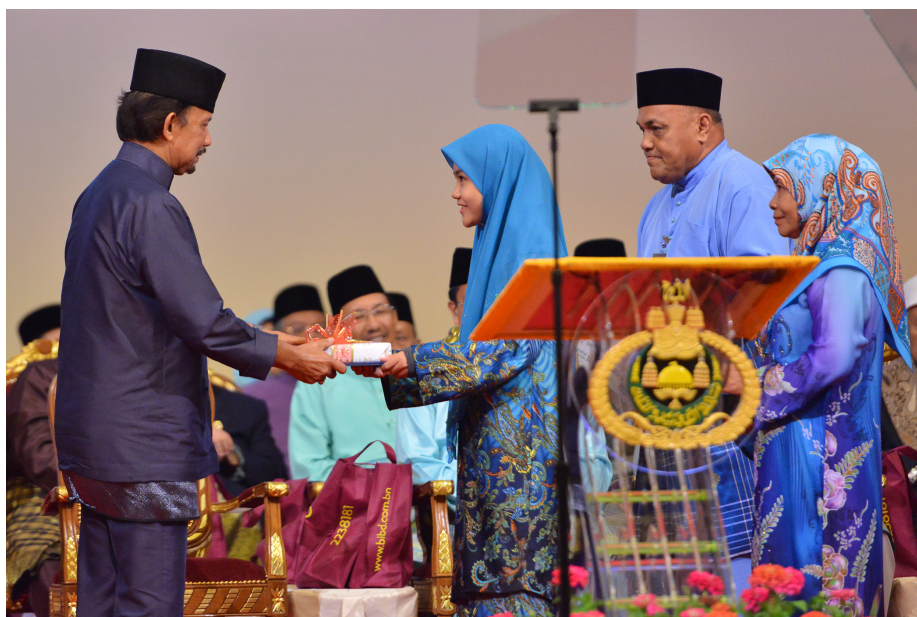


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The Category A winner received BND1,500, the Category B Champion won BND2,000, the Category C winner received BND2,800, the winner in Category D won BND3,500, while the champion in Category E won BND4,500.

They also received prizes and certificates.

Second and third place winners also received cash, accompanying prizes and certificates.

This year's National Nuzul Al-Quran celebration was themed 'I-Quran as the Torch to Excellent Ummah.'

It was organised by the Ministry of

Religious Affairs with the cooperation of the Fire and Rescue Department, Ministry of Home Affairs and the Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah.

It has become a tradition to commemorate the Revelation of Al-Quran Karim to Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam on every 17th of Ramadan of the Hijrah Year.



Chairman of the football club DPMM FC consented to receive Starhub Singapore League Cup hosted by the Vice-Chairman of the DPMM FC Football Club.

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His Royal Highness consented to the photo session with the Brunei team DPMM FC.

DPMM FC wins Singapore League Cup 2014

Bandar Seri Begawan, Saturday, July 26. - Brunei DPMM FC squad's return was celebrated at the Brunei International Airport, after winning the Singapore League Cup for the Season 2014.

The team was welcomed by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of

Culture, Youth and Sports (KKBS), Dato Paduka Awang Haji Mohd. Hamid bin Haji Mohd. Jaafar whom subsequently witnessed the Singapore League Cup.

They were also greeted by the Director of Youth and Sports, Hj Abdul Malik bin Haji Mohammad, senior officers and

management Brunei DPMM FC, and the local fans.

Brunei DPMM FC captain, Rosmin bin Haji Khamis when interviewed by Pelita Brunei, said he was grateful and happy

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PHOTO: MASRI OSMAN

HRH Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah consented to *Junjung ziarah* of the players and the management team of Brunei DPMM FC



DPMMFC celebrates at the Brunei International Airport.

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that plans made by the head coach is very effective.

Brunei DPMM FC have won the Singapore League Cup for the third time after winning it in 2009 and 2012, while in 2013, they were the runner-up.

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, The Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister, Chairman of the Football Club Brunei DPMM FC also consented to the Presentation Ceremony on Starhub Singapore League Cup in 2014 that was held in the month of Ramadan

The departure of His Majesty to the Jerudong Mini Stadium was greeted by Vice Chairman of DPMM FC Football Club, HRH Pengiran Maharaja Setia Laila Diraja Sahibul Irshad Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Rahim and the Minister of Culture youth and Sports, Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Pekerma diraja Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdullah

At the ceremony His Royal Highness then consented to receive the StarHub Singapore League Cup.

Soon after that, His Royal Highness watched the video of the Brunei DPMM

FC defeating the Tanjong Pagar United with 2-0 goals.

Before leaving the ceremony, His Royal Highness consented to the photo session with the Brunei DPMM FC Team and then consented to receive 'Junjung Ziarah' from the players and the management team of Brunei DPMM FC.

The ceremony was hosted by the Vice-Chairman of the DPMMC, HRH Pengiran Maharaja Setia Laila Diraja Sahibul Irsad Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Rahim.



PHOTO: MASRI OSMAN

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, The Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's office and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah consented to give the Personal gift of His Majesty in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidilfitri for the Year 1435/2014 AD, held at the Pusat Insani Seria.

People with special needs receive gifts on Aidilfitri

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, JULY 24 – More than 16,000 people comprising of those with special needs, orphans, the poor and recipients of monthly welfare assistance in the country received a personal gift from His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam on the Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration.

The presentation of gifts was held for

two consecutive days from August 23 to 26 in all four districts.

Present as personal representatives of His Majesty were His Royal Highness the Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah for recipients in Brunei-Muara and at Pusat Insani in Seria, Belait District

recipients received gifts from His Royal Highness Prince Abdul Malik and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah for Recipients in Tutong District at the Main Hall of Community Hall Complex, while Her Royal Highness Princess Fadilah Lubabul Bolkiah for Recipients in Temburong District at the Belalong Hall at

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His Royal Highness Prince Abdul Malik consented to give gift of his Majesty in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidilfitri for the Year 1435/2014 AD, in the Tutong District

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the community Hall.

The presentation ceremony on August 23 for the gifts for 11,353 Recipients of Brunei-Muara district was held at Istana Nurul Iman. It was presented by His Royal Highness the Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah, His Royal Highness Prince Abdul Malik and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah

While presentation ceremony of gifts for other districts were held on August 24, which saw 2325 recipients receiving the gifts at Belait District, 2326 recipients from Tutong District, and 710 recipients for Temburong District.



Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah consented to give His Majesty gift to the needy.



Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah consented to give of his Sacred Majesty Personal gifts in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidilfitri for the Year 1435/2014 AD, held in Belalong Hall, Community Hall Complex, Pekan Bangar, Temburong.

PHOTO: MOHD. SAHRIZAL HAJI SAID



His Royal Highness Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Mateen granted Bachelor of Arts

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, July 21 - His Royal Highness Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Mateen ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddualah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has been awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Honours) in International Politics from Kings College London in the United Kingdom.

The convocation was held at the Barbican Centre in London.

His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda Haji 'Azim, Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah and Her Royal Highness Princess Fadzilah Lubabul Bolkiah were also present at the ceremony.



His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, held a meeting with the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, His Excellency Albert F. Del Rosario

PHOTO: MUHAMMAD ASRI HAJI AWANG ABAS

Brunei and Philippines strengthen bilateral relations

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, JULY 10 - His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade consented to receive in audience the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines, His Excellency Albert F del Rosario at the Balai Penghadapan, Bukit Kayangan.

During the meeting, His Royal Highness and His Excellency discussed current bilateral relations and regional affairs.

His Excellency Albert F del Rosario was in the country on a one-day visit.

Philippines' Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said the two discussed ways to further promote cooperation in areas such as labour, health, info-communication technology and multimedia, defence and law enforcement.

The Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines thanked the Sultanate for its continued support

in the peace process and its role in the International Monitoring Team that oversees the ceasefire between armed fighter groups and Philippine government forces in Mindanao.

The 3rd Philippines-Brunei Joint Commission for Bilateral Consultations, which serves as the road map for bilateral cooperation, is set to be held in Manila in 2015.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, Presiden NFABD consented to group photo sessions during the team clothing shirt sponsorship deal

Distributor of Italian sportswear manufacturer sponsors National Football Association of Brunei Darussalam

Bandar Seri Begawan, 17 July - The national football team received a timely boost moving forward to face the 5th Hassanal Bolkiah Trophy (HBT) Championship after the National Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (NFABD) signed a three-year sponsorship deal with Sport Partnership Pte Ltd at the Multipurpose Hall of the NFABD House in Berakas.

Sport Partnership Pte Ltd., the Singapore and Brunei licensee and distributor of Italian sportswear manufacturer Lotto, is set to provide NFABD with attire and equipment for national and junior team players and officials not exceeding the amount of \$50,000 per year.

Signing on behalf of NFABD was its Vice-President Pehin Datu Indera Sugara Brigadier General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Haji Mohammad Yusof Abu Bakar, while representing Sport Partnership Pte Ltd was its General Manager, Johar Jasman.

Under the agreement, Sport Partnership Pte Ltd will at its own cost provide NFABD with negative photographic prints or camera-ready artwork of the company's logo, and information about the correct use of the logo, in respect to the display of the company's logo in accordance to their rights.

The company also agreed to sell to NFABD other products bearing the Lotto trademark with a 50 per cent discount.

Meanwhile, NFABD agreed to purchase from the company products bearing the Lotto trademark at a minimum amount of \$15,000 per year, and they have also agreed to not to engage in anything that is prejudicial to the good image of the company.

Present as guest of honour at the event was NFABD President His Royal Highness Prince Hj Sufri Bolkiah and his son Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul 'Aleem.

The Minister of Culture Youth and Sports, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Pekerna Laila Diraja Dato Seri Setia Haji Hazair Bin Haji Abdullah and other officials from the ministry and NFABD, were also present.



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His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, President of NFABD consented to watch the team clothing sponsorship deal.



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His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, President of Brunei Darussalam National Olympic Council attends the opening ceremony of the commonwealth games Glasgow 2014 at the Celtic Park Stadium.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah with the head of protocol of the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Kelly Mc Gabe at Glasgow International Airport.

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah departed Glasgow, Scotland after attending the Opening Ceremony of the Commonwealth Games 2014 in Glasgow, Scotland.

HRH Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah attends Glasgow Commonwealth Games

GLASGOW, 25 July - His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, President of Brunei Darussalam Olympic Council, attended the opening ceremony of the 20th Commonwealth Games at Celtic Park Glasgow in the Scottish city.

While in Scotland, His Royal Highness was also given the honour to present medals to the winners of a swimming event.

He also visited the Commonwealth Games Village and the accommodation for Bruneian athletes.

His Royal Highness also consented to attend the Commonwealth Sports Federation Meeting.

His Royal Highness also used the opportunity to meet and provide words of advice and support to national cyclist, Muhammad I'maadi Abd Aziz, during his visit to the Commonwealth Games Village.

The country's sole representative at the Commonwealth Games, I'maadi, took part in two track events before competing in the road race on August 3.

Brunei Darussalam became a member of the Commonwealth in 1984 and in the same year established a National Olympic Committee.

However the Sultanate did not compete in the first Commonwealth Games until the 1990 Games held in Auckland, New Zealand.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, president of Brunei Darussalam National Olympic committee presenting a gold medal to a swimmer from Scotland, Hannah Miley, who won the 400m medley at the Commonwealth Games, Glasgow 2014 at the Tollcross International Swimming Centre, Glasgow Scotland.



The national flag of Brunei Darussalam proudly brought by the country's cycling athletes, Awang Muhammad l'Maadi Abd. Aziz



The opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014 at Celtic Park Stadium included a performance by a marching band.



Secretary of the Ministry of Health during the photo session with workshop participants of Dengue Case Management.

Communities, the private sector and government agencies urge to work together in fighting the increasing threat of dengue

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 11 - A workshop on capacity building in dengue case management for doctors and nurses in Brunei was held at the Badi'ah Hotel for Three consecutive days.

The seminar was organised by the Ministry of Health in partnership with World Health Organisation collaborating Centre for Case Management of Dengue DHF/ DSS, and the Queen Sirikit National Institute of child Health in Thailand.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Health, Datin Paduka Dr. Hjh Norlila binti Dato Paduka Hj. Abdul Jalil said that doctors and nurses in Brunei need to be well prepared in the management of dengue due to the rising number of cases recorded over the past decade.

Although there is no specific treatment for dengue, doctors and nurses should be able to correctly detect its signs in symptoms, and in particular, be able to identify warning signs that would require intensive supportive treatment.

She added that being able to identify these signs would ensure that deaths related to dengue are avoidable.

According to the Permanent Secretary, there was a decline in the number of dengue cases reported in Brunei this year, as there were only 49, at the end of May.

However, Brunei recorded 414 cases of dengue in 2013, an increase from 298 in 2012.

Of the dengue cases that were recorded last year, two were dengue haemorrhagic fever (DHF), although no deaths were reported overall as a result of dengue over the past two years.

With the spread of dengue and changing demographics, prevention and control is more challenging than ever, she added.

She also said that active community participation was critical for successful dengue prevention and control.

And She urged individuals, communities, the private sector and government agencies to work together in fighting the threat of dengue.

Meanwhile, Thai ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency, Mr. Apichart Phetcharatana said that the spread of

dengue infections was at a critical level in Southeast Asia, as it is one of the world's largest tropical rainforest regions.

"Growing population densities, unplanned urban development, poor water storage and unsatisfactory sanitary conditions, in some way, have contributed to the widespread of this mosquito-borne disease in our region," he explained.

The Thai ambassador acknowledged the difficulties in overcoming or eliminating dengue.

He said that the workshop was essential to further strengthen regional collaboration and responsibilities for dengue control, as well as to seek long-term prevention strategies to combat dengue.

About 60 government and private doctors and nurses took part in the workshop.

Dengue is strongly influenced by several environmental and ecological factors, its effective prevention and control, to a large extent, relies on environmental management and community-based multidisciplinary and multisectoral actions.

Brunei signs Tourism Satellite Account Project with German consultant company

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 21 June - The Government of Brunei Darussalam continue to identify the impact of the travel agency and tourism sector toward the country's economy as well as studying and identifying policies.

The Department of Tourism Development of the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources (MIPR) signed an agreement on Tourism Satellite Account Project for Brunei Darussalam with a

German consultant company, Aphec Independent Economics Consulting - DIW Econ.

The signing ceremony was held at Dewan Setia Pahlawan of the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources in Berakas.

MIPR's Acting Director, Dayang Mariani binti Haji Sabtu,

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Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Haji Yahya overseeing the signing of a project between the Department of Tourism and DIW Econ

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signed on behalf of the Department of Tourism Development, while DIW Econ was represented by its Director, Consulting, Doctor Ferdinand Pavel.

It aims to conduct relevant research to gather exact data on investment, tourism, spending and tourism income as well as jobs generated by the tourism sector as a contributor to the country's socio-economic development.

The Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Yahya bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar witnessed the signing.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources, Dayang Hajah Normah Suria Hayati binti Pehin Jawatan Dalam Seri Maharaja Dato Seri Utama Doctor Haji Mohammad Jamil Al-Sufri was also present.

The projects under the 10th National Development Plan and will be implemented for 14 months.

Government holds competition to spread awareness on danger of tobacco

Bandar Seri Begawan, June 25 The Government is relentlessly working towards raising awareness and knowledge on the danger of tobacco and to eradicate smoking among members of the community in the country.

Among the efforts is the oratory competition jointly organised by the Ministry of Health (MoH) and Ministry of Education (MoE) for students at the Pre-University, Technical and Vocational College Level, which offers a platform to disseminate information on the World No Tobacco Day 2014.

The competition acts as a forum for sharing and conveying information on the detrimental effects of smoking as youths are the main target for tobacco industries, as well as views on health risks relating to tobacco abuse or the smoking habit to the young generation especially among students.

Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Johan Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Adanan Begawan Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Mohd Yusof, the Minister of Health was the Guest of Honour at the oratory competition which was held at the Dewan Al-Afiah.

The Minister of Health contributed and presented the Johan Pahlawan Challenge Trophy for the Overall Best Orator on Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle.

Awang Mohammad Rahimi Mohammad Fadillah from the



PHOTO: MOHD. MAHDI HAJI MARSIDI

Minister of Health Haji Adanan presenting Trophy to Johan Pahlawan Awang Mohammad Rahimi bin Muhammad Fadillah from MKJB speaker who was named the Best Overall

Jefri Bolkiah College of Engineering received the Johan Pahlawan Challenge Trophy and Siti Nazurah Syamim Hj Md Yusoff from Meragang Sixth Form Centre (PTM) proved triumphant in the respective male and female categories from 16 participants out of various higher institutions in the country.

Champions of each category walked away with \$300 while runner-up, second runner-up and third runner-up received \$200, \$100 and \$80 respectively.

Six talented science students depart to Thailand

Bandar Seri Begawan, 23 June - Six talented students who excel in science and two supervising teachers left for Pathum Thani in Thailand to join the 3rd ASEAN Plus Threes Junior Science Odyssey (APTJSO).

Acting Heads of Special Education, Pg Sarimah binti Pg. Hj. Ahmad also wished them goodluck at the Brunei International Airport before they depart.

The chosen students Awang Mohd Amir Prince Haji Yacob Razzaqzharfan

Hakeemuddin and See Jia Shuen from the Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan Science College, Teo Zhi Peng from Sayyidina Othman Secondary School, Dayang Nurul Atiqah binti Haji Abu Bakar from Meragang Sixth Form Centre, Caitlin Elizabeth Sim from Chung Hua Middle School, Kuala Belait and Dayang Siti Norsabrina binti Mohammad Shafi from St. Margaret School.

Meanwhile Khairul Azmi bin Haji Awang Mohd Kassim and Dayang

Hayatul Fakhriah binti Mahari from Science College Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan, will supervise the student during their time abroad.

The selected teachers will also attend a separate program for tutors such as special lectures and presentations.

This prestigious program is a joint recommendation of the National Science Museum (NSM) and the ASEAN Plus Three Center for those that are talented in science (ACGS).

It aims to promote and challenge the science overachievers to shine in the field of Science and Technology as well as providing an opportunity for them to foster friendship and connection in the region of ASEAN Plus Three.

As part of the program, they will attend lectures and experiments with the theme "Innovative Agriculture for Global Sustainability."

In addition, they will complete in the poster presentation, laboratory skills assessment and presentation of group projects.

A total of 48 students and 28 teachers from eight countries, including Brunei Darussalam, People's Republic of China, Republic of Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Nigeria, and the Republic of the Philippines, Sweden and Thailand will take part in this distinguished event.



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Six students who are gifted in science and two supervising teachers depart to join 'the 3rd ASEAN Plus Three Junior Science Odyssey (APTJSO)' in Pathum Thani, Thailand

Combating drug abuse and illicit trafficking

Bandar Seri Begawan, 26 June - "Too many people have made such statements such as 'just once will not make one an addict', and this causes one to be misled, become influenced or be persuaded by such information and may end up becoming a drug addict".

Haji Jasmin Haji Jamudin, the Director of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) highlighted the point at the launching of a two-day exhibition on the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking held at the Airport Mall.

Ignorance or failure to know about the dangers of drug abuse can cause one to fall prey, become addicted or get involved in drug trafficking, explained the NCB's Director.

Hj Jasmin Hj Jamudin said it is important for the public to get accurate information from reliable sources on drug abuse.

He added a society that has knowledge on the dangers posed by drug abuse can make wise and firm decisions when faced with the influence of drugs.

"There are no signs to indicate activities relating to drug abuse and trafficking are abating to date and this presents a major challenge to the authorities in addressing the problem," said Haji Jasmin.

"One of the challenges confronting the law enforcement agencies is the growing trend in drug smuggling becoming more sophisticated and ever-changing from time to time, causing more difficulty in detecting smuggled drugs," he added.

Another challenge is the surfacing of new synthetic drugs which are not yet incorporated in the schedule of controlled drugs.

Under such circumstances, the relevant agencies are always alert to the ways and new techniques adopted by traffickers, and are always upgrading their competence in the fight to wipe out drug-related criminal activities, the director added.

The NCB chose the slogan "what you don't know can kill!" for this year's International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking.

The director hopes the slogan will attract the public's curiosity about the dangers and threats of drug abuse.

Guest of honour to officiate at the event was Acting Brunei-Muara District Officer Mohd Sunadi Hj Buntar, officiated the event.



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Acting Brunei Muara District Officer, Muhammad Sunadi Opening the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Distribution 2014

Brunei Darussalam addresses environmental issues

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 25 – The 18th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (AWGMEA) was held at Rizqun International Hotel.

The Department of Environment, Parks and Recreation (JASTRE), under the Ministry of Department, hosted the two-day meeting, which aimed at reviewing

the process by ASEAN members state in the 17th meeting of the working group, and taking into account any proposed initiatives.

According to the acting director of JASTRE, Haji Rahmad Haji Japar, Brunei Darussalam is highly committed to sharing experiences and best practices, providing capacity building and acting

collectively to implement AWGMEA in addressing global environmental issues.

The meeting is chaired by the Director of Hazardous Substance Division, Pollution Control and Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand, Miss Teeraporn Wiriwutikorn.

She highlighted, "this year's meeting marks a special occasion that we can officially welcome a newly adopted convention, the Minamata Convention on Mercury, into the Chemicals Technical Clusters of the AWGMEA."

"And it will be a good opportunity for us to update on information and to discuss on key issues in preparing for the upcoming obligations of the convention," she added.

Among the agenda being taken up was reviewing activities and event related to the Basal Convention on the Control of Trans-boundary Movements of Hazardous Waste and their disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in the International Trade.

Officials from ASEAN member states and representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat and United Nations Environment Program International Environmental Technology Centre (UNEP-IETC) attend the meeting.



The atmosphere during the 18th Meeting Of The ASEAN Working Group On Multilateral Environmental Agreements (AWGMEA).

Brunei and the Philippines to enhance

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 26 June – Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of the Philippines signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in the health sector at the Empire Hotel and Country Club.

The Minister of Health, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Johan Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Adnan Begawan Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Seri Setia Haji Mohd Yusof Signed the MoU on behalf of His Majesty's Government.

Meanwhile, the Secretary of Health, Dr Enrique T Ona, represented the Republic of the Philippines.

There were six key areas of cooperation that were identified within the MoU. This include the medical and health research development, the public health including promotion and disease control and prevention particularly on non-communicable diseases, the capacity development of health profession including management and human resource development, disaster preparedness and emergency medical services, quality assurance including accreditation of health facilities and services, and health enforcement and regulations.

Through the MoU both countries will prepare action plans that have been agreed and arrange related programmes and activities such as exchanging of information, experience

and best practices as well as bilateral visits and specialised services according to needs.

After the signing ceremony, Dr Enrique T Ona along with the delegates from the Philippines Health Ministry visited the Rimba Gadong Dialysis Centre.

Hajah Rahmah Haji Md Said, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Technical and Professional), of the Ministry of Health, was

present to greet the delegates.

The delegates were briefed on the Department of Renal Services, covering the services provided as well as development and achievements of the department by Nephrology consultant Dr Jackson Tan. The

Philippines health secretary then toured the facilities available at the Dialysis Centre.



Minister of Health, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Adnan and the Philippine Health Secretary, the Honourable Dr Enrique T. Ona are exchanging signed documents.



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