



## 17,248 receive sacrificial meat from His Majesty and royal family members

**KIARONG, June 29** - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam performed the Sunat Sacrificial Rites for Their Majesties and other members of the royal family at Jame' 'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah.

Also joining the ceremony were His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's sons and brother, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

At the ceremony, His Majesty led the ritual  
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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam presenting sacrificial meat.

## His Majesty attends Royal Wedding Ceremony

**AMMAN, JORDAN, June 1** - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam attended the Signing of Marriage Document and Royal Solemnisation Ceremony which was held at Zahran Palace.

Accompanying His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen with His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein, the King of Jordan and Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah, the Queen of Jordan during the Signing of Marriage Document and Royal Solemnisation Ceremony.



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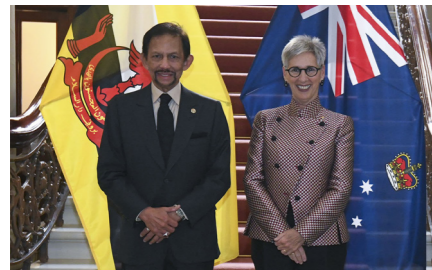
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## His Majesty receives audience

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to receive in audience at Istana Nurul Iman His Excellency Haitham Al-Ghais, Secretary General of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) on June 24.



## HRH the Crown Prince receives audience

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 received in audience at Qashr Al-Meezan Her Excellency Sara Zimmerman Duterte, Vice President and Secretary of Education, Republic of Philippines as the South East Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO) Council President on June 12.



## His Majesty sends congratulatory messages

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

Philippines on June 12.

- His Excellency Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of Türkiye on his reappointment as the President of Türkiye on June 3.
- His Excellency Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr., President Republic of Philippines, the government and the people of the Republic of Philippines on the occasion of the 125<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of the Republic of the

● His Excellency Vladimir Putin, President of Russia Federation, the government and the people of Russia Federation on the occasion of Russia Day on June 12.

● His Majesty King Charles III, King of the United Kingdom (UK) of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and The Right Honourable Rishi Sunak MP, Prime Minister of the UK as well as members of the royal family, the government and the people of the UK on the occasion of His Majesty King Charles III 74<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary on June 17.

## His Majesty sends message of condolences

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to send a message of condolences to

His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister Republic of India, the government and people of Republic of India following the recent train collisions in Balasore, Odisha, Republic of India on June 5.

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of slaughter of three goats.

Meanwhile, the remaining livestock were slaughtered at PDS Abbatoir Sdn Bhd's slaughterhouse in Kampong Batang Mitus and Syarikat Mohammed Norfaizal bin Haji Zainuddin dan Anak-Anak.

This year, 198 livestock were sacrificed - 184 cattles and 14 goats. The meats will be distributed to 17,248 recipients comprising underprivileged individuals nationwide.

Earlier, His Majesty and other members of royal family joined Muslim congregants at the Jame' 'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah to perform the Sunat Aidiladha Prayer.

The Sunat Aidiladha Prayer was led by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Paduka Seri Utama Dato Paduka Seri Setia Haji Awang Salim bin Haji Besar, followed by the Hari Raya Aidiladha Sunat Sermon recited by Yang Mulia Pengiran Dato Seri Paduka Haji Mohammad Tashim bin Pengiran Haji Hassan, Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs.

Their Majesties and members of the royal family also attended a Hari Raya Aidiladha celebration and

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam attending a Hari Raya Aidiladha Celebration at Istana Nurul Iman.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Raabi'atul 'Adawiyah binti Pengiran Haji Bolkiah; and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel at Istana Nurul Iman.



Members of the royal family present at the event.



Participants receiving gifts.



His Majesty and other members of the royal family during the Sunat Aidiladha Prayer.



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distributed sacrificial meat to recipients at the Istana Nurul Iman.

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Raabi'atul 'Adawiyah binti Pengiran Haji Bolkiah; and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel were also in attendance.

Also present were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Bini Hajah Faizah binti Dato Haji Nasir; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Ameerah Wardatul Bolkiah; Her



His Majesty sacrificing a goat.

Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam.



His Royal Highness the Crown Prince sacrificing a goat.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik sacrificing a goat.



Among the congregants present during the Sunat Aidiladha Prayer.

## His Majesty attends Royal Wedding Ceremony (continued)

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His Majesty was welcomed upon arrival by His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein, the King of Jordan and Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah, the Queen of Jordan.

His Majesty then proceeded to the Royal Gazebo to witness the Signing of Marriage Document and Royal Solemnisation Ceremony between His Royal Highness Prince Al Hussein, the Crown Prince of Jordan and Miss Rajwa Khalid Alseif.

Prior to leaving, His Majesty congratulated the Royal Couple.

In the evening, His Majesty attended a Reception and Banquet that took place at Al-Husseinieh Palace.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam witnessing the Signing of Marriage Document and Royal Solemnisation Ceremony.

During the reception, His Majesty had the opportunity to meet with His Majesty the King of Jordan and Her Majesty the Queen of Jordan as well as His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Jordan and Miss Rajwa Khalid Alseif.

Following the reception, His Majesty was then invited to attend a banquet, together with other special guests which included members of the royal family as well as leaders from other countries.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen with His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein, the King of Jordan and Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah, the Queen of Jordan at the Reception and Banquet.



His Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen greeting the royal couple.



His Majesty with Prince William, Prince of Wales during the Royal Wedding Ceremony.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen congratulating the Royal Couple on their wedding.



The Signing of Marriage Document and Royal Solemnisation Ceremony between His Royal Highness Prince Al Hussein, the Crown Prince of Jordan and Miss Rajwa Khalid Alseif at Royal Gazebo.

## Success of students needed for development

AMMAN, JORDAN, June 1 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam expressed gratitude to be able to interact with citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam in Jordan and know first-hand their well-being, especially for the students pursuing their studies in Jordan.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivered a *titah* (royal speech) during a Get-Together Ceremony with Citizens and Residents as well as Students of Brunei Darussalam at InterContinental Amman Hotel.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a *titah* (royal speech) during the Get-Together Ceremony with Citizens and Residents as well as Students of Brunei Darussalam at InterContinental Amman Hotel.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen mingling with citizens, residents and students of Brunei Darussalam in Jordan.



His Majesty and His Royal Highness during the get-together with Bruneians in Jordan.

development, whether it be secular development or development in spirituality.

To this end, students are attributed as fortunate individuals as they have the opportunity to be students in these higher education institutions, and at the same time having the opportunity to become leaders of the future. In this regard, these opportunities are not to be wasted, as they only come once.

Accompanying His Majesty was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

Meanwhile, Muhammad Hisyamuddin bin Haji Mahadini, the President of the Brunei Students' Union in Jordan in his welcoming remarks, expressed gratitude and appreciation to the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam for the opportunities provided for them to pursue their studies abroad, especially in Jordan, including privileges such as the provision of allowances for accommodation, transportation, healthcare and other related expenses.

His Majesty then proceeded to meet and greet the citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam including government officials and students who are pursuing their studies at leading universities in Jordan in the fields of Islamic Studies, Fiqh, Syariah, Usuluddin and Islamic Finance.

The ceremony, among other things, provided the golden opportunity for them to meet and greet as well as to convey on the progress of their respective studies to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

Despite the small number of students in Jordan, this is very meaningful to the country. His Majesty stated that whoever recognises our students, will in turn recognise Brunei. If they are seen to be presentable, hence Brunei will also be seen as such. Likewise, if they are seen to be bad, then Brunei will also be seen as such.

Touching on the many elements at work to bring harm in the era of globalisation, His Majesty stressed that these elements are found everywhere, such as in our homes, offices or schools, or wherever they may be, as they are not easily recognised unless there are signs and assistance from Allah, to which only then will we be safe from their ill-intent.

His Majesty shared that the success of students is always desired as they are greatly needed by the country as effective agents for

# State Visit to Bahrain



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen, and His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain during the Welcoming Ceremony and a meeting.

**MANAMA, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, June 10** - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam paid a State Visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain and attended a Welcoming Ceremony which was held at the Gudaibiya Palace.

Special Dais to receive the Salute of Honour accompanied by the national anthems of both countries and a 21-gun salute.

His Majesty was then introduced to dignitaries from the Kingdom of Bahrain, and His Majesty King of the Kingdom of Bahrain was introduced to the official delegation from Brunei Darussalam.

Accompanying His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

His Majesty then attended a meeting with His Majesty King of the Kingdom of Bahrain as well as members of the royal family of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

His Majesty was accompanied to the palace by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Following the meeting, His Majesty and His Majesty King of the Kingdom of Bahrain witnessed the Signing Ceremony of six agreements between the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Upon arrival, His Majesty was welcomed by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam receiving a pesambah (souvenir) from His Majesty King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.



His Majesty attending the State Banquet hosted by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.



His Majesty in a meeting with His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain prior to the Dinner Ceremony. Accompanying His Majesty was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

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The agreements were a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Political Consultation; MoU in the Field of Women's Affairs; MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Media; MoU on Cultural Cooperation; MoU in the Fields of General, Technical and Higher Education; and the Data Sovereignty Initiative.

Following the ceremony, His Majesty attended separate private functions namely a High Tea hosted by His Majesty King of the Kingdom of Bahrain and members of the Kingdom of Bahrain's royal family and a Dinner hosted by His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

In honour of the State Visit, His Majesty then attended the State Banquet hosted by His Majesty King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Prior to the Dinner, an informal meeting was held between His Majesty and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain.



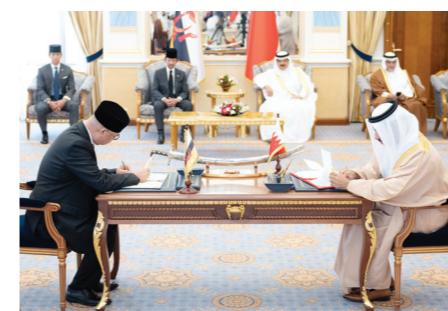
The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain on Political Consultation by Yang Berhormat Second Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam and His Excellency Minister of Finance and National Economy of Kingdom of Bahrain.



The signing of the MoU in the Field of Women's Affairs by Yang Berhormat Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports of Brunei Darussalam and Her Excellency Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Women of Kingdom of Bahrain.



The signing of the MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Media by Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister' Office and Second Minister of Finance and Economy of Brunei Darussalam and His Excellency Minister of Information of Kingdom of Bahrain.



The signing of the MoU on Cultural Cooperation by Yang Berhormat Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports of Brunei Darussalam and His Excellency Minister of Information of Kingdom of Bahrain.



The signing of the MoU in the Fields of General, Technical and Higher Education by Yang Berhormat Minister of Education of Brunei Darussalam and His Excellency Minister of Education of Kingdom of Bahrain.



The signing for Data Sovereignty Initiative by Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister' Office and Second Minister of Finance and Economy of Brunei Darussalam and His Excellency Minister of Finance and National Economy of Kingdom of Bahrain.

## Visit to the Royal Guard in Riffa



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain during the visit to Royal Guard in Riffa.

**RIFFA, THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, June 11** - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam visited the Royal Guard.

Accompanying His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

The arrival of His Majesty was greeted by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain; and His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Commander of the Royal Guard.

During the visit, His Majesty viewed a military parade and field demonstration, and was briefed by His Highness Commander of the Royal Guard on the duties of the Royal Guard and the future plans to develop it.

His Majesty later viewed an exhibition of military weapons and armed vehicles used by the Royal Guard Assault team.

His Majesty and His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain also witnessed a counter terrorism demonstration, in which His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen participated along with the Royal Guard members.

The Royal Guard is a unit of the Bahrain Defence Force, the armed forces of the Kingdom of Bahrain.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen participating in a counter terrorism demonstration along with the Royal Guard members.



Accompanying His Majesty to Sakhr Air Base was His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen prior to leaving the Kingdom of Bahrain.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen prior to leaving the Kingdom of Bahrain.

His Majesty left the Kingdom of Bahrain after concluding a State Visit. His Majesty was accompanied to Sakhr Air Base by His Majesty King of the Kingdom of Bahrain. Also present to bid farewell to His Majesty was His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain; and His Highness Commander of the Royal Guard Kingdom of Bahrain.

His Majesty's State Visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain was upon invitation of His Majesty King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and reflects the strong bilateral relations between the two countries.

## His Majesty chairs Adat Istiadat Meeting



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah at the Special Meeting of the Adat Istiadat Council.

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 15** - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam chaired the Special Meeting of the Adat Istiadat Council held at Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

Also in attendance were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the PMO as the Advisor to the Adat Istiadat Council; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik as First Deputy Chairman of the Adat Istiadat Council; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen as Second Deputy Chairman of the Adat Istiadat Council; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah as the Chairman of the Adat Istiadat Council; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah as Third Deputy Chairman of the Adat Istiadat Council.

The Adat Istiadat Council comprises Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran-Pengiran Cheteria, Cabinet Ministers, Members of the Privy Council, Commissioner of the Royal Brunei Police Force, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces and Pehin-Pehin Manteri.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince during the Special Meeting of the Adat Istiadat Council.



## State Visit to Australia

**CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA, June 19** - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, paid a State Visit to Australia. His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam began the State Visit with the State Welcoming Ceremony, which was held at Government House.

His Majesty was welcomed upon arrival by His Excellency General the Honourable David John Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of Australia, accompanied by a 21-gun salute.

The ceremony began with His Majesty proceeding to the Special Dais to receive the Salute of Honour accompanied by the National Anthem of Brunei Darussalam. The ceremony continued with the inspection of the Guard of Honour mounted by members of the Australian Defence Force.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen upon arrival at the State Welcoming Ceremony, being welcomed by His Excellency General The Honourable David John Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of Australia.

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His Majesty was then introduced to Australian dignitaries, followed with the introduction of Brunei Darussalam's delegation to His Excellency the Governor-General of Australia.

His Majesty then attended a Courtesy Call with the Governor-General of Australia, in which, both leaders welcomed the further strengthening of bilateral relations in existing areas of cooperation such as defence, education and people-to-people exchanges, as well as the exploration of cooperation in new areas of mutual interest.

After the Courtesy Call, His Majesty attended a State Luncheon hosted by the Governor-General of Australia.

At the State Luncheon, His Majesty expressed deep appreciation to the Governor-General of Australia as well as the government and people of Australia for the warm welcome and excellent arrangements made for His Majesty's visit.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkih Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen with His Excellency Governor-General of Australia at the State Welcoming Ceremony.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the State Luncheon.



His Majesty inspecting the Guard of Honour mounted by members of the Australian Defence Force.

In the *titah* (royal speech), His Majesty highlighted that Brunei and Australia continue to share a close and excellent relationship, marked by mutual respect and understanding.

As Brunei's top trading partner in 2022, His Majesty welcomed Australian investments in the country's diversification efforts.

Prior to this, the Governor-General of Australia delivered a speech highlighting Brunei and Australia have shared commitment to regional institutions and an open, rules-based trade.

Before leaving Government House, His Majesty was bid farewell by His Excellency the Governor-General of Australia.

Following the State Luncheon, His Majesty attended a meeting with The Honourable Anthony Albanese, Prime Minister of Australia, which was held at The Lodge.

During the meeting, His Majesty and the Prime Minister of Australia discussed on bilateral matters of mutual importance to both countries including exploration in new areas of cooperation such as cybersecurity, climate change and food security.

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His Majesty during the courtesy call with His Excellency Governor-General of Australia.



His Majesty and The Honourable Prime Minister of Australia during a meeting.

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The Joint Declaration will formalise the elevation of ties between Brunei Darussalam and Australia to a Comprehensive Partnership.

Both sides will develop a Plan of Action to chart a future strategic direction of ties in the coming years.

Prior to the meeting, His Majesty signed the Joint Declaration on the Comprehensive Partnership between the Government of Brunei Darussalam and the Commonwealth of Australia with the Prime Minister of Australia, representing the Government of Australia.

In the evening, His Majesty attended a dinner hosted by the Prime Minister of Australia.

Earlier in the morning, His Majesty attended a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

The arrival of His Majesty was greeted by Matt Anderson, Director of the Australian War Memorial. His Majesty then laid a wreath at the memorial.

After the State Visit, His Majesty left Canberra to continue the State Visit to Melbourne and Darwin.

His Majesty arrived at Fairbairn Airbase yesterday and was welcomed by Mr. Paul Singer MVO, representative of His Excellency Governor-General of Australia; The Honourable Kristy McBain, representative of The Honourable Prime Minister of Australia; and His Excellency Luke Arnold, High Commissioner of Australia to Brunei Darussalam.

Accompanying His Majesty was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

His Majesty at the Wreath Laying Ceremony.



His Majesty and The Honourable Anthony Albanese, Prime Minister of Australia, representing the Government of Australia signing the Joint Declaration on the Comprehensive Partnership between the Government of Brunei Darussalam and the Commonwealth of Australia.



His Majesty at the State Luncheon.



## Explore cooperation opportunities in the field of trade, investment

**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, June 20** - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam attended a Luncheon hosted by Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC VCO, Governor of Victoria which was held at Government House.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam arrived in Melbourne last night, to continue the State Visit to Australia.

Accompanying His Majesty was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

Upon arrival at Government House, His Majesty was welcomed by Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC VCO, Governor of Victoria and Mr. Anthony Howard. His Majesty was then invited to sign a Visitor's Book.

During the Luncheon, His Majesty, in a *titah* (royal speech), expressed pleasure to be in Australia once again, particularly on His Majesty's first visit to Melbourne.

Highlighting Melbourne as home to many of Australia's best-known landmarks, with an outstanding reputation as one of the world's most liveable cities, His Majesty stated that the direct flights between Bandar Seri Begawan and Melbourne have not only facilitated travel from Brunei Darussalam to Australia, but was also instrumental to Brunei's food supply especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

His Majesty was also appreciative to the Victoria State Government for welcoming Brunei students continuing their studies in Australia.

Before leaving Government House, His Majesty was bid farewell by Her Excellency Honourable Governor of Victoria and Mr. Anthony Howard.

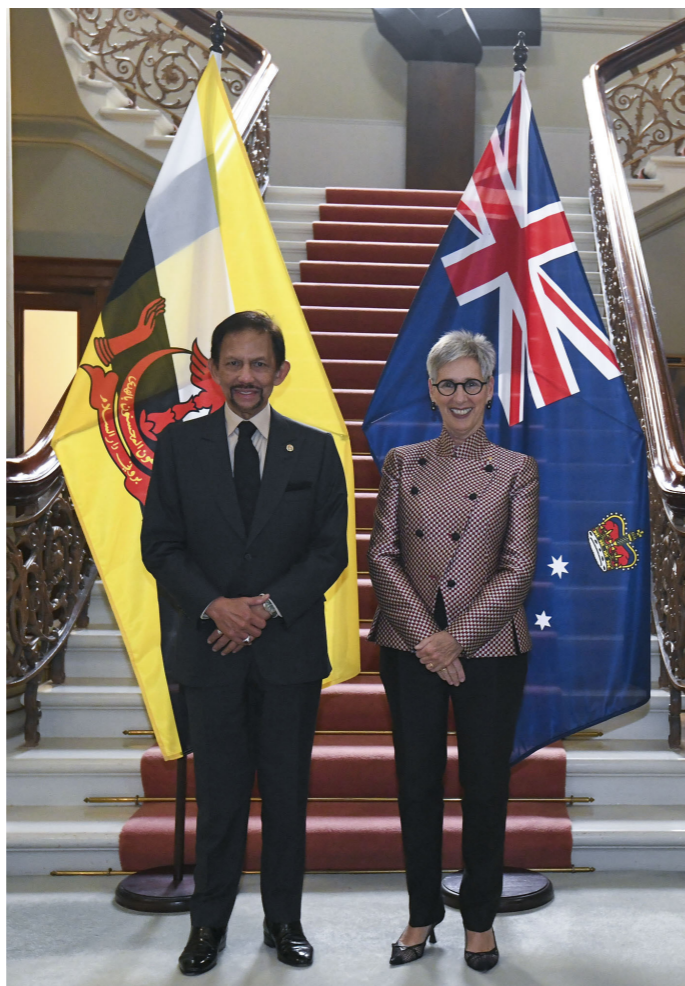
His Majesty then proceeded to Park Hyatt Melbourne for Get-Together Ceremony with Students, Citizens and Residents of Brunei Darussalam in Australia and New Zealand.

Before the Get-Together Ceremony, His Majesty attended a High Tea Reception with student representatives and signed of the *Lembaran Kenangan*.

During the Get-Together Ceremony, His Majesty delivered a *titah*, in which His Majesty called upon the students to seize the opportunity to obtain knowledge and increase their competencies, at the same time build character with beneficial knowledge, and most importantly to continue religious obligations such as the five daily prayers, reciting the Al-Quran, and other good deeds.

His Majesty later in the *titah* emphasised that highly educated and skilled human resources are important to achieve Brunei Vision 2035.

Therefore, the students play an important role in paving the way towards a successful future.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with Her Excellency Governor of Victoria Linda Dessau AC VCO.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam signing the visitor's book at the Government House.

In ending the *titah*, His Majesty advised the students to uphold the culture of the Bruneian people as well as the philosophy of the Malay Islamic Monarchy, other than equipping themselves with the 'Divine Vaccine' in the form of *zikir*, prayers, *selawat* and reciting of the Al-Quran, to shield against harm and misfortune.

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Meanwhile, Nurul Aqimah binti Abdullah Muhammad Masyadi, the President of the Brunei Students' Union in Australia and New Zealand in a welcoming address, among others, expressed gratitude and appreciation to His Majesty for gracing the event, which reflects the manifestation of His Majesty's care and concern towards students, citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam in Australia and New Zealand, and included a pledge of unwavering loyalty and allegiance to His Majesty.

His Majesty then proceeded to meet and greet approximately 467 people, comprising of students, citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam who are in Australia and New Zealand.

The ceremony, which also featured a 'Tala' al-Badru 'Alayna' *tausyeh* performance, among other things, provided a golden opportunity for them to meet and greet His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

Following the events in Melbourne, His Majesty then travelled to Darwin to continue the State Visit.



His Majesty delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the Get-Together Ceremony with Students, Citizens and Residents of Brunei Darussalam in Australia and New Zealand.



His Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen during the Get-Together Ceremony (above and below).



## His Majesty visits RAAF Base, Robertson Barracks

**DARWIN, AUSTRALIA, June 21** - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam visited the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Base and Robertson Barracks.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen with His Honour Professor The Honourable Hugh Heggie, Administrator of the Northern Territory.





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Accompanying His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

Upon arrival at the RAAF Base, His Majesty was greeted by His Honour Professor The Honourable Hugh Heggie, Administrator of the Northern Territory; Ms. Ruth Jones, representative of the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory; and Dr. Richard Fejo, Larrakia Elder.

During the visit, His Majesty embarked a RAAF C-27J Spartan aircraft and later board a toll helicopter for a scenic tour of Darwin.

Following this, His Majesty landed at the Robertson Barracks for a visit, in which His Majesty was greeted upon arrival by Brigadier Nick Foxall, Commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, who briefed on the Eurocopter Tiger Helicopter.

His Majesty also viewed a static display of military equipment and systems.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen boarding a toll helicopter for a scenic tour of Darwin.



His Majesty during the visit to the Royal Australian Air Force Base and Robertson Barracks (above, left and below).

During the visit, His Majesty had the opportunity to interact with members of the Royal Australian Army based at Robertson Barracks.

The RAAF Base in Darwin is a forward-operating base and plays a crucial support role when major exercises are held in the Northern Territory.



Meanwhile, Robertson Barracks is the Royal Australian Army's major establishment in the Northern Territory and home to the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade and 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment.

His Majesty then left Darwin after concluding a State Visit to Australia.

His Majesty taking a closer look at the military equipment and systems.

## Produce clerics and scholars with integrity

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 27** - Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam saw that Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) can make steps to prepare learning and teaching system in line with the noble objective of UNISSA's establishment, which is to produce clerics and scholars with integrity.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam emphasised that the programmes or courses offered are not only focussed on the basic knowledge of Fardu 'Ain, but it also meets the needs of Fardu Kifayah.

As such, His Majesty called on the university to expand its curriculum to include fields such as agriculture, science and technology, which His Majesty described as the pulse of life of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

His Majesty made the *titah* (royal speech) at the Opening Ceremony of the International Conference of Islamic Universities 2023 (ICIU2023), which took place at Indera Samudra Grand Hall, The Empire Brunei.

His Majesty added that the theme of ICIU 2023 "Islamic Higher Education Landscape of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Strategies and Visions", focusses on the challenge of globalisation on higher education.

Accompanying His Majesty at the event was His Royal Highness Prince (Dr.) Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, and Pro-Chancellor of UNISSA.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a *titah* (royal speech).

The event continued with welcoming remarks by Dr. Haji Norarfan bin Haji Zainal, Rector of UNISSA.

Among the highlights was a presentation of a paper by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia (Dr.) Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, the State Mufti. After the presentation in the main hall, His Majesty visited the exhibition showcasing the posters at ICIU 2023 and research by graduate students.

As a platform for discussion and sharing best practices of Islamic higher learning institutions, the event was organised by UNISSA in collaboration with the Asian Islamic Universities Association (AIUA) for the first time.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Royal Highness Prince (Dr.) Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office touring the exhibition.



His Majesty and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince in a group photo.

## Global warming, mental health issues require integrated action

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 28** - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in a *titah* (royal speech) delivered in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidiladha 1444 Hijrah/2023 Masihi, highlighted the significance of addressing global warming that has major impact of life and rising mental health issues

According to research, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam said that climate change will reduce crops yields worldwide, influencing and affecting mankind's well-being.

His Majesty added that according to global research, the COVID-19 pandemic is the cause of rising mental stress resulting in a high rate of anxiety and depression. It is estimated that at one in four individuals are suffering from mental problems. His Majesty emphasised that both phenomena should be treated as calamities, just like how the nation has dealt with COVID-19.

His Majesty also stressed on the need for joint efforts from relevant parties, stating that both global warming and mental health issues require integrated action. His Majesty called on religious and health authorities to explore this matter further.

On global warming, His Majesty expressed concerns about the adverse effects of extreme temperatures on individuals, such as heatstroke.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivers a *titah* (royal speech).

Earlier, His Majesty expressed gratitude that the country can still celebrate Aidiladha in a peaceful atmosphere. His Majesty said that this peaceful atmosphere is the most valuable gift as not all in the world can enjoy it.

His Majesty extended wishes for the well-being and safety of Hajj pilgrims, urging them to safeguard themselves from extreme heat during their pilgrimage and seek protection from Allah the Almighty.

## Crown Prince CIPTA Award 2023

**BERAKAS, June 8** - His Royal Highness Prince (Dr.) 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 as the Pro-Chancellor of Universiti

Teknologi Brunei (UTB) graced the Crown Prince Creative, Innovative, Product and Technological Advancement (CIPTA) Award 2023, held at the Plenary Hall, International Convention Centre.

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His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office as the Pro-Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB) presenting the award to the winners.



His Royal Highness the Crown Prince being briefed during a tour of the exhibition.



His Royal Highness the Crown Prince in a group photo.

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Aquaculture Aeration and Mixing' in third place.

At the event, His Royal Highness the Crown Prince as the Patron of the Crown Prince CIPTA Award 2023 presented prizes to the winners.

The 'TE-ALUM' project came in third in the ASEAN category for Young Inventors.

No project won the Creating New Product, Process or Technology category.

The theme of CIPTA 2023, 'Innovations for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)' was developed in response to the SDG Agenda 2030 in line with Brunei Vision 2023.

The project titled 'A Sustainable and Immersive Experience of Simulation Training Platform in Agriculture using Extended Reality (XR) Technology' won second place for the Modifying Existing Product, Process or Technology category.

However, there was no winner for the Creating New or Modifying Existing Product, Process or Technology for Young Inventors category.

The 'Mamor: Accident Prevention Motorcycle Helmet' project won third place in the Smart Junior Competition Category.

The 'BacColl: A Solution for Halal Collagen in Industries' project won second place in the ASEAN category for New Invention and Innovation, and 'Microbubble Generation for



Among the attendees present at the award ceremony.

### 390 receive honorary medals



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 and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik at the ceremony.

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 24** - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to award State Honorary Medals of Brunei Darussalam to 390 recipients at Balai Singgahsana Indera Kenchana, Istana Nurul Iman in honour of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's 76<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.

Conferring the medals as personal representative of His Majesty was 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 (PMO).



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah conferring the Pingat Jasa Kebaktian (PJK) to recipients.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah conferring the Pingat Indah Kerja Baik (PIKB) to recipients.



Also present was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik.

Five recipients comprising of four men and one woman were awarded the Pingat Jasa Kebaktian (PJK) consisting personnel from PMO, Ministry of Health and members of the private sector.

Meanwhile, 385 received the Pingat Indah Kerja Baik (PIKB) comprising officers and staff of civil servants and private sectors.



The recitation of *doa selamat* during the event.

### His Royal Highness boards US Navy P-8 aircraft

**RIMBA, June 27** - 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 boarded the P-8 aircraft from the United States (US) Navy.

During the flight, His Royal Highness the Crown Prince viewed Brunei Darussalam's exclusive economic zone.

The P-8 aircraft was part of the static display during the 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces.

The flight signified the strong bilateral cooperation between Brunei Darussalam and the US.



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 listening to explanation before boarding the P-8 aircraft from the United States (US) Navy.



His Royal Highness boarding the P-8 aircraft from the United States (US) Navy and reviewing the plane.



His Royal Highness in a group photo.

## Close cooperation continues to be strengthened

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 20** - Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohamed Taib, Speaker of the Legislative Council (LegCo) received a courtesy call from Her Excellency Erma Said Mohamed Al Kathiry, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Sultanate of Oman to Brunei Darussalam held at LegCo Building.

Among other things, both sides highlighted on several matters of mutual interest such as in the field of education and people-to-people exchanges.

Both sides also expressed their appreciation for the cooperative relationship and hope that it will continue to develop and be further strengthened through more visits and cooperation.



Yang Berhormat Legislative Council (LegCo) Speaker during the courtesy visit from Her Excellency Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Sultanate of Oman to Brunei Darussalam.

## Visits to gain better understanding of Islamic religious affairs

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 8** - Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Haji Awang Othman, Minister of Religious Affairs received a courtesy visit from Imam Asim Hafiz OBE MA, Islamic Religious Advisor to Chief of the Defence Staff and Service Chiefs United Kingdom.

Imam Asim Hafiz OBE MA's visit to the Ministry of Religious Affairs (MoRA) sought to understand more the function of



Yang Berhormat Minister of Religious Affairs with Islamic Religious Advisor to Chief of the Defence Staff and Service Chiefs United Kingdom and delegates.

MoRA in developing Islamic religious affairs services in Brunei Darussalam.

Previously, Iman Asim Hafiz OBE MA paid a courtesy call to Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia Dr. Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, State Mufti at Darulifta' Brunei Darussalam, at the State Mufti's Office to better understand the diversity of religion in the region.



Yang Berhormat State Mufti and Imam Asim Hafiz during the courtesy call.

## Brunei welcomes defence cooperation

**REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, June 2** - Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Second Minister of Defence led the Brunei Darussalam delegation to the 20<sup>th</sup> Shangri-La Dialogue (SLD) organised by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) which will be held today until June 4 at the Shangri-La Hotel.

The dialogue hosted more than 550 delegates from the representatives from more than 40 countries to discuss various key regional security issues and initiatives.

Minister at the PMO and Second Minister of Defence also attended the Ministerial Reception hosted by His Excellency Dr. Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Defence of the Republic of Singapore.

On the side-lines of the SLD, the Minister also attended the United States - South East Asian Nations Multilateral Meeting.



Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Defence with His Excellency Minister of Defence of Republic of Singapore.

The meeting was chaired by The Honourable Lloyd James Austin III, United States Secretary of Defense.

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The Minister also held a bilateral meeting with the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Singapore, where both ministers confirmed the excellent and long-standing bilateral defence relationship between the two countries.

Both sides also acknowledged the regular exchanges and close cooperation between both defence and military establishments.



The Minister in a group photo during the 20<sup>th</sup> Shangri-La Dialogue.

## Achieve cooperation for mutual stability

**VIENNA, Austria, June 5** - The 35<sup>th</sup> OPEC and non-OPEC Ministerial Meeting (35<sup>th</sup> ONOMM) was held yesterday at the OPEC Secretariat Headquarters.

Attending the meeting was Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Minister at Prime Minister Office (PMO) and Second Minister of Defence.

The meeting was chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Abdul Aziz bin Salman Al-Saud, Minister of Energy, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and co-chaired by His Excellency Alexander Valentinovich Novak, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation.

During the meeting, OPEC and non-OPEC countries supported the recommendations proposed at the 49<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Joint Monitoring Committee Meeting (49<sup>th</sup> JMMC), held prior to the 35<sup>th</sup> ONOMM, and the overall crude oil production adjustment starting January 2024 until December 2024.



Heads of Delegation from OPEC and non-OPEC countries under the Declaration of Cooperation in a group photo.

The Declaration of Cooperation (DoC) between OPEC and non-OPEC countries incepted in 2016, recognising the need for cooperation between oil exporting countries to achieve long-term stability in the oil market, for the benefit of producers and consumers.

The Minister at PMO and the Second Minister of Defence also had the opportunity to meet with His Royal Highness Prince Abdul Aziz bin Salman Al-Saud and other Heads of Delegations from OPEC and non-OPEC countries.

## The importance of promoting social justice



Yang Berhormat Minister of Home Affairs at the conference.

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 20** - Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ahmaddin bin Haji Abdul Rahman, Minister of Home Affairs, attended the 111<sup>th</sup> Session of International Labour Conference (ILC) and World of Work Summit: Social Justice For All held on June 12-15 at Palais des Nations and International Labour Organisation Headquarter, Geneva, Switzerland.

The conference has gathered tripartite representatives engaged in discussions covering a wide range of issues including a just transition towards sustainability and inclusive economies, quality

apprenticeship and labour protection as well as the report delivered.

The Minister of Home Affairs highlighted Brunei Darussalam's ongoing commitment and initiatives through a Whole of Government Approach to support the effort of the advancement of social justice and ensuring fairness in the workplace by aligning with the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection and adhere to the international standards and policies to protect the basic human rights and vulnerable groups.

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The Minister also stated that the ratification of the Forced Labour Convention 1930, No.29 will significantly accelerate our progress towards achieving social justice, aligning with the aspirations of this summit in reforming and dismantling social injustice and inequalities, particularly in a work conflict.

The Minister also attended the Asia Pacific Group Ministers' (ASPAG) Meeting on the June 13.

Meanwhile, the World of Work Summit focussed on the importance of coordinated action to promote social justice in creating a sustainable world by minimising inequality in the working world.

## Share knowledge, expertise in the field of marine biology



Yang Berhormat Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism in a group photo at the symposium.

**TUNGKU, June 6** - The Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT) through the Department of Fisheries in collaboration with the South East Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) and the University Brunei Darussalam (UBD) organised a symposium titled "Sustaining Marine Biodiversity Through Blue Economy Symposium 2023".

The three-day symposium starting today held at the UBD Pro Chancellor Arts Centre is one of the Brunei Mid-Year Conference and Exhibition 2023 (Brunei MYCE 2023).

Present as the Guest of Honour and to inaugurate the symposium was Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism.

Panel members and participants from within and outside the country including related agencies also participated in the symposium which brought the theme "Blue Economy: Rainforest

of the Sea".

The Blue Economy is identified as the main strategy to maintain marine biodiversity and the core value of the blue economy lies in the balance between maintaining a healthy marine ecosystem.

In addition, it is to ensure that economic benefits can be achieved from coastal and marine resources to achieve inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

The symposium programme also includes diving activities to explore tropical coral reefs in Brunei waters.

The symposium was divided into three sessions - Blue Economy: Balancing Economic Growth with Marine Conservation; Marine Biodiversity: Importance, Threats and Conservation; and Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture: Enhancing Marine Biodiversity and Economic Development.

## Working together to prevent transboundary haze

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 9** - The 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee on Transboundary Haze Pollution (24<sup>th</sup> MSC) was held in the Republic of Singapore, yesterday.

The meeting was attended by ministers, officials and representatives from Brunei Darussalam, Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, Republic of Singapore, and Kingdom of Thailand.

Representatives from Brunei Darussalam was attended by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Muhammad Juanda bin Haji Abdul Rashid, Minister of Development.

At the meeting, the Minister of Development shared that Brunei Darussalam's air quality was good with a pollutant standard index

(PSI) below 50. The favorable wind conditions and intermittent showers and rains have lessened the impact of hazy condition in the Sultanate.

With the potential of hot and dry weather in the coming months due to El Nino developing this year, the Minister urged the Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee on Transboundary Haze Pollution Countries (MSC) to continue working closely together and further strengthen regional cooperation towards preventing haze pollution.

The 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Transboundary Haze Pollution (24<sup>th</sup> TWG) preceded the meeting.

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According to JASTRe, the meeting noted the ASEAN Specialised Meteorological Centre's (ASMC) weather and smoke haze review, as well as outlook for the southern ASEAN region. Hotspot counts detected in January to May were around 16 per cent lower than in January to May 2022 for the southern ASEAN region.

Based on current climate models, ASMC forecasts a 70 to 80 per cent chance for El Nino conditions to develop between June to September 2023 and for a positive Indian Ocean Dipole to develop between June and July 2023.

The MSC countries pledged to stay vigilant and intensify their fires monitoring and haze preventive efforts to minimise the occurrence of transboundary smoke haze during drier periods. The MSC countries reaffirmed their readiness to provide assistance on emergency response situation and to collaborate among MSC



Yang Berhormat Minister of Development in a group photo during the meeting.

countries with enhanced cooperation and coordination to mitigate land and forest fires.

The meeting stressed the need to pursue the finalisation of the Establishment Agreement of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Transboundary Haze Pollution Control (ACC THPC) in Indonesia and

resume the discussion on the Host Country Agreement for timely finalisation.

The meeting reiterated the call for expeditious establishment and operationalisation of the ACC THPC to facilitate for faster and effective implementation of all aspects of the AATHP.

## Strengthening, expanding cooperation in education

**GADONG, June 13** - Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr. Hajah Romaizah binti Haji Md. Salleh, Minister of Education received a courtesy call from Her Excellency Sara Zimmerman Duterte-Carpio, Vice President and Secretary of Department of Education of the Republic of the Philippines as the South East Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Council President at a hotel in Gadong.

During the courtesy visit, the two sides held discussions to strengthen and expand cooperation in the field of education at the core education level, especially in the Memorandum of Understanding on Basic Education that focusses on the relationship between institutions of the two countries, professional development among teachers and the establishment cooperation in Early Childhood Education.



Yang Berhormat Minister of Education shakes hands with Her Vice President and Secretary of Department of Education of the Republic of the Philippines.

## Concerted effort required to prevent online fraud and scams

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 10** - Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Shamhary bin Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Mustapha, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications, attended a Government to Government (G2G) Roundtable on Scams and Artificial Intelligence (AI) that was held alongside Asia Tech x Singapore (ATxSG) which was held on June 6-9.

The ATxSG was officiated by His Excellency Lawrence Wong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Republic of Singapore, while the Ministerial Roundtable was chaired by Her Excellency Josephine Teo, Minister for Communications and Information, Republic of Singapore.

During the session, the ministers exchanged views and information on the common growing trends online.

The Minister of Transport and Infocommunications shared that 90 per cent of the reported cases of scams and fraud in 2022 were conducted via online means.



Yang Berhormat Minister of Transport and Infocommunications during a courtesy call with His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Republic of Singapore.

The learning and experience of others from the roundtable discussions will help shape the additional measures that need to be introduced to mitigate the occurrence of online scams.

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Hence, a concerted effort by security agencies, telecommunications service providers, banks and enforcement agencies is required.

At the side-line of ATxSG, the Minister made a courtesy call to Her Excellency Josephine Teo, Minister for Communications and Information, Republic of Singapore. Both ministers exchanged views on current regional developments and key challenges, as well as areas of mutual interests to strengthen the bilateral relations between both countries.

The Minister also visited the Cyber



Yang Berhormat Minister in a group photo at the Government to Government (G2G) Roundtable on Scams and Artificial Intelligence (AI) that was held alongside Asia Tech x Singapore (ATxSG).

Security Agency of Singapore for in-depth discussion on cybersecurity trends and development. The programme continued with a discussion with the Smart Nation and Digital Government Office and IMDA PIXEL Innovation Lab.

## Cooperation on science, technology, innovation

**JERUDONG, June 22** - Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Shamhary bin Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Mustapha, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications chaired the 12<sup>th</sup> Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (12<sup>th</sup> IAMMSTI) held at the Indera Kayangan Ballroom, The Empire Brunei.

The Minister of Transport and Infocommunications said that the meeting is not only to reflect the progress in developing science, technology and innovation especially in the ASEAN region, but also to agree on a way forward to further realise the goals under the ASEAN Plan of Action and Science, Technology and Innovation (APASTI) 2016-2025.

The meeting approved a joint statement that included recommendations from the 83<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation Meeting.

Meanwhile, five key deliverables were passed by the meeting under as priorities for 2024: The establishment of the ASEAN Technology Management Hub (Phase III); developing the ASEAN regional research infrastructure strategy (Phase II); establishing the ASEAN startup initiative; establishing the ASEAN Talent Mobility Community; and implementing the ASEAN Energy Resilience Assessment Guideline: Capacity Building on Energy Resilience Assessment.



Yang Berhormat Minister of Transport and Infocommunications chairing the 12<sup>th</sup> Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science, Technology and Innovation.

## Empowering ASEAN youth development

**MALAYSIA, June 21** - The 12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY XII), themed "Mental Health Matters - You Are Not Alone" was chaired by His Excellency Adam Adli bin Abd. Halim, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports, Malaysia.

The meeting via video conference was attended by ASEAN Ministers responsible for youth affairs and their representatives as well as the Deputy-Secretary General of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC).

The AMMY XII and 8<sup>th</sup> AMMY+3 are platforms for Ministers and High-Level Representatives and relevant stakeholders in the field of youth affairs to exchange views, discuss potential

collaboration to continue to empower ASEAN youth and realise ASEAN's vision of future-ready youth in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

During the meeting, Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Nazmi Haji Mohamad, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports shared Brunei Darussalam's experiences and practices in creating opportunities and empowerment for the youth. Among those opportunities were the Youth Policy Dialogues which allowed direct engagement between policy makers and the youth. The creation of Youth Economic Opportunities, equipping the youth with future skills and mind-set to prepare them for the future.

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During the meeting, ASEAN Member States Ministers and Plus Three Countries in charge of youth adopted Joint Ministerial Statement of AMMY XII and the 8<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Youth (8<sup>th</sup> AMMY+3).



Yang Berhormat Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports during the online meeting.

## Integrated cooperation able to deal with drug threats

**BOGOR, INDONESIA, June 5** - A delegation from the Legislative Council (LegCo) attended the 6<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD) Meeting which was held on May 29 to June 1.

The meeting attended by more than 25 members of parliament from AIPA witnessed the presentation of the country report on the current situation of drugs trafficking, national laws and policies, law enforcement, regional and international cooperation, as well as other actions taken to combat drugs and their trafficking.

The meeting also discussed a draft resolution entitled "Supporting Inclusive Economic Growth for Drug-Free ASEAN".

The LegCo delegation was led by Yang Berhormat Dayang Hajah Safiah binti Sheikh Haji Abdul Salam and Yang Berhormat Haji Md. Salleh bin Haji Othman.

In her statement, Yang Berhormat Dayang Hajah Safiah stated that by working collectively, sharing best practices and a strong legal framework, ASEAN will be able to effectively deal with the threat and protect the well-being of their respective citizens.

At the last session of the meeting, a draft resolution on 'Supporting Inclusive Economic Growth for Drug-Free ASEAN' was agreed to be presented during the 44<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly to be held in August this year.



The Legislative Council (LegCo) members at the 6<sup>th</sup> AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD) Meeting.

# Together generate ASEAN-Korea economic progress

**JEJU, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, June 5** - Two main issues namely ASEAN-Korea cooperation for supply chain facilitation between parliament and business; and ASEAN-Korea sustainable cooperation on climate change - the role of parliament and business were among the matters discussed during the Forum between the parliaments of ASEAN and Republic of Korea held on June 1 to 2.

Brunei Darussalam's delegation was led by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Indera Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Suyoi bin Haji Osman, Legislative Council (LegCo) Member, who delivered a statement on the importance of maintaining and developing close relations between Korea and ASEAN to ensure the progress and economic growth of both parties will not be hindered by the current conflict.

Regarding the issue of climate change, Yang Berhormat Dayang Hajah Rosmawatty binti Haji Abdul Mumin,



Legislative Council (LegCo) members at a forum.

LegCo Member, stated that Brunei Darussalam recognises the need to achieve a balance between economic growth, social development and environmental protection which forms the

basis of sustainable development. Brunei Darussalam allocated \$2.1 million to fund the establishment of the ASEAN Climate Change Centre, which will act as a climate research body in the region.

## CPI in April decreases 0.5 per cent m-o-m

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 10** - In April, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) registered a month-on-month (m-o-m) decrease of 0.5 per cent compared to March due to a fall in food and non-alcoholic beverages prices; and non-food prices by 0.7 per cent and 0.4 per cent respectively.

The m-o-m decrease in the food and non-alcoholic beverages prices was attributed by a fall in prices of vegetables; fish and seafood; and meat.

Meanwhile, the fall in the prices of non-food was contributed by the decrease in the prices of clothing and footwear; furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance; and miscellaneous goods and services.

For year-on-year (y-o-y) changes, the CPI increased by 0.2 per cent compared to April 2022.

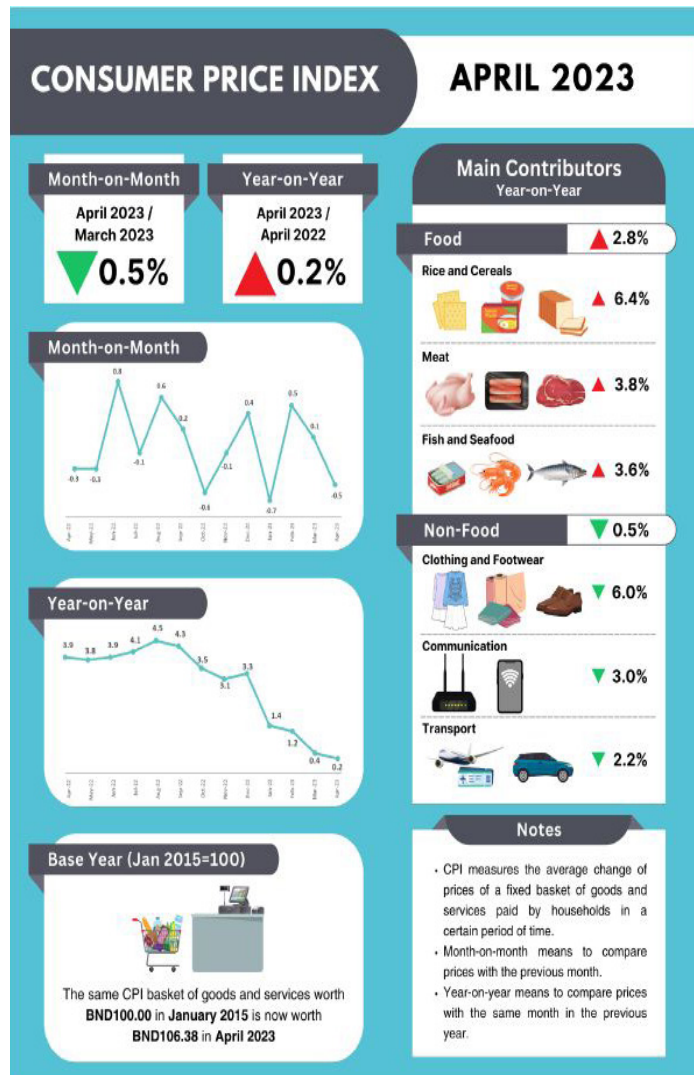
The rise was driven by an increase in prices of food and non-alcoholic beverages by 2.8 per cent.

However, the non-food prices registered a decrease of 0.5 per cent.

The y-o-y increase in food and non-alcoholic beverages prices was due to the rise in rice and cereals; meat; and fish and seafood.

The y-o-y increase was moderated by a decrease in non-food prices, particularly, clothing and footwear; communication; and transport.

The CPI measures changes in the prices of goods and services paid by consumers over a set period of time and is collected monthly.



The CPI full report for April is available from the DEPS website at <https://deps.mofe.gov.bn>.