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BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 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 and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam received in audience His Excellency Lawrence Wong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore and spouse, Madam Loo Tze Lui at Cheradi Laila Kenchana, Istana Nurul Iman.

Also resent at the Audience Ceremony were members of the royal family.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam then together with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore then proceeded for a Bilateral Meeting.

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KIARONG, June 17 - 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.

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His Majesty receives goodwill visit from Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 24 - 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 received in audience

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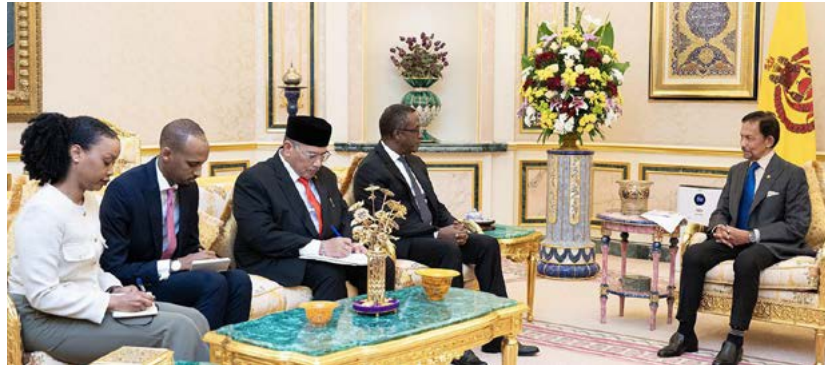
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His Majesty receives audiences

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam received in audience at the Istana Nurul Iman:



Honourable Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of the Republic of Ghana on June 8.



Honourable Dr. Vincent Biruta, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda on June 8.



His Excellency General Songwit Noopackdee, Chief of Defence Forces, Royal Thai Forces on June 20.

Her Majesty receives spouse of RTARF Chief Defence Forces

Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam received in audience at Istana Nurul Iman:

Mrs Panyada Noonpackdee, spouse of the His Excellency General Songwit Noonpackdee, Chief of Defence Forces, Royal Thai Armed Forces (RTARF) on June 20.



His Royal Highness receives WHO Regional Director

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 the Qashr Al-Meezaan:

His Excellency Dr. Saia Ma'u Piukala, World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director for the Western Pacific 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:

- His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India on the occasion of his reappointment as Prime Minister of the Republik of India on June 9.
- His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein, King of Jordan on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty's Accession to the Throne on June 9.
- His Excellency Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr., President of the Republic of Philippines, the government and the people of the Republic of Philippines on the occasion of its 126th Independence Day on June 12.
- His Excellency Vladimir Putin, President of Russia, the government and people of Russia 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 Rt. Hon. 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's 75th Birthday Anniversary on June 15.

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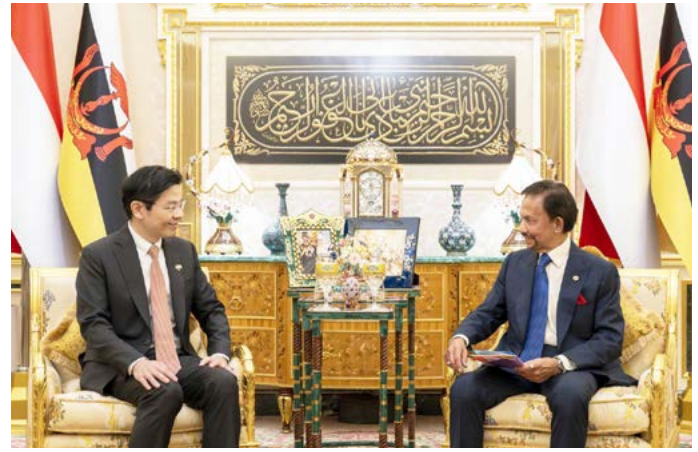


His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO); His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdulk Mateen; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah during the Audience Ceremony.



Also present at the Ceremony were Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman; Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Raabi'atul 'Adawiyah binti Pengiran Haji Bolkiah; Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Anisha Rosnah binti Adam; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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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 at the Bilateral Meeting with His Excellency the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore.

In the meeting, His Majesty welcomed the Prime Minister on his first official visit to Brunei Darussalam as the 4th Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, which reflects the unique and special ties between Brunei and Singapore.

His Majesty recalled his meeting with His Excellency Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President of the Republic of Singapore as well as with His Excellency Dato Laila Utama Lee Hsien Loong, Senior Minister of the Republic of Singapore and Datin Seri Madam Ho Ching early this year, and further stated that these exchanges are meaningful as both countries celebrate the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations this year.

In this regard, His Majesty expressed pleasure in the continuation of stronger ties among the young generation to honour and appreciate efforts made by Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien and the late Lee Kuan Yew, former Prime Minister of Republic of Singapore. As the Young Leaders' Programme (YLP) now enters its 10th year, His Majesty expressed appreciation for the Prime Minister's commitment as well as contributions to fostering closer ties between both countries.

Furthermore, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) had fruitful discussions with the Prime Minister during the 9th YLP in Brunei Darussalam.

Bilateral discussions also included the excellent cooperation in currency interchangeability, defence, education, health and people-to-people exchanges including civil service programmes.

Singapore is an important trading partner for Brunei, and share a fruitful partnership that has contributed to the growth and development of both countries.

Both leaders also reaffirmed their commitment to work closely in new areas including food security, medical supplies and green economy towards preparing for future challenges.

The meeting further touched on regional and international issues of mutual interest such as developments in ASEAN, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the South China Sea and Palestine-Israel.

In addition, His Majesty expressed appreciation to Singapore's support in the Establishment Agreement for the ASEAN Centre for Climate Change, and highlighted its importance in the face of global climate change.

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister stated that this visit marks his introductory visit to all ASEAN Member States, and further shared that Brunei being the first stop reflects the importance Singapore places on the strong ties shared with Brunei.

Brunei has long been Singapore's trusted partner with shared strategic outlook, and the Prime Minister expressed hope that both countries will continue to build on

these relations.

The Prime Minister went on to express appreciation for His Majesty's wise leadership, and looked forward to hosting His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at PMO in Singapore for the 10th YLP.

At noon, His Majesty and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha proceeded together with the Prime Minister and spouse, as well as members of the royal family and the official delegation of the Republic of Singapore for the Official Luncheon at Baiturrahmah.

At the Official Luncheon, His Majesty in a *titah* (royal speech) congratulated the Prime Minister on his recent appointment as the 4th Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore and further expressed confidence that His Excellency will continue to lead the 4G Leaders under 'Forward Singapore' in ensuring the nation's continued development and prosperity.

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

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“For many decades,” stated His Majesty, “Brunei and Singapore have enjoyed strong ties across many sectors, building trust and confidence as a solid foundation for the future.

“As two small, sovereign states surrounded by larger neighbours, both countries share a common desire that stems from the close friendship between Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar ‘Ali Saifuddien Sa’adul Khairi Waddien and the late Lee Kuan Yew, the former Prime Minister. “

His Majesty said that the unique and special ties has been vital in ensuring the stability of both countries’ economies during regional financial crises and economic downturns.

His Majesty expressed confidence that the bonds of friendship between the two countries will continue to strengthen in the coming years.

This was followed by a speech from the Prime Minister where he glads to know that the relationship between the two



His Excellency the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore delivering a speech at the Official Luncheon.

countries continues to be strengthened, including through the Young Leaders Exchange Programme, as well as the Brunei Darussalam-Republic of Singapore Youth Education Scholarship.

Earlier, as personal representative of His Majesty, His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at PMO and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri

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Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam and Madam Loo Tze Lui during the Official Luncheon.



Also in attendance at the State Banquet were members of the royal family and delegation of Republic of Singapore (bottom left and bottom).



Yang Berhormat the State Mufti reciting the doa selamat.





His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah with His Excellency Prime Minister and spouse during the High Tea Reception. Also present was Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Aziz bin Pengiran Jaya Negara Pengiran Haji Abu Bakar.

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Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman were at the Brunei International Airport to welcome the Prime Minister and spouse who are in Brunei Darussalam for a one-day official visit.

The Official Welcoming Ceremony then began with the national anthems of both countries. The Prime Minister subsequently inspected the Guard of Honour that was mounted by members of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF).

The Prime Minister was then introduced to ministers, deputy minister, the Commissioner of the Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPF), the Commander of the RBAF, foreign envoys in Brunei Darussalam and permanent secretaries from the PMO and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA).

His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri were then introduced to the official delegation of the Singapore.

Their Royal Highnesses also hosted a High Tea Reception for the Prime Minister and spouse at Qashr Al-Meezan.

Also present was Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Ambassador-at-Large at the MoFA.

The Prime Minister also held a joint meeting with several cabinet ministers held in Assarra.



Their Royal Highnesses with His Excellency Prime Minister and spouse during the Official Welcoming Ceremony.

Present at the meeting were Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Erywan bin Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Haji Mohd. Yusof, Second Minister of Foreign Affairs; Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr. Hajah Romaizah binti Haji Md. Salleh, Minister of Education; Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Shamhary bin Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Mustapha, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications and Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Nazmi bin Haji Awang Mohamad, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports as the accompanying minister.

The meeting strengthened the cooperation of various sectors between Brunei and Singapore.



His Excellency Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore during joint meeting with several Cabinet Ministers.

14,944 receive sacrificial meat from Their Majesties and royal family (continued)



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 distributing sacrificial meat to recipients.

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Also present 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; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

At the ceremony, His Majesty led the ritual of slaughter of four goats.

Meanwhile, the remaining livestock were slaughtered at PDS Abbatoir Sdn. Bhd.'s slaughterhouse in Kampung Batang Mitus

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam (above) and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (left) sacrificing a goat.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik sacrificing a goat.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen sacrificing a goat.

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and Syarikat Mohammed Norfaizal bin Haji Zainuddin dan Anak-Anak.

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



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Their Majesties during the Hari Raya Aidiladha Celebration at Istana Nurul Iman.



Also present were 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; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Anisha Rosnah binti Adam; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Bini Hajah Faizah binti Dato Haji Nasir.



Also present were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna. Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Ameerah Wardatul Bolkiah; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam.



Yang Berhormat State of Mufti reciting the doa selamat.



The Hari Raya Aidiladha Celebration in progress.

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Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Raabi'atul 'Adawiyyah binti Pengiran Haji Bolkiah and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Anisha Rosnah binti Adam were also in attendance.

Also present were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah; 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 Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam and members of the royal family.

This year, 198 livestock were sacrificed - 184 cattle and 14 goats. The meats will be distributed to 14,944 recipients comprising underprivileged individuals



His Majesty the 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; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah during the Sunat Aidiladha Prayer.

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 Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Japar bin Mat Dain@Maidin, Deputy State of Mufti.

His Majesty receives goodwill visit from Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak (continued)

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His Excellency Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar, Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak and spouse, Yang Amat Berbahagia Toh Puan Fauziah binti Mohd. Sanusi at Cheradi Laila Kenchana, Istana Nurul Iman.

Following the Audience Ceremony, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of

Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pegiran Anak Hajah Saleha together with Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak and spouse attended luncheon at Baiturrahmah, Istana Nurul Iman.

Present at the both ceremonies were other members of the royal family.

Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak and spouse as well as delegation arrived in the country yesterday for a three-day

goodwill visit.

During their stay in the country, Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak and spouse visited places of interest such as the Royal Regalia Museum, Balai Khazanah Islam Sultan Haji Hassanil Bolkiah, Brunei History Centre and Kampong Ayer as well as attend a Tahlil Ceremony at the Royal Mausoleum.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanil Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pegiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam with His Excellency Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak and spouse during the Audience Ceremony.

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha receiving a *pesambah* (souvenir).



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 Mohamed Bolkiah and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah during the Audience Ceremony at Cheradi Laila Kenchana.



Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman; Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Raabi'atul 'Adawiyah binti Pengiran Haji Bolkiah; Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Anisha Rosnah binti Adam; 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 Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam during the Audience Ceremony.



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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, 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, with His Excellency Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak and spouse upon arrival at Baiturrahmah, Istana Nurul Iman.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha during the luncheon.

His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Raabi'atul 'Adawiyah; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Anisha Rosnah; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah; 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 Hajah Masna; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam during the luncheon (right and below).



Yang Berhormat State Mufti reciting the doa selamat.

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His Excellency Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak and spouse visiting the Royal Regalia Museum.



His Excellency Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak and spouse visiting Balai Khazanah Islam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah.



His Excellency Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak during the Tahlil Ceremony at the Royal Mausoleum.



His Excellency Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak and spouse boarding the ship excursion, MV Sentosa to explore part of the Brunei River.



His Excellency Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak and spouse at the Brunei History Centre.

RBAF continues to grow rapidly

TUTONG, 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 confidence that whatever that is planned will be achieved by continuing to be focused and committed, with the Ministry of Defence (MinDef) and Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) capable of becoming the best examples to His Majesty's Government in transparent, honest and effective project planning, management and implementation.

Earlier, delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the Grand Parade of the 63rd Anniversary Celebration of the RBAF at Penanjong Garrison, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam expressed gratitude to Allah the Almighty for being able to attend the 63rd Royal Brunei Armed Forces Anniversary Celebration while the country is in peace and prosperity.

His Majesty highlighted the challenges in meeting recruitment targets, particularly for the Officer Cadet School (OCS), Defence Academy RBAF, and the Training Institute RBAF. The Monarch noted that only 57 per cent of applicants were successfully selected for OCS last year, with 78 per cent for the Training Institute.

His Majesty called for a thorough assessment and focus on this issue, warning that if these trends continue, it could affect the structuring of the RBAF towards achieving the objectives of '*Gagasan Angkatan 2035*'. His Majesty emphasised the need for concerted efforts to prepare pathways for youth eager to serve in the RBAF.

The Monarch also highlighted RBAF has also successfully further broadened its defence diplomacy through cooperation with the armed forces of friendly nations at the ASEAN, regional and international levels.

Also gracing the grand parade were 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 920 Major (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

Shortly after arrival, His Majesty received the Royal Salute.

His Majesty then inspected the Grand Parade under the command of 724 Lieutenant Colonel Mohammad Ghazali bin Haji Hussin.



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) at the 63rd Anniversary Celebration of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) at Penanjong Garrison.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the Grand Parade of the 63rd Anniversary of the RBAF. Accompanying His Majesty were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO); His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; and His Royal Highness 920 Major (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

The slow and fast march-past by the parade forces carrying His Majesty's Crest and the RBAF Crest followed the celebration. The cheers of *Daulat Kebawah Duli Tuan Patik* echoed in the air symbolising the spirit of all RBAF personnel.

The celebration was enlivened with a fly-past of the Royal Brunei Air Force Blackhawk and C-295-MW aircrafts.

His Majesty and members of the royal family then proceeded to the warrant officers and senior ranks mess, Penanjong Garrison for light refreshment followed by a photo session with RBAF's senior non-commissioned officers.



Acting Director of the RBAF Religious Directorate (JAMA'AT) reciting the *doa selamat*.

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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 inspecting the Guard of Honour.

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RBAF anniversary celebration was enlivened with the Solidarity Jump that involved 31 combined Special Forces paratroopers from 11 countries including personnel from the 31st Squadron of the Royal Brunei Air Force and Special Forces Regiment, and the RBAF Military Capabilities and Defence Industries Exhibition.

His Majesty proceeded using the Light Tactical All-Terrain Vehicle to witness the Solidarity Jump that was led by Major Pengiran Mas Sanusi bin Pengiran Haji Masuni from the Special Forces Regiment, RBAF.



The Grand Parade with a march-past.

The RBAF Military Capabilities and Defence Industries Exhibition showcased the latest military equipment and technology from 20 countries.

Through the exhibition, it can assist the RBAF in the efforts to develop its operational capabilities for a more sustainable national defence.



Fly-past of Royal Brunei Air Force Blackhawk and C295MW aircrafts.

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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 members of the royal family in a group photo with Royal Brunei Armed Forces' Senior Non-Commissioned Officers.

His Majesty then proceeded to the Officers' Mess, Penanjong Garrison for the Royal Luncheon.

This year's celebration theme reflects the commitment of the RBAF towards realising the Wawasan Brunei 2035, reflecting the commitment of the RBAF as a thriving and

dominant national security organisation that upholds the Malay Islamic Monarchy (MIB) philosophy and striving towards the accomplishment of Brunei Vision 2035 with the three pillars of deterrence and response; defence diplomacy; and holistic defence as enshrined in the updated Defence White Paper 2021.

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His Majesty taking a closer look at the exhibition.



Among those present at the event to spectate the celebration.



The Solidarity Jump demonstration comprising 31 combined special forces paratroopers from 11 countries.

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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 viewing the Royal Brunei Armed Forces Military Capabilities and Defence Industries Exhibition.

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His Majesty touring the exhibition (above and below).



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and His Royal Highness 920 Major (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen boarding the helicopter on display.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and members of the royal family during the luncheon.



His Majesty greeting and mingling with officers (above, bottom, and bottom right).



His Majesty cutting a cake in conjunction with the 63rd Anniversary Celebration of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces.



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His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at Prime Minister's Office; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; and His Royal Highness 920 Major (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen at the exhibition.

Developing Islamic Sustainable, Urban Community

BERAKAS, June 5 – 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, the Chancellor of Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) said in the *titah* (royal speech) during the Opening Ceremony of the KAIB XV at the International Convention Centre (ICC), highlighted that the theme of the 15th Borneo Islamic International Conference (KAIB XV) 'Developing Islamic Sustainable and Urban Community' saw the characteristics of Islamic urban development as holistic, not just material or physical development, but also on balanced physical and spiritual development.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam

called upon Borneo's higher education institutions to offer programmes that educate and shape the people into balanced individuals.

His Majesty saw the need for the establishment of a centre responsible for preserving manuscripts that will become a source of research related to religion, identity, origins, history, traditions and legacy of the community in the region.

His Majesty also hoped that the valuable manuscripts would be easily accessible through digital technology, thus broadening their dissemination across Borneo and the world where this documentary in digital form will also be able to speed up and expand the distribution of our manuscripts in these islands to all corners of the world.

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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, the Chancellor of Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the Opening Ceremony of the 15th Borneo Islamic International Conference (KAIB XV).



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, 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 Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen upon arrival at the Opening Ceremony of KAIB XV.

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His Majesty also expressed his gratitude to Allah the Almighty for the blessing of KAIB XV Opening Ceremony that morning.

Accompanying His Majesty at the ceremony were 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 Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

Dr. Haji Norarfan bin Haji Zainal, Rector of UNISSA as the Chairman of the KAIB

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, being briefed by the Rector of UNISSA.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the KAIB XV Opening Ceremony (above and below).



His Majesty touring the exhibition.

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XV steering committee touched on the objective in organising KAIB XV, which included gathering scholarly materials related to empowering an *ummah* based on knowledge and practise to serve as future references; providing a platform of discussion on matters pertaining to Islamic propagation and issues concerning to Islam in Borneo; and collecting written works related to Nusantara manuscripts, especially those from the Borneo Island.

A premier paper '*Membangun Masyarakat dan Perbandaran Islam Yang Mampan*' (Developing an Islamic Sustainable and Urban Community) was delivered by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia (Dr.) Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, State Mufti at the conference.

His Majesty and members of the royal family then toured the exhibition, showcasing research posters relevant to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The exhibition, participated by representatives from across Borneo, highlighted research in the fields of *halal*, agriculture, fisheries and technology.

His Majesty interacting with participants.



His Royal Highness Prince (Dr.) Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office being briefed during the event.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen's touring the exhibition.

Special rewards for sacrifices in Islam

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 16 - Sacrificing by contributing the Humanitarian Fund for Palestinian who are defending their religion, the people and the nation can even be described as the highest form of sacrifice.

Brunei Darussalam stance for the one-sided war ends immediately.

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 stressed the matter in the *titah* (royal speech) in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidiladha 1445 Hijrah/2024 Masihi at Istana Nurul Iman.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam said that Aidiladha come again with means the Eid of Sacrifice. The Muslims are encouraged

to sacrifice by slaughtering sacrificial animals as reward of the sacrifice is very great to be served in the afterlife.

His Majesty added there are many forms of sacrifice that can take place outside of Aidiladha, such as sacrificing to build mosques, to help the poor and destitute, sacrificing to look after orphans, assist

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Special rewards for sacrifices in Islam (continued)



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flood and fire victims and sacrificing to help senior citizens, and assist new Muslim converts.

In the *titah*, His Majesty cites the *hadis* that are strong proof for the Muslim *ummah* to have mercy on each other.

Sacrifice in Islam is very broad and comprehensive, including acts of sympathising and supplicating for the Muslim brothers.

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) in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidiladha 1445 Hijrah/2024 Masihi at Istana Nurul Iman.

Charity Polo Tournament

JERUDONG, June 23 - 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 graced the Charity Polo Tournament 2024, held at the Royal Brunei Polo and Riding Club.

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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 Royal Highness Princess Ameerah Wardatul Bolkiah at the Charity Polo Tournament 2024.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah during the charity polo match (above and below).





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Also in attendance were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Anisha Rosnah binti Adam; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Ameerah Wardatul Bolkiah; and Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim.

In the tournament, the Lions team led by His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen defeated the Bears team and Tigers team. Also in the Lions team was Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam the presented the championship trophy to the winning team of the tournament.

The tournament was organised by the Brunei Polo Team in collaboration with the Royal Brunei Polo Association and Pusat Ehsan Al-Ameerah Al-Hajjah Maryam.



Pusat Ehsan Al-Ameerah Al-Hajjah Maryam students during a performance.



Food stalls at the event.

His Majesty receives Royal Audience

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 25 - 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 welcomed the arrival of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, at Istana Nurul Iman.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Majesty Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia then proceeded to Cheradi Laila Kenchana for the Royal Audience Ceremony, where His Majesty Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia presented an invitation to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam to attend the Coronation Ceremony of His Majesty Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia as the 17th Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia on July 20.

Following the Royal Audience Ceremony, Their Majesties proceeded for a Luncheon at Cheradi Ratna Otika.

Also present during the Audience and Luncheon Ceremony were His Majesty's sons, His Royal Highness Prince Haji



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam receiving the invitation from His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia to attend his Coronation Ceremony as the 17th Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia on July 20.

Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO); His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen. His Majesty later bade farewell to His

Majesty Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, at His Majesty the Sultan's Flight Hangar.

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam; His Majesty Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO); His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen in a group photo.



His Majesty and Their Royal Highnesses during the Luncheon at Cheradi Ratna Otika.

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Earlier, the arrival of His Majesty Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia at the Sultan's Flight Hangar was welcomed by His Royal Highness the Crown Prince as a personal representative of His Majesty.

His Majesty bid farewell to His Majesty Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia at His Majesty the Sultan's Flight Hangar.



Committed to developing Oil and Gas Sector

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 27 - 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, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Brunei Shell Joint Venture Companies (BSJV) chaired the 411th Meeting of the Board of Directors of Brunei Shell Petroleum Sdn. Bhd. (BSP) and the 189th Meeting of the Board of Directors of Brunei Shell Marketing Sdn. Bhd. (BSM) for the Second Quarter of 2024.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's chairmanship of these meetings reflects His Majesty's deep commitment to the development of the Oil and Gas Sector, including both upstream and downstream industries, which are crucial to Brunei Darussalam's economy.

BSJV companies, particularly BSP, have significantly contributed to the nation's economic development over the past 95 years, starting with the first oil discovery in Seria in 1929.

With the recent handover of the chairmanship of the Board of Directors of BSJV to His Majesty, His Majesty has underscored the need for BSJV to boost their investments to support Brunei Darussalam's economic development.

This is in-line with His Majesty's vision for accelerated economic progress, especially in the years leading up to the Diamond Jubilee of His Majesty's ascension to the throne, which will be celebrated in 2027.

These meetings were the continuation of the 222nd Meeting of the Board of Directors of Brunei LNG Sdn. Bhd. (BLNG) and the 108th Meeting of the Board of Directors of Brunei Gas Carriers Sdn. Bhd. (BGC) which was held yesterday. Among other things, the meeting highlighted the ongoing progress, initiatives and plans of BLNG and BGC.

By taking over as Chairman of the BSJV Board of Directors, this clearly reflects His Majesty's attentiveness to lead and steer the future direction of the Oil and Gas Sector, which is one of the main pillars of the national economy. This is also to



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 chairing the 411th Meeting of the Board of Directors of Brunei Shell Petroleum Sdn. Bhd. (BSP) and the 189th Meeting of the Board of Directors of Brunei Shell Marketing Sdn. Bhd. (BSM) for the Second Quarter of 2024.

ensure that the economic development of Brunei Darussalam grows more rapidly in the future, in line with Goal Three under Wawasan Brunei 2035, which is "A Dynamic and Sustainable Economy".



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during the meeting.

Conferment of State 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; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; His Royal Highness 920 Major (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen and Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah at the first day of the Investiture Ceremony.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 13 - 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 conferred Brunei Darussalam State Honorary Medals in honour of His Majesty's the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's 77th Birthday Celebration. The ceremony took place today and yesterday, at Balai Singgahsana Indera Kenchana, Istana Nurul Iman.

His Majesty's son, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) officiated the conferment of the State Honorary Medals as His Majesty's personal representative.

The first day of the Investiture Ceremony saw 664 recipients received medals at the Investiture Ceremony.

Among the recipients of the Pingat Jasa Kebaktian (PJK) were His Royal Highness 920 Major (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen and Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah.

Also receiving the PJK were 30 officers and staff of His Majesty's Office; Internal Security Department; Anti-Corruption Bureau; Ministry of Defence (MinDef) and the recipients recommended

by the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports (MCYS).

A total of 556 recipients received the Pingat Indah Kerja Baik (PIKB). The recipients comprised officers and staff of His Majesty's Office; PMO; MinDef; Ministry of Finance and Economy; Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism.

The Pingat Pahlawan Periwara (PP) was conferred to 44 officers and staff of the MinDef as well as the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) personnel.

The Pingat Asgar Pahlawan (AP) was conferred to 32 officers and staff of the MinDef as well as RBAF personnel.

Meanwhile, a total of 667 recipients received PJK, today. They comprised officers and staff of the Ministry of Religious Affairs; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Home Affairs; Ministry of Development; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications; MCYS; and recipients from the private sector.

Also in attendance in both investiture ceremonies was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik.

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His Royal Highness the Crown Prince conferring the Pingat Jasa Kebaktian (PJK) to His Royal Highness 920 Major (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen and Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah.



His Royal Highness Prince presenting medals to recipients.



Empower members with knowledge

JERUDONG, June 23 - Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, President of the Girl Guides Association of Brunei Darussalam (PPPBD) launched the Tech Changemakers, held at the Park View Hotel.

In a *sabda* (royal speech), Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah acknowledged that girl guides will be learning about Genetic Influences, Explore DNA Mode, Solar Ovens and making their own soaps and crystals. The strategic collaboration between PPPBD and local IT company is to ensure the programme offered are educational and interactive by combining science and technology.

Meanwhile, Dayang Hajah Viviyanti binti Haji Md. Ali, Vice President of PPPBD in her remarks said that the initiative aligns with Her Royal Highness' vision to empower members of the associations with knowledge, science and technology, while fostering a fun and positive experience.

Her Royal Highness also presented the patches to participants.



Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, President of the Girl Guides Association of Brunei Darussalam (PPPBD) delivering a *sabda* (royal speech).

A total of 57 PPPBD members from 10 secondary schools and higher education institutes across the country participated the activity.



Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah at the event.



Vice President of PPPBD giving a speech.

Official Visit to the Republic of Singapore



Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs during Official Visit to Republic of Singapore.



REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, June 29 - Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs made an Official Visit to the Republic of Singapore from June 26 to 28, at the invitation of Her Excellency Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of National Development.

On June 27, Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna and the Senior Minister of State graced a Reception to Commemorate the 40th Anniversary of diplomatic relations between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Singapore.

During the reception, Her Royal Highness and the Senior Minister

of State jointly launched the official logo for the 40th Anniversary, designed by Mohammad Yusran bin Saugi from Brunei.

On the final day of the visit, Her Royal Highness was invited to lunch hosted by His Excellency Teo Chee Hean, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security; and His Excellency Dr. Mohamad Maliki, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Education and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Throughout the visit, Her Royal Highness was accompanied by Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Aziz bin Pengiran Jaya Negara Pengiran Haji Abu Bakar.

Towards a future of safe and vibrant digital economy



Yang Berhormat Speaker of the Legislative Council (LegCo) in a group photo at the 15th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Caucus Meeting.

JERUDONG, June 12 – The 15th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Caucus Meeting convened for the second day, to deliberate and approve the meeting's draft report.

The meeting was followed with the closing ceremony presided by Yang Berhormat

Pehin Orang Kaya Johan Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Adanan bin Begawan Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Seri Setia Haji Mohammad Yusof, Member of the Legislative Council (LegCo) as Chairperson of the 15th AIPA Caucus.

The meeting concluded with a transfer of

office ceremony to the next host country, the Kingdom of Cambodia. The closing ceremony ended with the signing of the 15th AIPA Caucus Meeting report by the heads of the parliamentary delegations.

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The Opening Ceremony of the 15th AIPA Caucus Meeting was held yesterday, where Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohamed Taib, Speaker of the LegCo highlighted ASEAN's status as the world's fastest growing Internet market, adding that ASEAN's digital economy is expected to grow exponentially. The continued growth of ASEAN's digital economy will in turn create significant opportunities for its people, spur innovation, enhance connectivity and foster economic growth.

Recognising the immense economic potential that can be reaped from digital economy, Brunei Darussalam has also formulated its own Digital Economy Masterplan 2025, which among others has identified strategies, enablers and key success measures to develop the digital economy.

Initiatives such as the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA) and the Bandar Seri Begawan Roadmap are important steps to strengthen cybersecurity and cyber resilience to mitigate the risks and ensure a safe and secure digital economy for all.

Meanwhile, the Chairperson of the 15th AIPA Caucus said recognising the opportunities and challenges of technological transformation, Brunei has been focusing its efforts on strengthening inclusive digital strategies to maximise societal and economic benefits while managing digital security and cybersecurity.

The opening ceremony was followed by the First Plenary Session chaired by Chairperson of the 15th AIPA Caucus. The presentation of Country Reports by AIPA Member Parliaments on the Implementation of Resolutions Adopted at the 44th AIPA General Assembly was also held.

While the Second Plenary Session discuss and present of the National Reports by AIPA Member Parliaments.

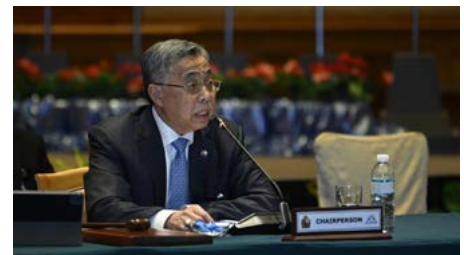


Yang Berhormat Speaker of LegCo during the Official Opening Ceremony of the 15th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Caucus Meeting (above and below).



The event coincided with the Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between AIPA and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA).

The two-day meeting took place at The Empire Brunei focused on the theme 'Strengthening ASEAN Cyber Resilience through Parliamentary Cooperation: Towards a Future of Safe and Vibrant Digital Economy'.



Yang Berhormat Member of the LegCo as Chairman of the 15th AIPA Caucus Meeting during the Second Plenary Session.



Yang Berhormat Member of the LegCo as Chairman of the 15th AIPA Caucus Meeting.

Empowering Malay language in parliament



Yang Berhormat Speaker of the Legislative Council (LegCo) with Yang Berhormat Head of the Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation during the goodwill visit.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 27 - Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohamed Taib, the Speaker of Legislative Council

(LegCo) received a goodwill visit from Yang Berhormat Dr. H. Fadli Zon, Head of the Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation, Republic of Indonesia at the LegCo building.

The delegation comprised seven members of the committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation.

During the courtesy call, both parties stressed the importance of empowering the use of the Malay language in the parliaments because the Malay language is not only a mean of communication but also as a national heritage.

The Speaker of LegCo shared that the Malay language is the official language of the country upheld by Malay Islamic Monarch philosophy, and the way of life, and identity of the Bruneian people.

Both parties also exchanged views on the similarities between the two countries in the development aspects of the Malay language that can be seen to this day.

The visit also saw a dialogue session between the delegation and LegCo members. The discussion included initiatives to make the Malay language as the working language of ASEAN region as more than 300 million people speak the language.

21st IISS Shangri-La Dialogue

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, June 3 - 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 delegation from the Ministry of Defence of Brunei Darussalam at the 21st International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) Shangri-La Dialogue which was held recently.

The Shangri-La Dialogue is a high-level conference held annually by the IISS to

discuss security issues and initiatives related to geopolitical competition, new security domains, technological developments and future regional cooperation.

The Minister at PMO and Second Minister of Defence also attended the Informal Southeast Asia-United States Defence Ministers Meeting.

The meeting generally touched and exchanged views on the current state of defence cooperation between the United

State and Southeast Asian countries, particularly in facing the shared security challenges in the Indo-Pacific.

The Minister also made short meeting separately with His Excellency Prabowo Subianto, the President-Elect of the Republic of Indonesia; His Excellency Dr. Maliki Osman, Minister at the PMO, Second Minister of Education and Second Minister of Foreign Affairs; and His Excellency Dr. Ng Eng Hen, Minister of Defence of the Republic of Singapore.



Yang Berhormat Minister during the Informal Southeast Asia-United States Defence Ministers Meeting chaired by The Honourable Lloyd J. Austin III, the United States Secretary of Defense.