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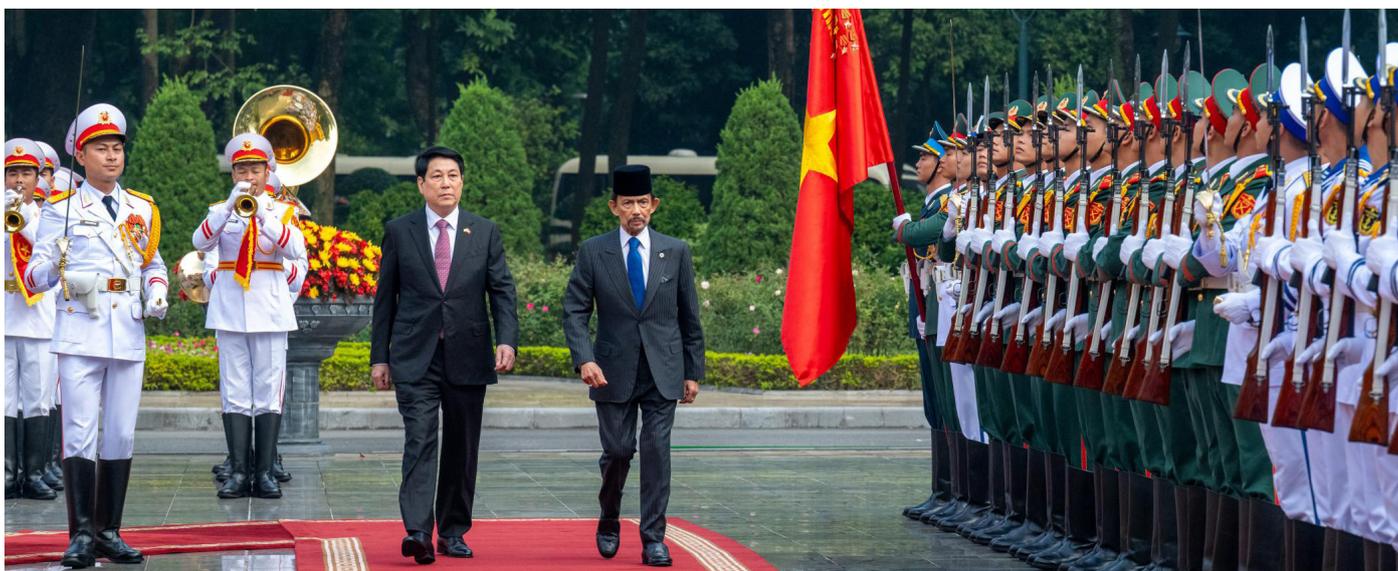


LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, 28th December – His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam, together with members of the royal family, attended a Get-Together Ceremony with Citizens and Residents of Brunei Darussalam in the United Kingdom (UK) and Ireland at the Royal Lancaster 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 delivers a *titah* (royal speech) at the Get-Together Ceremony with Citizens and Residents of Brunei Darussalam in the United Kingdom (UK) and Ireland.

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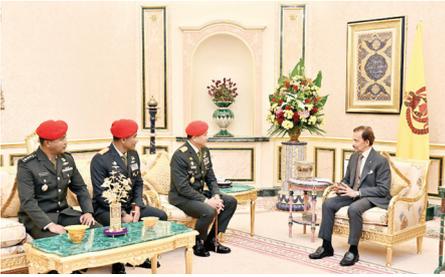
His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Excellency Luong Cuong, the President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam inspecting the Guard of Honour.

HA NOI, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM, 2nd December – 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 Viettel Group Headquarters and was accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen. His Majesty was welcomed by Senior Lieutenant General Nguyen

Truong Thang, Deputy Minister of National Defence, and Major General Nguyen Dinh Chien, Secretary General of the Communist Party Committee and Vice President of Viettel. During the visit, His Majesty was briefed on the company's operations before touring the Viettel Digital Museum, which showcases military and civilian technologies through interactive exhibitions.

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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:

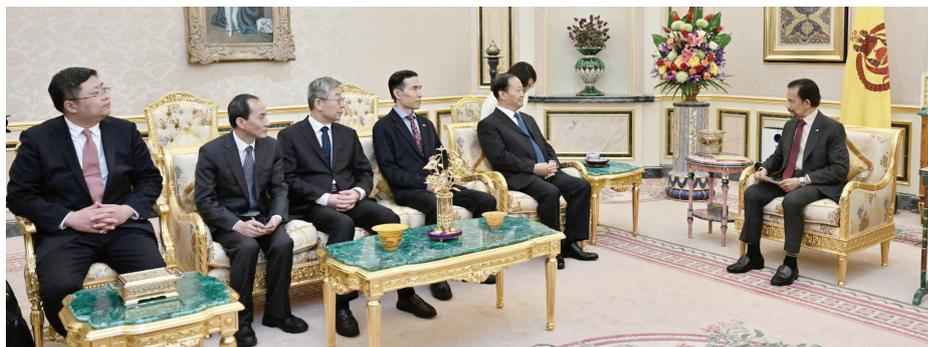
Yang Terhormat Lieutenant General TNI Djon Afriandi, S.I.P., MS.DA, Commander of the Indonesian National Army Special Forces Command (KOPASSUS TNI-AD) on 4th December.



His Excellency Laurence Bay, outgoing High Commissioner of the Republic of Singapore to Brunei Darussalam on 4th December.



His Excellency Peng Qinghua, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China and President of the Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament on 9th December.



His Royal Highness receives audiences

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office received in audiences at the Qashr Al-Meezan:

Yang Terhormat Lieutenant General TNI Djon Afriandi, S.I.P., MS.DA, Commander of the Indonesian National Army Special Forces Command (KOPASSUS TNI-AD) on 4th December.



His Excellency Laurence Bay, outgoing High Commissioner of the Republic of Singapore to Brunei Darussalam on 6th December.



His Excellency Mohammed Abdullah H. Al Buraithin, outgoing Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Brunei Darussalam on 27th December.

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:

- Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Hajiji bin Haji Noor on the occasion of his re-appointment as the Chief Minister of Sabah on 1st December;
- His Excellency Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR); and His Excellency Dr. Sonexay Siphandone, Prime Minister of the Lao PDR; as well as the government and people of the Lao PDR on the occasion of its 50th National Day on 2nd December;
- His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Ruler of Abu Dhabi, UAE; and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of UAE, Ruler of Dubai, as well as members of the royal family, the government and the people of the UAE on the occasion of its 54th Anniversary of the National Day on 2nd December;
- His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajiraklaochaoyuhua, King of the Kingdom of Thailand, all members of the royal family, and His Excellency Anutin Charnvirakul, Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs of Thailand, as well as the government and people of Thailand in conjunction with the country's National Day on 5th December; and
- His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar and His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Qatar, as well as the government and people of Qatar on the occasion of the National Day of Qatar on 18th December.

Condolences 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 condolences messages to:

- His Excellency Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China and His Excellency John Lee Ka-chiu, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, as well as the families of the victims, following the recent fire at the Wang Fuk Court residential complex in Tai Po, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on 3rd December;
- His Excellency Dato Laila Utama Prabowo Subianto, President of the Republic of Indonesia, as well as the government and people of the Republic of Indonesia, following the recent floods and landslides that struck several areas in the Sumatera region, resulting in loss of lives, injuries and widespread destruction on 3rd December; and
- The Honourable Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister of Australia, as well as the government and the people of Australia, following the recent terrorist attack that occurred at Bondi Beach, Sydney, Australia, on 15th December.

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Get-Together Ceremony with Bruneians in UK and Ireland (continued)

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The ceremony was held in a warm and cordial atmosphere, with His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha taking the opportunity to interact with student representatives prior to the programme. Their Majesties later signed the parchment and attended a luncheon with student representatives, reflecting Their Majesties' close care and attention towards the welfare of Bruneian students abroad.

In a *titah* (royal speech), His Majesty highlighted the encouraging improvement in the academic achievements of Bruneian students in the UK, including the growing number of students studying at universities ranked among the world's top 10. His Majesty expressed confidence in the ability of Bruneian students to excel at prestigious institutions and hoped that this excellence would continue to inspire others.

His Majesty also reminded students to make balanced and prudent use of digital technology, cautioning against digital fatigue and addiction. Students were advised to manage their time wisely, limit excessive use of social media and online gaming, prioritise face-to-face interactions and outdoor activities,



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 during the Get-Together Ceremony with Citizens and Residents in United Kingdom and Ireland.

and maintain close communication with university lecturers and Student Unit officers to ensure their overall well-being.

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Meanwhile, Dayangku Nabilah binti Pengiran Behrin, the President of the Brunei Students' Union (BSU), in her welcoming remarks, shared the theme of the ceremony, *Raja Berwawasan, Belia Pemacu Cita Negara*, highlighting His Majesty's far-sighted leadership and the role of youth as key partners in national development based on the principles of Malay Islamic Monarchy (MIB). She also introduced BSU's 'AIS' framework – *Akar, Identiti dan Sistem* – as a practical approach to nurturing future leaders among Bruneian students abroad.

A highlight of the event was Their Majesties' consented meeting and greeting approximately 1,130 Bruneian citizens and residents in the UK and Ireland, comprising students, government officers and visitors, symbolising the close and enduring bond between the Monarch and the people.

The ceremony was further enlivened by the playing of the national anthem, the recitation of Surah Luqman, a *tausyeh* performance, and the presentation of *pesambah* (souvenir) to Their Majesties, reflecting unity, loyalty and appreciation from Bruneian students in the UK and Ireland.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam during the Get-Together Ceremony with Citizens and Residents in UK and Ireland.



His Majesty receives a *pesambah* (souvenir).



Her Majesty receives a *pesambah*.



His Majesty with the attendees.



His Majesty and members of the royal family in a group photo.

His Majesty's State Visit to Ha Noi (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 receiving a bouquet of flowers upon arrival to attend the State Welcoming Ceremony.

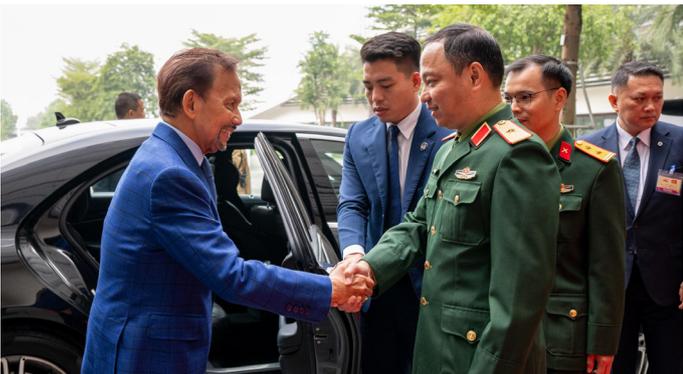


His Majesty meeting His Excellency Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam at the Government Office Headquarters.

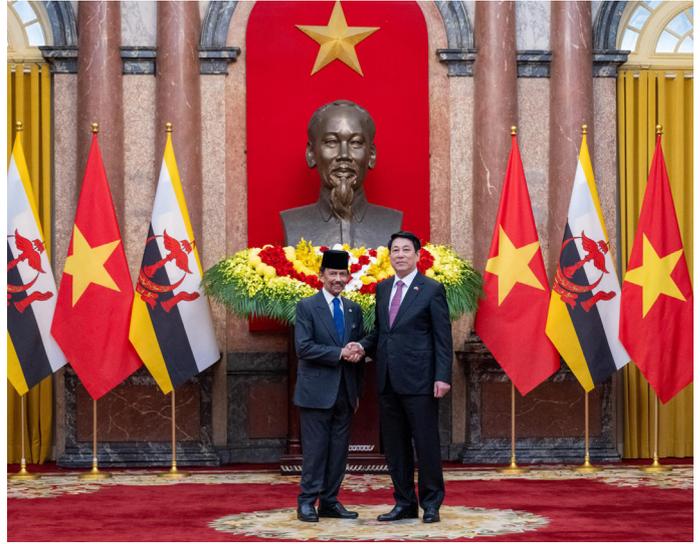
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On 1st December, His Majesty was accorded a grand State Welcoming Ceremony at the Presidential Palace in conjunction with His State Visit to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. His Majesty was welcomed by His Excellency Luong Cuong, President of Viet Nam, with full ceremonial honours, including a Guard of Honour, and later held a bilateral meeting that reaffirmed the strong and growing relations under the Comprehensive Partnership established in 2019.

During meetings with the President of Viet Nam; His Excellency Pham Minh Chinh, Prime Minister of Viet Nam; and His Excellency Tran Thanh Man, Chairman of the National Assembly of Viet Nam, His Majesty highlighted progress in trade, energy, people-to-people exchanges, and food and energy security, and expressed interest in deepening cooperation in the oil and gas, agri-food, aquaculture and *halal* industries. His Majesty also



His Majesty visiting the Viettel Group Headquarters in Ha Noi.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Excellency President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

underscored the importance of parliamentary cooperation and congratulated the National Assembly of Viet Nam on its upcoming 80th anniversary.

On the sidelines of the State Visit, three Memoranda of Understanding were signed covering maritime cooperation, fisheries cooperation and the use of a hotline to address illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. These agreements aim to strengthen technical capacity, enhance fisheries products and export potential, protect fishing communities and promote responsible fishing practices.

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His Majesty and His Excellency President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam during the Bilateral Meeting. Accompanying His Majesty was Her Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.





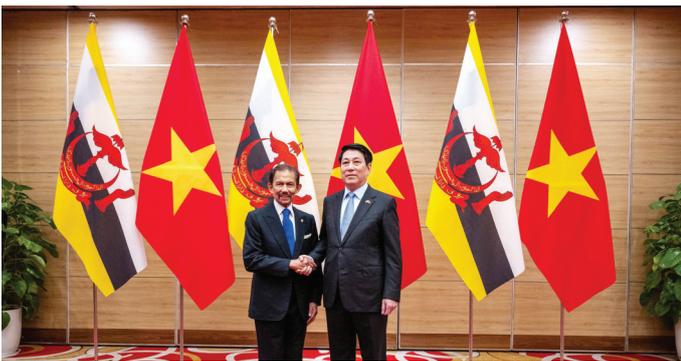
His Majesty in a group photo with His Excellency Chairman of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.



His Majesty with His Excellency Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.



His Majesty with His Excellency Chairman of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.



His Majesty attending a State Banquet hosted by His Excellency President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.



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



His Majesty delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the State Banquet.

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In the evening, His Majesty attended a State Banquet hosted by the President, where His Majesty reaffirmed the warm bilateral ties, commended Viet Nam's regional and international achievements, and expressed confidence in further strengthening Brunei Darussalam–Viet Nam relations in support of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045.

Yang Berhormat Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on behalf of the Government of Brunei Darussalam and His Excellency Minister of Agriculture and Environment representing the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.



Ensuring operational efficiency, resilient financial position



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 417th Board of Directors Meeting of Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn. Bhd. (BSP) and the 195th Board of Directors Meeting of Brunei Shell Marketing Company Sdn. Bhd. (BSM) for the Fourth and Final Quarter of 2025



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam upon arrival at the BSP and BSM Board Meeting.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 9th December – 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 several board meetings of Brunei Shell Joint Venture and energy-related companies for the Fourth and Final Quarter of 2025 at the Prime Minister's Office.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam chaired the 417th Board of Directors Meeting of Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn. Bhd. (BSP) and the 195th Board of Directors Meeting of Brunei Shell Marketing Company Sdn. Bhd. (BSM).

The meetings were attended by Shareholder Directors representing the Government of Brunei Darussalam and Shell plc, as well as senior management of BSP and BSM. Discussions

covered key areas including safety, operational performance, financials, manpower development and business planning.

His Majesty expressed appreciation for the in-depth discussions on the companies' business plans, underscoring the importance of sustaining competitiveness and resilience amid an evolving economic and energy landscape. His Majesty further emphasised the continued prioritisation of safety, leadership and capability development, including talent nurturing and the strengthening of a high-performance culture to support long-term success and national aspirations.

Meanwhile, on 8th December, His Majesty also chaired the 227th Board of Directors Meeting of Brunei LNG Sdn. Bhd. (BLNG) and the 113th Board Meeting of Brunei Gas Carriers Sdn. Bhd. (BGC).

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His Majesty upon arrival at the the 227th Board of Directors Meeting of Brunei LNG Sdn. Bhd. (BLNG) and the 113th Board of Meeting of Brunei Gas Carriers Sdn. Bhd. (BGC) for the Final Quarter of the year 2025.



His Majesty chairing the 227th Board of Directors Meeting of BLNG and the 113th Board of Meeting of BGC for the Final Quarter of the year 2025.



Some of the stakeholders present at the meeting.



His Majesty chairing the meeting.

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His Majesty acknowledged the companies' performance and progress throughout the year, particularly in operational excellence, financial resilience and commitment to safety. His Majesty emphasised the importance of forward-looking strategies

aligned with the nation's aspirations for sustainable growth, enhanced competitiveness and value creation.

Key matters discussed during the BLNG and BGC meetings included safety, operational performance, financials, manpower development and business plans for the years ahead.

Brunei Darussalam Polo Team wins silver medal



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 final match (low-goal) between the Brunei Darussalam and Kingdom of Thailand Polo Teams. Also present were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, Southeast Asian Games Federation Honorary Life President and President of the Brunei Darussalam National Olympic Council; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah; and Her Royal Highness Princess Fadzilah Lubabul Bolkiah.

Kingdom of Thailand was held on 10th December at the VS Sports Club & Siam Polo Park in Samut Prakan, south of Bangkok.

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 final, providing strong encouragement to the Brunei Darussalam Polo Team.

The team was represented by His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and Her Royal Highness Princess Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah.

Brunei Darussalam advanced to the final after defeating Malaysia 9–6 in the semi-finals. In the final match, the national team secured the silver medal following a closely contested encounter, with Thailand emerging victorious by 7.5–0. The host nation claimed the gold medal, while Malaysia took bronze. His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam presented the championship medals to the winners of the polo final.



BANGKOK, KINGDOM OF THAILAND, 19th December – The 33rd Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) continued to captivate sports fans as the 'low-goal polo' final between Brunei Darussalam and host nation

Meanwhile, the Brunei Darussalam National Polo Team won the bronze medal in the '4–6 Goal' category after defeating the Republic of Indonesia Polo Team 6–5.

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Scenes from the match between the Brunei Darussalam and Thailand Polo Teams.

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The bronze medals were presented by Her Royal Highness Princess Sirivannavari Nariratana Rajakanya. The Brunei Darussalam National Polo Team faced the Malaysian Polo Team on 17th December, losing 5.5–9.

Earlier, the Official Opening Ceremony of the 33rd SEA Games, themed 'Amity of ASEAN', was held in grand style at Rajamangala

National Stadium on 9th December. Among those in attendance were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, President of the Brunei Darussalam National Olympic Council; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah; and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Muda Bahar.

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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 presenting the medals to the Brunei Darussalam National Polo Team.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in a group photo with Brunei Darussalam, Thailand and Malaysia Polo Teams at the final match.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah in action during 4'-6 Goal' category.



Her Royal Highness Princess Sirivannavari Nariratana Rajakanya presenting the bronze medals to His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah at the ceremony.

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More than 12,500 athletes from ASEAN Member States took part in the parade of contingents. Brunei Darussalam was represented by 65 athletes competing in nine sports, led by Chef de Mission Dayang Hajah Umi Kalthum binti Haji Abdul Karim. The national flag was carried by Awang Walid Lachkar, a Wushu athlete, and Dayang Nur Hafizah Sidek, a Netball athlete.

The Opening Ceremony was officiated by His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajirakiaochaoyuhua, King of Thailand. This is the seventh time Thailand has hosted the SEA Games, having last done so in 2007.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, Southeast Asian (SEA) Games Federation Honorary Life President and President of the Brunei Darussalam National Olympic Council; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah; and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Muda Bahar at the Official Opening Ceremony of the 33rd SEA Games.



In attendance to watch the '4-6 Goal' match were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.



Atmosphere at the 33rd SEA Games Official Opening Ceremony.

HRH honoured with SEA Games Federation's Highest Award

BANGKOK, KINGDOM OF THAILAND, 8th December – His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Southeast Asian (SEA) Games Federation Honorary Life President and President of the Brunei Darussalam National Olympic Council, attended the SEA Games Council Meeting at the Grand Fourwings Convention Hotel.

At the meeting, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah was conferred the SEA Games Federation Order of the Golden Rings Award, the highest honour of the SEA Games Federation, in recognition of his long-standing service, dedication, and leadership. The award also underscored Brunei Darussalam's standing as a valued member of the SEA Games Federation (SEAGF). His Royal Highness previously received the Olympic Order Silver Award in 1999.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Southeast Asian (SEA) Games Federation Honorary Life President and President of the Brunei Darussalam National Olympic Council receiving the SEA Games Federation Order of the Golden Rings Award, the highest award of the SEA Games Federation (SEAGF).



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah in a group photo at the SEA Games Council Meeting in Bangkok.

Speaker of LegCo receives courtesy calls



Yang Berhormat Speaker of the Legislative Council (LegCo) during the courtesy call from His Excellency Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China and the President of the Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 9th December – 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 courtesy calls from His Excellency Peng Qinghua, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China and President of the Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament, at the LegCo Building.

The meeting highlighted the longstanding bilateral relations between Brunei Darussalam and People's Republic of China, with discussions focusing on cooperation in key sectors such as the economy and investment. Both sides also exchanged views on development collaboration in support of the China–Brunei Community with a Shared Future, and expressed readiness to further strengthen cooperation between the two legislative



Yang Berhormat Speaker of the LegCo with His Excellency High Commissioner of Australia to Brunei Darussalam during courtesy call.

bodies.

Earlier, on 3rd December, the Speaker of LegCo welcomed His Excellency Michael Hoy, Australian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam. Discussions underscored the close and enduring Brunei–Australia relationship, further strengthened through the Comprehensive Partnership. Both parties highlighted cooperation in education, the economy and trade, as well as Australia's commitment to enhancing engagement with ASEAN, while exploring opportunities for deeper parliamentary cooperation and future exchanges.

Both courtesy calls formed part of ongoing efforts to reinforce legislative cooperation and contribute to the continued strengthening of friendship and mutually beneficial relations between Brunei Darussalam and its international partners.

Young entrepreneurs drive the future of BIMP-EAGA

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 6th December – Young entrepreneurs were highlighted as key drivers of BIMP-EAGA's future at the BIMP-EAGA Youth Bus Dialogue Programme 2025, held at the Dewan Majlis Building.

In his speech, Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism, underscored the importance of innovation in today's global economy, noting promising transformations across BIMP-EAGA in areas such as biotechnology, precision agriculture, digital platforms, clean energy, and technology-enabled tourism.

The Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism said that young entrepreneurs have led change by adopting advanced technologies, including drones in agriculture, digital trade platforms, and biotechnology to strengthen food security. The Minister added that tools such as artificial intelligence, cloud services, digital payments, and cross-border e-commerce are increasingly accessible, enabling innovators to adapt global technologies to local and regional needs.

Emphasising that entrepreneurship is no longer constrained by age, geography, or scale, the Minister stressed that youth are not merely participants in the economy but architects of BIMP-EAGA's future, driven by innovation and collaboration. The Minister also welcomed the programme's theme, 'Unlocking the Future of Innovation and Cross-Border Collaboration for Next Generation Entrepreneurs', as a call for collective effort across borders.



Yang Berhormat Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism and Yang Berhormat Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports at the BIMP-EAGA Youth Bus Dialogue Programme 2025.

More than 200 youths attended the 4th Edition of the Youth Forum Brunei, jointly organised by the Young Professionals Network Brunei and the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports in conjunction with the BIMP-EAGA Youth Bus Programme 2025.

The forum featured two panel sessions. The first, 'The Next Generation of Entrepreneurs: Youth as Catalysts of Change', brought together ministers and legislators who shared insights on the evolving role of youth in driving economic and social development. The second session, 'Crossing Borders: Youth, Trade, and Cooperation in BIMP-EAGA', highlighted the importance of cross-border collaboration, particularly among young people, to strengthen regional cooperation beyond economic ties.

Working visit strengthens bilateral cooperation in education

REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, 6th December – Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr. Hajah Romaizah binti Haji Md. Salleh, Minister of Education, concluded her working visit to Bandung and Jakarta from 2nd to 6th December, aimed at strengthening bilateral and regional cooperation in education.

In her capacity as President of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO) for the 2025–2027 term, the Minister of Education paid courtesy and official visits to SEAMEO Council Members and several SEAMEO Regional Centres in Republic of Indonesia.

The visit included engagements with the SEAMEO Regional Centre for Early Childhood Care, Education and Parenting (CECCEP) in Bandung, where the Minister was briefed on research, advocacy and capacity-building programmes in early childhood education and parenting. The Minister also visited SEAMEO Regional

Centres focused on improving quality for teachers in science, mathematics, and language, which serve as centres of excellence for professional development.

In addition, the Minister observed hands-on STEM learning activities at the Young Explorers STEM Learning Expo and Assalam Kindergarten, highlighting innovative and exploratory approaches to

education. The working visit concluded with a courtesy call on His Excellency Professor Atip Latipulhayat, Deputy Minister of Primary and Secondary Education of Indonesia, during which both sides discussed ways to further enhance bilateral cooperation in education between Brunei Darussalam and Indonesia.



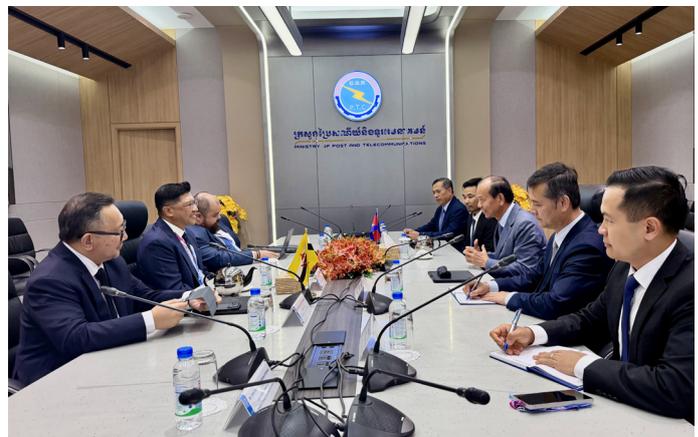
Yang Berhormat Minister of Education during a working visit to Bandung and Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia from 2nd to 6th December 2025.

Strengthening regional standards, driving digital cooperation

PHNOM PENH, KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA, 8th December – Brunei Darussalam, through the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications (MTIC), participated in the Digital Government Forum 2025 from 5th to 7th December under the theme ‘Accelerating Digital Future: Governance, Growth, and Global Partnerships’.

Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Shamhary bin Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Mustapha, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications, led the Brunei Darussalam delegation following an invitation from His Excellency Dr. Chea Vandeth, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications of the Kingdom of Cambodia. The forum was officiated by His Excellency Vongsey Vissoth, Permanent Deputy Prime Minister and Minister Responsible for the Office of the Council of Ministers of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and attended by digital ministers, the ASEAN Secretary-General, senior officials, development partners and technology organisations.

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Yang Berhormat Minister of Transport and Infocommunications leading the Brunei Darussalam delegation to the Digital Government Forum 2025, following a special invitation from His Excellency Minister of Post and Telecommunications of the Kingdom of Cambodia.



Yang Berhormat Minister in a group photo.



Yang Berhormat at the Digital Government Forum 2025.

The Minister of Transport and Infocommunications participated as a panel member in the Digital Ministerial Dialogue on harmonising national digital strategies for collective regional impact. Discussions focused on aligning policies, overcoming fragmented regulations, enhancing interoperability, and strengthening regional standards to support inclusive growth. Emphasis was also placed on trusted data ecosystems, harmonised governance, and investments in emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and

digital identity.

On the sidelines, the Minister held a bilateral meeting with the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, during which both sides exchanged views on enhancing cooperation in digital government, capacity building, cybersecurity, data governance, digital public services and technological innovation.

The delegation also engaged with regional and international counterparts to discuss emerging trends, challenges and opportunities for cooperation in advancing digital government and transformation.

Brunei shines at APICTA Awards 2025

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 10th December - Brunei Darussalam gained international recognition after securing one Winner Award and two Merit Awards at the 24th Asia Pacific ICT Alliance (APICTA) Awards 2025, held from 4th to 8th December. The competition involved 206 teams from 12 member economies.

Six teams represented Brunei Darussalam, all of which achieved success across seven categories, reflecting the nation's growing strength in technological innovation. The returning delegation was welcomed at Brunei International Airport by Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Shamhary bin Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Mustapha, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications.

Among the award-winning innovations were DualFarm AI from

Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan Science College, a smart agriculture solution combining crop cultivation with clean energy generation; Bright Buddies 49 from Lambak Kanan Primary School Jalan 49, C3, an inclusive educational quiz game supporting children with autism; and PsychoBoard from Universiti Teknologi Brunei, an integrated training board designed to enhance hands-on learning across various levels of education.

Brunei Darussalam's continued participation in APICTA since 2008 highlights its national commitment to nurturing ICT development and showcasing local innovation on the global stage. The latest achievements are expected to further strengthen the recipients' profiles and contribute meaningfully to the country's digital future.



Yang Berhormat Minister of Transport and Infocommunications welcomes the award-winning national team delegation from the 24th Asia Pacific ICT Alliance (APICTA) Awards 2025.

Building an inclusive environment, ecosystem for PWDs

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 3rd December - Brunei Darussalam joined the international community on 3rd December to commemorate the 32nd International Day of Disabled Persons (IDPD) under the theme 'Fostering Disability Inclusive Societies for Advancing Social Progress'. The theme aligns with the national Persons with Disabilities (PWD) Action Plan, which focuses on creating an inclusive ecosystem through accessible infrastructure, anti-discrimination practices and policies shaped by the voices of PWD.

Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Nazmi Mohamad, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, in a message to mark IDPD 2025, highlighted that since the enforcement of the PWD Order in October



Yang Berhormat Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports.

2021, 5,443 persons with disabilities have registered under the National PWD Registry. A total of 7,615 individuals currently receive the Disability Allowance (EKU), while 3,164 caregivers benefit from the Caregiver Allowance (EPP).

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports underscored Brunei Darussalam's Whole of Nation Approach in advancing PWD rights, citing key initiatives such as the establishment of a PWD Vehicle Sticker Task Force to strengthen enforcement of disability parking spaces, and the introduction of new banknotes featuring tactile dots to assist the visually impaired, to be circulated from 2026.

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Progress in inclusive education was also highlighted, with 3,180 students with special needs enrolled in government institutions as of September 2025. Enhancements in special and religious education, expanded co-curricular opportunities, and continuous teacher training have further strengthened support for students with disabilities.

Achievements by PWD athletes were celebrated, including medal wins at the 2nd SEA Deaf Games 2025 and outstanding

performances by national para swimmers. Community-based initiatives, such as the SafeLink Bracelet Project for children with autism, and regional recognition through ASEAN social welfare awards, also reflected the nation's ongoing commitment.

The Minister noted that outcomes from the First National PWD Conference held earlier this year will inform the National Action Plan for PWD 2025–2029, reaffirming Brunei Darussalam's dedication to building a more inclusive and accessible society for all.

International Volunteer Day 2025: Every Contribution Matters

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 5th December - International Volunteer Day (IVD), observed on 5th December, recognises the vital role of volunteers in strengthening communities. Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Nazmi Mohamad, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, in a message to mark IVD 2025, highlighted this year's theme, 'Every Contribution Matters', which affirms the value of all forms of volunteerism.

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports noted that IVD 2025 also marks the launch of the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development 2026 (IVY 2026), reflecting the UN's commitment to promoting volunteering for sustainable development. The Minister emphasised Brunei Darussalam's tradition of *bermucang-mucang* (mutual cooperation), which

embodies the spirit of volunteerism and supports unity in line with the Malay Islamic Monarchy (MIB) philosophy.

The Minister stressed that volunteerism plays a key role in youth development by nurturing leadership, empathy, and social responsibility. The Minister encouraged volunteers and organisations to register with the Mengalinga Application, the official national platform for managing volunteer contributions.

The Minister also announced the continuation of the Day of Action (DoA) Campaign, running from 5th December 2025 to 31st January 2026, inviting all segments of society to actively participate in volunteer activities and contribute to the nation's sustainable development goals.

Digital innovation drives rural development in ASEAN



Yang Berhormat Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports at the 14th ASEAN Ministers' Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (AMRDPE).

BANGKOK, KINGDOM OF THAILAND, 13th December – Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Nazmi Mohamad, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, attended the 14th ASEAN Ministers' Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (AMRDPE), which focused on advancing inclusive and sustainable rural development in ASEAN.

At the meeting, the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports highlighted the role of digital innovation in rural development, sharing Brunei Darussalam's best practices through the National Welfare System and plans to enhance it with artificial intelligence (AI) to better support vulnerable and rural communities.

The Minister also underscored the success of the One Village One Product (1K1P) initiative in empowering villages, creating employment, and preserving cultural heritage, while emphasising the importance of multi-sectoral support for sustainable rural development.



The meeting endorsed a Joint Statement reaffirming commitments to digitalisation, local innovation, multi-sectoral collaboration, and transparent monitoring to ensure equitable development outcomes. The AMRDPE was preceded by related senior officials' meetings, during which Brunei Darussalam formally handed over the Senior Officials' Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (SOMRDPE) chairmanship to the Kingdom of Thailand.

In conjunction with the meeting, several related forums and events were held, including the ASEAN Public-Private-People Partnership Forum and the ASEAN Villages Network Meeting. The 7th ASEAN Leadership Award for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication recognised outstanding contributions by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the private sector, with Project Women Brunei and Takaza Contractor Sdn. Bhd. receiving awards for their roles in empowering underprivileged communities in Brunei Darussalam.

Pantun as intangible cultural heritage

NEW DELHI, REPUBLIC OF INDIA, 13th December - Brunei Darussalam has proudly marked a major cultural milestone with the inscription of *pantun* on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. This recognition strengthens Brunei's role, alongside Republic of Indonesia and

Malaysia, in preserving shared traditions that form the heart of Malay civility and the Nusantara maritime heritage.

Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Nazmi Mohamad, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, expressed gratitude to UNESCO for acknowledging *pantun* as a treasured cultural practice. Highlighting its significance, the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports noted that *pantun* is not only a literary art form but also a social mechanism that nurtures respect, courtesy, and strong interpersonal bonds.

The Minister emphasised Brunei's commitment to collaborative efforts with Indonesia and Malaysia to pass the tradition to younger generations through documentation, education, and digital innovation, ensuring *pantun* remains vibrant and relevant.

UNESCO also commended the active participation of *pantun* communities across all three nations, including Brunei's national inventory managed by the



Yang Berhormat Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports in his pre-recorded video message.

ministry, which registered *pantun* in 2023 via a community-based approach.

This international recognition inspires Brunei to continue strengthening research, education, and cultural initiatives, ensuring *pantun* thrives and is carried forward for generations to come.



Brunei Darussalam receives the certificate of Recognition of *pantun* on the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Bilateral ties Brunei and Thailand continue to strengthen



Yang Mulia Deputy Minister (Energy) at the Prime Minister's Office and spouse present as the guest of honour at a Reception in conjunction with Thailand's National Day.



JERUDONG, 3rd December – Bilateral relations between Brunei Darussalam and the Kingdom of Thailand continue to be strengthened following a reception hosted by the Royal Thai Embassy in Brunei Darussalam in conjunction with Thailand's National Day at the Royal Berkshire.

The reception was graced by Yang Mulia Dato Seri Paduka Awang Haji Mohamad Azmi bin Haji Mohd. Hanifah, Deputy Minister (Energy) at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), as the guest of honour.

In his remarks, Mr. Kittivudh Pinyowit, Chargé d'Affaires a.d. interim highlighted recent high-level engagements, including the meeting between His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan

of Brunei Darussalam and the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand during the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting 2025 in October, which advanced initiatives such as a joint investment plan between the Thailand Government Pension Fund and the Brunei Investment Agency, as well as the Double Taxation Agreement, which is expected to be signed early next year.

He also noted the visit of the largest Thai trade delegation to Brunei Darussalam in recent years, reflecting growing economic cooperation, alongside continued collaboration in defence through high-level exchanges and meetings.

The event concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony, group photo session, and the presentation of souvenirs to the guest of honour.

The development of the nation's digital infrastructure encouraging

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 3rd December - Over the past five years, Brunei Darussalam has made significant progress in its digitalisation journey, and one of the most notable achievements is the strengthening of its digital infrastructure.

Today, Brunei Darussalam is among the most connected countries in ASEAN, with an internet penetration rate nearing 99 per cent and fixed broadband speeds of up to 100 Mbps available nationwide. Alongside the launch of 5G connectivity, this places Brunei Darussalam firmly among digitally-ready economies.

This was stated by Awang Haji Muhammad Nazri bin Haji Muhammad Yusuf, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications (MTIC), in his keynote address during the Brunei Digital Economy Forum 2025 held at the Musyakarah Hall, International Convention Centre (ICC).

Speaking as the guest of honour at the event, Awang Haji Muhammad Nazri said that these achievements are what many countries have worked towards for decades.

According to him, the country has succeeded in achieving this in a short period of time through clear policy choices, strong cooperation between the government and industry, and a shared national commitment to modernisation.

The keynote also affirmed the national direction under the Brunei Digital Economy Master Plan 2025, aiming at positioning Brunei as a Smart Nation through robust digital infrastructure, improved connectivity, and innovation across key sectors such as fintech, e-commerce, and digital government, while supporting the wider aspirations of Brunei Vision 2035.

The Brunei Digital Economy Forum 2025 gathered senior policymakers, business leaders, and digital-economy stakeholders to advance dialogue on 'Brunei's Digital Future: Connect, Innovate, Prosper'.

Presented by the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC) Brunei and the APEC Business Advisory Council (APEC-BAC) Brunei, in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and Economy, the forum was held under the Brunei Economic Programme, focused on strengthening Brunei's digital infrastructure and governance framework to accelerate the nation's digital transformation.



Yang Mulia Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications delivering his keynote address at the Brunei Digital Economy Forum 2025.

A key highlights of the forum was the virtual presentation of the e-Conomy SEA 2025 Report by Geia Lopez from Google Southeast Asia, which outlined regional digital growth trends and ASEAN's shift from the 'Digital Decade' to an artificial intelligence (AI)-driven era, with the report now covering all 10 ASEAN Member States, including Brunei.

Regional digital integration was also discussed through a presentation on the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA) by Mahirah Mahusin from ERIA, which highlighted DEFA's role in harmonising ASEAN's regulations on data, digital trade, and innovation to strengthen cross-border digital opportunities.

Innovation and entrepreneurship were also highlighted in the presentation on Startup673 delivered by Syu'aib Rafie from Brunei Economic Development Board (BEDB) and the Startup673

Taskforce.

The session highlighted the role of Startup673 in supporting young digital entrepreneurs, followed by presentations from national hackathon alumni — Ahmad Farid Dato Haji Ali of SOLVE Company and Mustafizar Salleh of ASUH — showcasing how youth-driven innovation can be translated into scalable digital solutions.

The forum concluded with a panel titled Digital Trends Shaping 2026, in which the panellists discussed the rapid evolution of AI, emerging digital regulations, cybersecurity risks, and rising expectations for seamless digital services.

The discussion reinforced the need for organisations to strengthen digital readiness, talent capacity, and resilience in order to remain competitive in the coming year.



Among those present at the forum.

20th AsTEN Heads Meeting

BANDUNG, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, 10th December - The 20th Meeting of Heads of the Association of Southeast Asian Teacher Education Network (AsTEN) was held from 7th to 10th December hosted by Universiti Pendidikan Indonesia.

Seri Begawan Religious Teacher University College (KUPU SB) was represented by its Rector, Associate Professor Dr. Abdul Nasir bin Haji Abdul Rani, who attended the meeting in his capacity as Deputy Chairman of AsTEN.

The meeting discussed key agendas related to AsTEN's annual framework and initiatives aligned with the network's strategic direction, involving various collaborative platforms among member institutions. It also welcomed the participation of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) through the Sultan Hassanah Bolkhiah Institute of Education (SHBIE), which will officially become an AsTEN member from January 2026 for a three-year term.

In addition, the meeting confirmed the Philippine Normal University as host of the 21st AsTEN Heads Meeting in May 2026



Associate Professor Dr. Abdul Nasir bin Haji Abdul Rani, Rector of Seri Begawan Religious Teacher University College (KUPU SB), as the Deputy Chairman of the Association of Southeast Asian Teacher Education Network (AsTEN) representing KUPU SB at the 20th Meeting of Heads of AsTEN.

in Cebu City, and Kasetsart University as host of the 22nd meeting in November 2026 in Bangkok.

AsTEN brings together teacher education institutions across ASEAN to address shared challenges in teacher education programmes, practices and policies.

Through this network, KUPU SB continues to contribute to regional efforts in strengthening teachers' professional development and enhancing the ASEAN education ecosystem, while promoting academic and research collaboration that benefits both Brunei Darussalam and the wider region.

Brunei and UK move towards modernising air services agreement

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, 6th December - The Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications (MTIC) has signed a Record of Discussion with the Department for Transport of the United Kingdom (UK) of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in conjunction with the 34th Assembly of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

Leading the discussion on the modernisation of air services for Brunei Darussalam on 27th November in London was Awang Haji Mohammad Salihin bin Haji Aspar, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Transport), MTIC.

Brunei Darussalam and the UK have established a long-term relationship in the aviation sector through the Air Services Agreement (ASA) signed on 23rd November 2007, replacing the earlier ASA signed on 23rd November 1990.

The ASA provides the legal framework for airlines designated by Brunei Darussalam and UK to operate international commercial flights between the two countries.

Major developments in global aviation, regulatory practices, and international standards have highlighted the need for both countries to modernise the existing ASA.

In addition to incorporating higher standards in the aviation sector, particularly in terms of safety and security, the modernised ASA aims to further strengthen Brunei Darussalam's position as a destination and strategic partner, while supporting the government's efforts to enhance international connectivity and the development of the aviation sector.



Yang Mulia Deputy Permanent Secretary (Transport) at the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications leading the discussion on the modernisation of air services for Brunei Darussalam in London, United Kingdom.

As a result of the discussions held on 27th November, both parties agreed to work towards finalising and signing a new ASA in 2026.

The new ASA, aligned with current International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards as well as the prevailing regulatory frameworks of both countries, will also allow for improved traffic rights provisions between the two nations.

CPI decreases 0.1% in November

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 23rd December — The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in November declined by 0.1 per cent year-on-year, driven mainly by a 0.2 per cent decrease in the non-food index. Price reductions were recorded for miscellaneous goods and services, particularly insurance (1.0 per cent), clothing and footwear (2.0 per cent), and recreation and culture, largely due to lower holiday package prices (1.1 per cent).

In contrast, the food and non-alcoholic beverages index increased

by 0.4 per cent, mainly due to higher prices of fruits (4.8 per cent), especially fresh non-tropical fruits, fish and seafood (3.0 per cent), and coffee, tea and cocoa (4.4 per cent).

On a month-on-month basis, CPI rose slightly by 0.1 per cent compared to October. This increase was driven by a 0.2 per cent rise in the non-food index, while the food and non-alcoholic beverages index declined by 0.1 per cent. The full CPI report for November 2025 is available on the DEPS website.



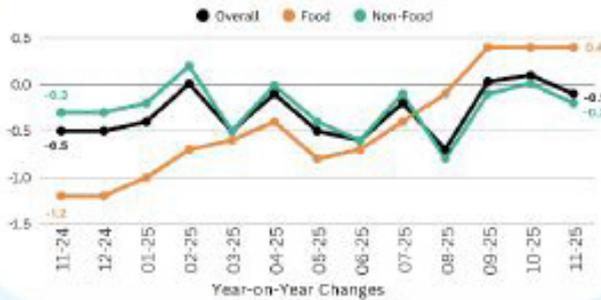
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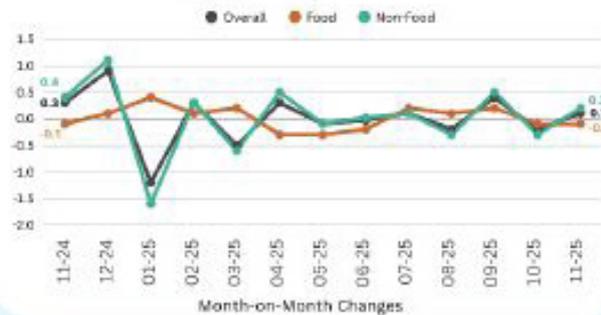
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NOVEMBER 2025

NOV 25 | NOV 24 ▼ 0.1%



NOV 25 | OCT 25 ▲ 0.1%



Main Contributors Year-on-Year

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

▲ 0.4%



▲ 4.8%



▲ 3.0%



▲ 4.4%

Non-Food

▼ 0.2%

Miscellaneous Goods and Services



▼ 1.0%

Clothing and Footwear



▼ 2.0%

Recreation and Culture

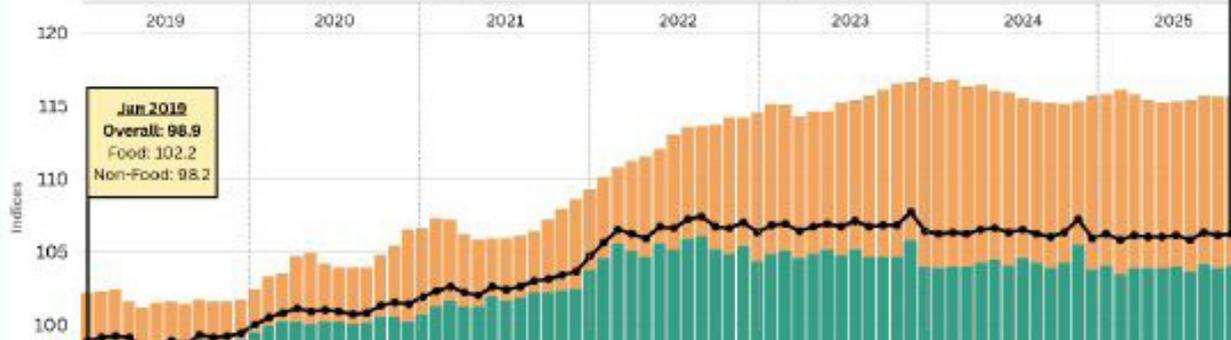


▼ 1.1%

The CPI basket worth BND100.00 in Jan 2015 is now worth BND106.17 in Nov 2025



CPI Trend 2019 - 2025



Trade balance rises 24.1% in October

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 24th December — Brunei Darussalam's trade balance increased by 24.1 per cent in October compared to the same month last year, driven by higher exports and lower imports.

Exports rose by 8.3 per cent to \$1,147.5 million, led mainly by mineral fuels, which accounted for 76.9 per cent of total exports, followed by chemicals at 20.1 per cent. Australia, Japan and the People's Republic of China were the main export markets. Meanwhile, imports declined by 3.0 per cent to \$600.2 million,

with mineral fuels, machinery and transport equipment, and food as the major import categories.

Overall, total trade grew by 4.1 per cent year-on-year to \$1,747.7 million in October 2025 and increased by 3.1 per cent compared to September 2025, supported by a 12.0 per cent rise in exports.

The International Merchandise Trade Statistics report for October 2025 can be accessed through the DEPS's website at <https://deps.mofe.gov.bn>.

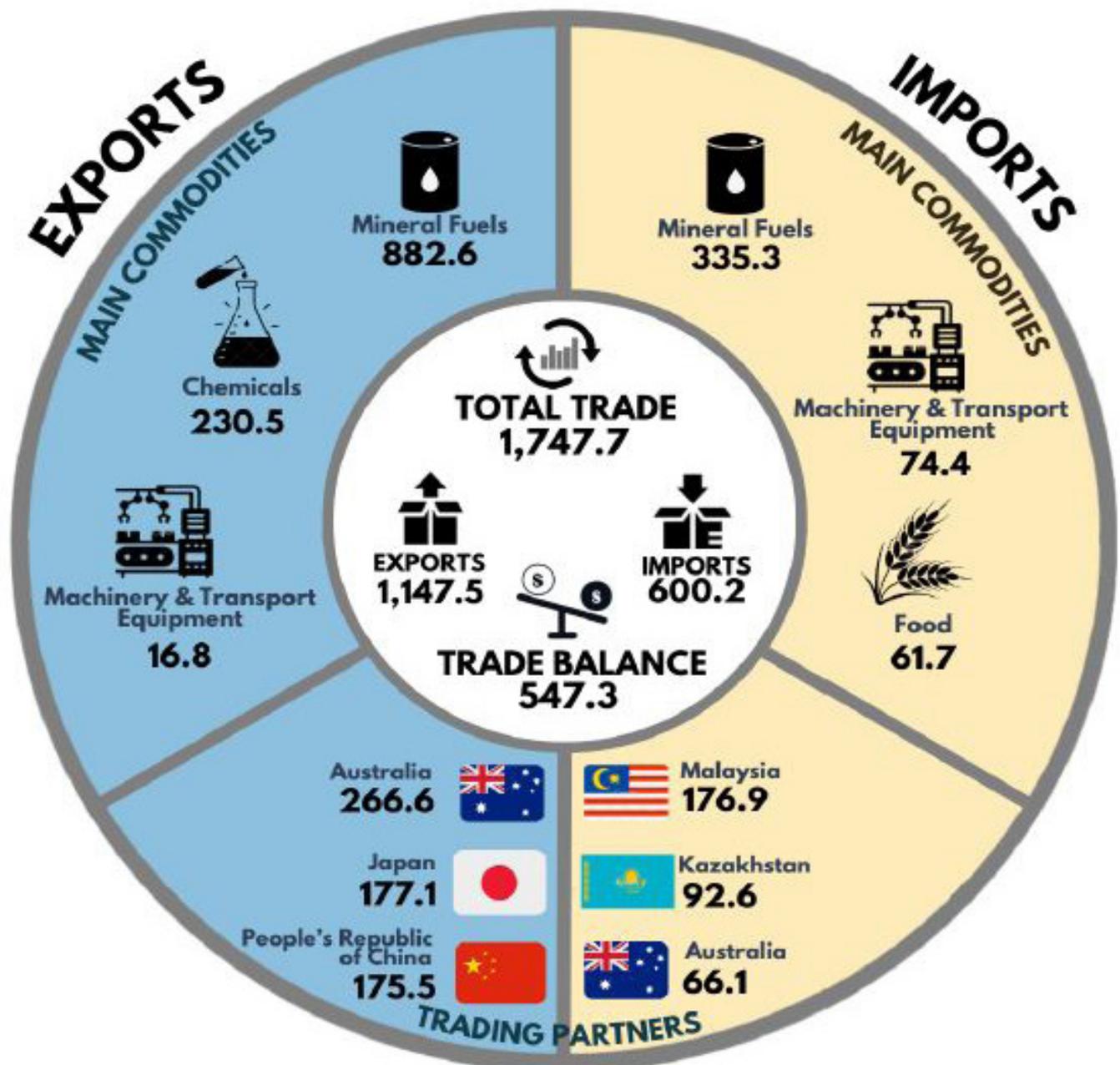


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INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS OCTOBER 2025 BND Million



Food and Beverage Services Sector declines in Q3 2025

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 27th December — The food and beverage services sector recorded a year-on-year contraction of 0.7 per cent in the third quarter (Q3) of 2025, reversing the 2.3 per cent growth seen in Q2. The total value of food and beverage services was estimated at \$111.3 million during the quarter.

The decline was driven by lower sales revenue and volume across restaurants, beverage serving activities, fast food outlets, and other food service activities. On a quarter-on-quarter basis,

the sector also contracted by 1.8 per cent in both value and volume.

In volume terms, the sector recorded a 1.0 per cent year-on-year decline in Q3 2025, reflecting reduced activity across most subsectors. The Food and Beverage Services Index (F&BSI) continue to serve as a key indicator of sector performance and consumer spending trends, with the sector remaining an important contributor to Brunei Darussalam's economy.



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FOOD & BEVERAGES SERVICES INDEX THIRD QUARTER (Q3) 2025

The Food & Beverages Services Index (F&BSI) measures the movements of food & beverages services activities. It serves as a leading economic indicator of the food & beverages services performance as well as consumer spending behavior.

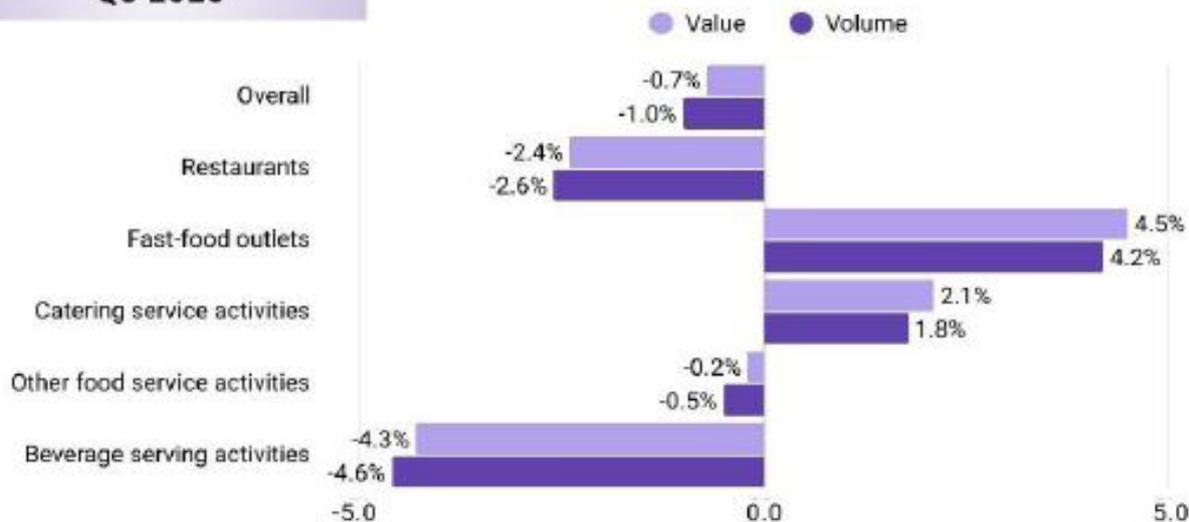
INDEX TREND (Q1 2024 – Q3 2025)



Year-on-Year Change Jul-Sep 2025 | Jul-Sep 2024

VALUE	VOLUME
▼ -0.7%	▼ -1.0%

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE Q3 2025



VALUE OF SALES: BND111.3 MILLION

Retail Sales Index declines in Q3

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 27th December — Retail sales activity in Brunei Darussalam continued to contract in the third quarter (Q3) of 2025, with declines recorded in both value and volume on a year-on-year and quarter-on-quarter basis, according to the Retail Sales Index (RSI).

Retail sales fell by 2.3 per cent year-on-year and 2.7 per cent quarter-on-quarter in Q3 2025, with total sales value estimated at \$384.0 million. Department stores and supermarkets were the largest contributors to sales value but also recorded notable

declines, reflecting weaker domestic demand.

In volume terms, retail sales declined by 2.7 per cent year-on-year and 3.0 per cent quarter-on-quarter, driven mainly by reduced sales at department stores, supermarkets, computer and telecommunications equipment outlets, furniture and household furnishings, and recreational goods. The RSI continues to serve as a key indicator of retail sector performance and consumer spending trends in Brunei Darussalam.



RETAIL SALES INDEX THIRD QUARTER (Q3) 2025

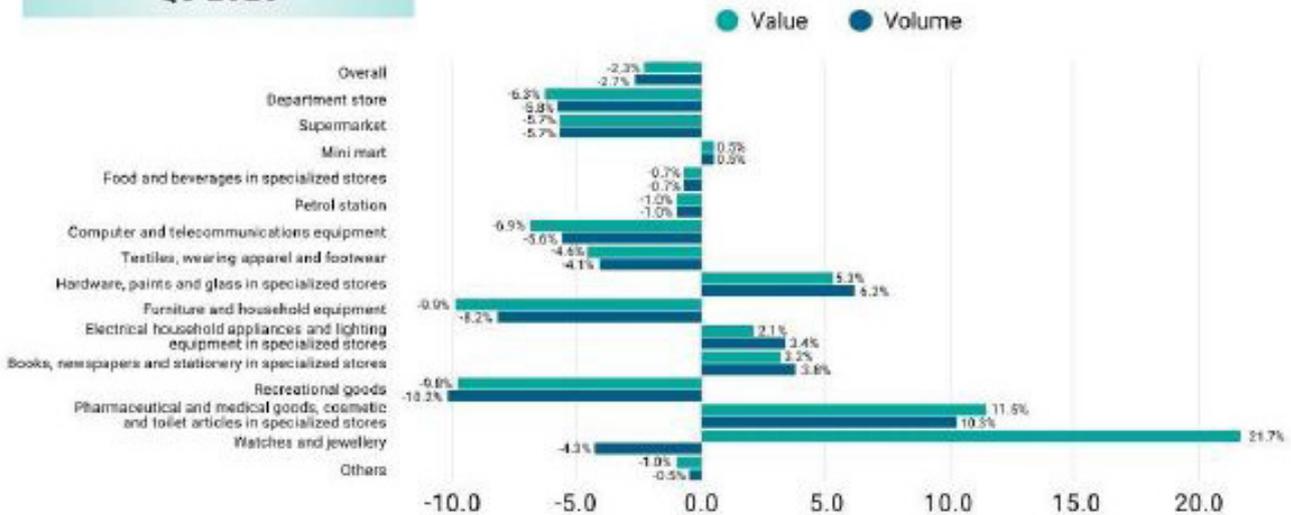
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Year-on-Year Change
Jul-Sep 2025 | Jul-Sep 2024

VALUE	VOLUME
▼ -2.3%	▼ -2.7%

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE Q3 2025



VALUE OF SALES: BND384.0 MILLION