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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 delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the Parade Ceremony for the Bestowment of the Personal Ensign Flag of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam Ceremony.

GADONG, 18th January – 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 highlighted the launching of the Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPF) Strategic Plan Book, 'A Force for the Future', on 28th October, in conjunction with the RBPF's Centennial.

The plan outlines five key strategies: performance structure, resource management, technology adoption, training, and public cooperation. His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam emphasised the importance of enhancing cyber investigation capabilities and strengthening community relations to safeguard national security and well-being.

His Majesty made the *titah* (royal speech) in conjunction with the Parade Ceremony for the Bestowment of the Personal Ensign Flag of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, which took place at the Royal Brunei Police Force Training Centre Parade Ground.

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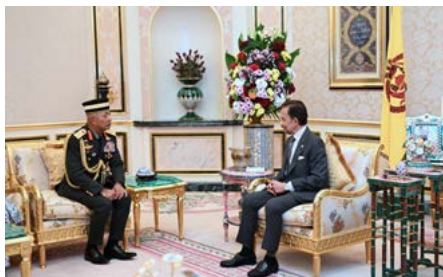
Enhance professionalism, maintain safety and national sovereignty

TANAH JAMBU, 23rd January – His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in a *titah* (royal speech), emphasising the modernisation of military education in the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) and the establishment of a Military Studies Faculty at the Defence Academy (DA), in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence and Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD). This initiative aligns with Brunei Vision 2035, ensuring lifelong learning and highly skilled officers.

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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 upon arrival at the Parade Square of the Defence Academy, Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF). Also present was His Royal Highness Prince Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office.



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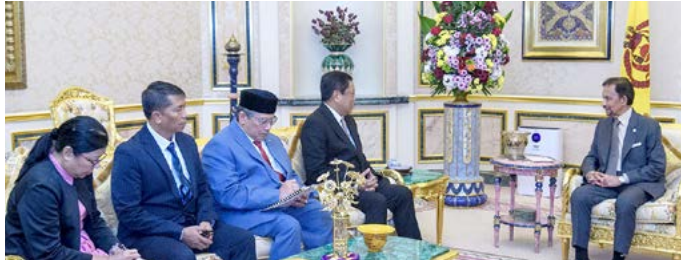


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His Majesty receives audiences

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:

Yang Berbahagia General Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohammad bin Ab. Rahman, Chief of Defence Force of the Malaysian Armed Force on 22nd January (right).



His Excellency U Than Swe, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar on 23rd January.



Yang Berhormat Tan Sri Dato' (Dr) Johari bin Abdul, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of Malaysia on 23rd January.



Special Envoy of His Royal Highness Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin ibni Almarhum Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail, Raja of Perlis, led by Yang Amat Mulia Dato' Seri Diraja Syed Badarudin ibni Almarhum Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail, Tengku Syarif Bendahara Perlis on 28th January.

HRH Crown Prince receives audience



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office received in audience Yang Berhormat Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of Malaysia at Qashr Al-Meezaan on 23rd January.

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 Donald J. Trump, President-Elect of the United States of America, on the occasion of his recent victory in the Presidential Elections on 21st January;
- Her Excellency Droupadi Murmu, President of the Republic of India; His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India; the government and people of India on the occasion of the 76th Indian Republic Day on 26th January; and
- Her Excellency The Honourable Samantha Joy Mostyn AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia; The Honourable Anthony Albanese MP, the Prime Minister of Australia; the government and people of Australia on the occasion of Australia Day on 26th January.

His Majesty sends messages of condolences

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

- His Excellency Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, and His Excellency Li Qiang, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, the government and the people of the People's Republic of China following an earthquake that struck Dingri County, Xizang Autonomous Region, People's Republic of China on 8th January;
- His Excellency Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of Republic of Türkiye, the government and the people of Republic of Türkiye following the recent fire in Bolu Province, Republic of Türkiye on 22nd January; and
- His Excellency Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America (USA) the government and the people of the USA following the recent tragic incident of a mid-air collision between the American Airlines Flight 5342 and the US Army Blackhawk helicopter near the Ronald Reagan National Airport, Washington which resulted in the loss of many lives on 30th January.

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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 Bestowment of the Personal Ensign Flag of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam Ceremony. Also in attendance were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Commandant of the Women Police.

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The Monarch expressed hope that the strategic plan would serve as a manifesto for RBPF's growth and progress, covering leadership, professionalism, team governance, and collaboration with strategic partners to combat criminal threats. The Monarch also underscored the need for the competency framework to be implemented at all levels of RBPF to enhance policing expertise and support succession planning and restructuring.

Marking RBPF's 104th anniversary, His Majesty urged the force to demonstrate maturity, self-reflection, and professionalism. The Monarch reiterated the need for officers to uphold work ethics, discipline, integrity, and professionalism, as these values are crucial in maintaining public trust. His Majesty emphasised that strong discipline shapes character and shields officers from moral and ethical challenges.

Regarding the bestowment of His Majesty's Personal Ensign Flag, the Monarch highlighted its deep significance, symbolising His Majesty trust and confidence in RBPF. The flag, hoisted during parades, represents RBPF's unwavering loyalty to the Monarch, country, and religion. Officers and members must uphold the values of courage, discipline, and efficiency in carrying out their duties.

His Majesty noted that the award recognises the dedication, service, and commitment of RBPF personnel. His Majesty



recalled the 86th Police Day Celebration, where the emblem of the RBPF flag was changed, reinforcing RBPF's prestigious role in preserving national sovereignty and security.

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna in a group photo.



His Majesty listening to a briefing at the Police Exhibition.

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Concluding the *titah*, His Majesty expressed his highest appreciation to all RBPF officers and members for their contributions to the success of the Bestowment of the Personal Ensign Flag of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam Ceremony.

Also in attendance were His Majesty's son and sister, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Commandant of the Women Police of RBPF.



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His Majesty inspecting the Guard of Honour.



Also present at the ceremony were Yang Berhormat Minister at PMO and Second Minister of Defence, and Yang Berhormat Minister at PMO and Second Minister of Finance and Economy.



Recitation of the Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPF) oath by all members of the force present.



The ceremony taking place (above and below)



Among those present at the event.



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 attending the Police Exhibition at the Mess Banquet Hall.



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



His Majesty and other members of royal family at the Royal Banquet (above and below).



His Majesty and His Royal Highness during the *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet).

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Upon arrival, His Majesty received the Royal Salute and inspected the Guard of Honour, which comprised 518 police officers led by Superintendent Pengiran Farid Mahader bin Pengiran Haji Matzin.

His Majesty then officiated His Majesty's Personal Ensign Flag Bestowment Ceremony and performed the *menepung tawar* ritual, followed by the recitation of *Allahu Akbar*.

The RBPF oath was then recited by all members, led by Haji Hamri Aslan bin Haji Abu Hanafiah, Senior Police Officer. A *doa selamat* was read by Aimi Safwan bin Zaidin, Deputy Police Commissioner to bless the ceremony.

The event continued with a luncheon at the Mess Banquet Hall, where His Majesty and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince signed a commemorative plaque and received souvenirs, followed by a photo session with RBPF members. His Majesty then attended a Police Exhibition showcasing RBPF history, technological advancements, and community initiatives.

In the evening, His Majesty attended the Royal Banquet at the Police Headquarters Complex, joined by His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna. The



national anthem was played upon arrival, and RBPF flags were paraded in. The event included musical performances by the RBPF Band and concluded with a *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet) before His Majesty's departure.

The Bestowment of the Personal Ensign Flag of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam Ceremony, which was held with full honours, marked RBPF's 104th anniversary.



His Majesty and His Royal Highness signing the Commemorative Parchment.

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the Sovereign's Parade Ceremony for the 23rd Intake of the Officer Cadet School (OCS).

However, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam stressed that higher education alone is insufficient. His Majesty highlighted the importance of exposure to complex military operations including Integrated Operations with Brunei's security agencies; Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) missions; and Peacekeeping Operations under the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

His Majesty delivered the *titah* in conjunction with the Sovereign's Parade Ceremony of the 23rd Intake of the Officer Cadet School (OCS), which took place at the Parade Square of the DA, RBAF.

The Monarch urged for greater international engagement to enhance professionalism in safeguarding national security and sovereignty while contributing to global peace efforts.

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His Majesty presenting awards to the recipients (above and below).



His Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office in a group photo.



His Majesty Sultan receiving *pesambah* (souvenir) from officer cadets.



His Majesty with officer cadets and their family members during the *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet) session.



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His Majesty acknowledged the success of the OCS in producing 862 competent officers, including foreign cadets from Malaysia and Singapore. His Majesty also welcomed the new participation of Indonesia and Thailand in the 24th intake, further establishing the OCS as a Centre of Excellence for Officer Cadet Training.

His Majesty congratulated the 52 officer cadets of the 23rd intake for completing their 48-week training, including a recipient of the Supreme Commander of the RBAF Scholarship who is now serving as a Medical Officer.

Expressing gratitude to Allah the Almighty, His Majesty commended the cadets' discipline, gallantry, and teamwork during the Sovereign's Parade. His Majesty also thanked the DA leadership, instructors, staff, and cadets' families for their unwavering support.

At the ceremony, His Majesty commissioned 52 officer cadets as military officers.



The officer cadets during a march-past.

Accompanying His Majesty was His Majesty's son, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office.

Shortly after arriving, His Majesty received the Royal Salute and inspected the Guard of Honour under the command of the Parade Officer 1201 Captain Nursazwillah binti Rosdie.

The ceremony honoured the best officer cadets of the 23rd Intake, beginning with the presentation of the Sword of Honour to Officer Cadet Nor Azwar Zuwairey bin Haji Norshamli, recognising his overall excellence in training.

His Majesty then awarded the Best Academic Award to Officer Cadet Dayangku Nur Muta'wakillah binti Pengiran Haji Mohd. Ali; the Best Military Skills Award to Officer Cadet Muhd. Nizam Saaduddin bin Mohd. Yusof, Royal Brunei Navy, and the Best Physical Endurance Award to Officer Cadet (U) Muhd. Irfan Affendy bin Muhd. Eddy Rizwan Affendy.

The parade chanted "*Daulat Kebawah Duli Tuan Patik*" three times, followed by a *doa* led by Lieutenant Colonel Abdul Mujib bin Japar.

His Majesty was then escorted to the DA RBAF's Ceremonial Hall, where His Majesty received a *pesambah* (souvenir) titled '*Al-Intisar Al-Basala*' ('Success with Courage').

His Majesty was also presented with a book, documenting the officer cadets' 48-week military training since 12th February.

After the *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet) with the newly commissioned officer cadets and their families, His Majesty signed the Commemorative Parchment, and joined a group photo session.

Khusyuk: The key to the perfection in prayer



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 National Israk and Mikraj Celebration. Also present 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 Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the National Israk and Mikraj Celebration for the year 1446 Hijrah.

BERAKAS, 27th January – 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 National Israk and Mikraj Celebration for the year 1446 Hijrah, held at the Plenary Hall of the International Convention Centre.

Accompanying His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam 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 Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

The event began with a recitation of *surah* from the Al-Quran by Awang Abdul Qawiyyel Azeez bin Haji Abd. Rajid, the champion of the National Youth Quran Recitation Competition 1445H/2024M.

This was followed by a *Tadabbur* Al-Quran delivered by Awang Fariszal bin Ali, Assistant Prison Counsellor from the Prison Department, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Haji Awang Othman, the Minister of Religious Affairs, in his welcoming speech, emphasised that the key lesson from the Israk and Mikraj event is the obligation of the five daily prayers, which were commanded by Allah the Almighty upon Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and the Muslim community at large.

His Majesty then delivered a *titah* (royal speech), stating that a sharp mind is essential for addressing issues related to the Maqasid Syariah, which aims to preserve religion, life, intellect, lineage, and property.

His Majesty emphasised that the key to the perfection in prayer lies in devotion (*khusyuk*), which can only be achieved with a healthy mind. Prayer, according to His Majesty, teaches self-discipline and helps maintain focus.

His Majesty expressed gratitude to Allah the Almighty for allowing the gathering to commemorate the significant event of the Israk and Mikraj of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

The Monarch also pointed out that the theme for this year's celebration, 'Prayer Sharpens the Mind,' highlights the connection between a healthy mind and devotion in prayer.

His Majesty stressed the importance of maintaining mental health, recommending not only conventional treatments but also integrated, Islamic methods.

"A healthy mind," His Majesty emphasised, "is vital for safeguarding the religion and preventing exploitation of Islam for personal gain."

His Majesty also addressed the recent controversy regarding Global Ikhwan Services and Business Holdings Sdn. Bhd. (GISBH), which was banned for involvement in crimes and deviant teachings. His Majesty warned that such ideologies must be rejected to maintain societal harmony and security.

In conclusion, His Majesty urged all Muslims in the country to remain steadfast in following the Ahli Sunnah Waljamaah and continue practising it as the foundation of their faith.

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Yang Berhormat Minister of Religious Affairs delivering his welcoming speech.



Yang Berhormat State Mufti reciting the *doa selamat*.



Among those present at the event.



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 National Israk and Mikraj Celebration for the year 1446 Hijrah.



His Majesty with Profesor Dr. Haji Abdul Somad, from the Republic of Indonesia.



His Majesty during the *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet) (above and below).



Performance of Selawat Tafrijiyyah and Ibrahimiyah.

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The event also included a performance of Selawat Tafrijiyyah and Ibrahimiyah, followed by a special lecture titled 'Prayer Sharpens the Mind' delivered by Professor Dr. Haji Abdul Somad from Indonesia.

The event concluded with a *doa selamat* recited by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia (Dr.) Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, the State Mufti.

HRH attends screening of 'Paddington in Peru'

JERUDONG, 17th January – The British High Commission in Brunei Darussalam hosted two screenings of the film 'Paddington in Peru' for stakeholders, as well as for families of children with special needs and disabilities. The screenings took place at The Empire Brunei Cinema.

Present at the premiere screening were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman at the premiere screening of the film 'Paddington in Peru'. Also present were Their Royal Highnesses' children.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman along with Their Royal Highnesses' children at the premiere screening.



Also in attendance were the children of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince: Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim; Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Muneerah Madhul Bolkiah; Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda Muhammad Aiman; and Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Faathimah Az-Zahraa' Raihaanul Bolkiah.

Created by Michael Bond in the late 1950s, the film has captured the imagination of readers and moviegoers across generations.

A global symbol of British creativity and storytelling, Paddington is a character who teaches that, even in challenging situations, a little patience and good morals can go a long way.

Brunei DPMM FC, Kuching City FC draw 1-1



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 during the match between Brunei DPMM FC against Kuching City FC held at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium. Also present was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik.

BERAKAS, 4th January – Brunei DPMM FC drew 1-1 against Kuching City FC in a friendly football match at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium.

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, attended the match.

Also present were the brother and children of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince: His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim; Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Muneerah Madhul Bolkiah; Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda Muhammad Aiman; and Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Faathimah Az-Zahraa' Raihaanul Bolkiah.

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Also present were His Royal Highness the Crown Prince's children: Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim; Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Muneerah Madhul Bolkiah; Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda Muhammad Aiman; and Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Faathimah Az-Zahraa' Raihaanul Bolkiah.



Among the spectators at the match (left), the match taking place (right).

Speaker of LegCo receives Malaysian Parliament

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 23rd January – Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman, Speaker of the Legislative Council (LegCo) of Brunei Darussalam, received a courtesy visit from Yang Berhormat Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Malaysian Parliament, at the Dewan Majlis Building.



Yang Berhormat Speaker of the Legislative Council (LegCo) with Yang Berhormat Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Malaysian Parliament during the courtesy visit.

The Malaysian delegation was also joined by Yang Berhormat Dato' Sri Haji Mohd. Sharkar bin Haji Shamsudin, Speaker of the Pahang State Legislative Assembly (DUN); Yang Berhormat Tuan Syahredzan bin Johan, Member of Parliament for Bangi, Selangor; Yang Berhormat Tuan Tan Kar Hing, Member of Parliament for Gopeng, Perak; and other officials from the Malaysian Parliament.

The visit was part of Yang Berhormat Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Malaysian Parliament's official tour of ASEAN parliaments, preparing for Malaysia's role as Chair of the 46th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) General Assembly in September.

The visit aimed to strengthen ASEAN relations, enhance cooperation, and support the ASEAN Community 2025 vision.

Discussions covered AIPA's role in regional development, the importance of digitalisation and innovation in parliamentary processes, and strengthening relationships with AIPA observers.

At the conclusion, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Malaysian Parliament extended an invitation for Speaker of the LegCo of Brunei Darussalam to attend the 46th AIPA General Assembly, along with the LegCo delegation.

Together in exploring strategies to tackle cybercrime

PUTRAJAYA, MALAYSIA, 20th January – Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Second Minister of Defence as the Chairman of the National Security Committee, led Brunei Darussalam's delegation to the Asia International Security Summit and Expo 2025 (AISSE '25) and the Cybercrime Prevention Summit 2025.

Attending at the invitation of His Excellency Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution bin Ismail, Minister of Home Affairs of Malaysia, the Brunei delegation included His Excellency Brigadier General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Haji Mahmud bin Haji Saidin, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to Malaysia, and Awang Zulhusam bin Haji Abdul Samad, Acting Permanent Secretary

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Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Second Minister of Defence with Yang Amat Berhormat Minister of Home Affairs of Malaysia (left), and at the Asia International Security Summit and Expo 2025 (AISSE '25) and the Cybercrime Prevention Summit 2025 (right).

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(Security and Law) at PMO as the Head of the National Security Committee Secretariat.

With the theme 'Asia United: Charting the Future of Global Peace and Security through Law Enforcement Collaboration', AISSE '25 aimed to enhance regional and international security cooperation. Meanwhile, the Cybercrime Prevention Summit, a key side event, focused on strategies to combat rising cybercrime threats.



Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid bin Hamidi, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia officiated the opening ceremony. The event featured over 300 companies from 20 countries, with more than 1,000 delegates, including government leaders, law enforcement agencies, academics, and industry experts.

The Brunei delegation also paid a courtesy visit to Minister of Home Affairs of Malaysia to discuss bilateral cooperation in security and other areas of mutual interest.

Farewell visit from Chief of MAF

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 22nd January – The Ministry of Defence received a farewell visit from Yang Berbahagia General Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohammad bin Ab. Rahman, the Chief of the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF), who is on a two-day visit to Brunei Darussalam from 21st to 22nd January.

This morning, the Chief of the MAF paid a farewell visit to Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Defence.

Previously, the Chief of MAF also made a farewell visit to Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Mohammad Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF), in a separate session.

During the meeting, the Chief of MAF expressed deep appreciation for the support and cooperation extended by the RBAF, which has played a vital role in strengthening the close ties between the two armed forces. He also reaffirmed the MAF's commitment to further enhancing cooperation in this regard.

Additionally, the Chief of MAF conveyed his gratitude for the strong partnership and collaborative efforts that have been established throughout his tenure.



Official ceremony during the farewell visit from Yang Berbahagia Chief of the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) (all above and left).

Upon arrival at Bolkiah Garrison, an official ceremony was held, during which the Chief of MAF was welcomed by the Commander of RBAF and received a Salute of Honour from the Honour Guard, comprising members of the Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF).

As the 22nd Chief of the MAF, he will conclude his service and officially hand over his duties on Friday, 31st January.

Early treatment prevents cervical cancer, improves survival



Yang Berhormat Minister of Health delivering his speech at the Launching Ceremony of 2025 National Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control Guidelines.



Yang Berhormat Minister of Health presenting the National Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control Guidelines Book 2025.

BERAKAS, 15th January – Cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer among women worldwide. In Brunei Darussalam, from 2019 to 2023, a total of 127 women were diagnosed with cervical cancer, with between 23 to 32 cases per year, and a total of 51 deaths during the same period.

This was stated by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohammad Isham bin Haji Jaafar, Minister of Health, during his speech at the Launching Ceremony of the 2025 National Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control Guidelines, held at the Al-Afiah Hall, Ministry of Health (MoH).

“Generally, more than 99 per cent of cervical cancer cases are associated with Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection, a virus usually transmitted through sexual contact. Most HPV infections resolve spontaneously and cause no symptoms. However, persistent infection with high-risk HPV can lead to cervical cancer.

“HPV infection can be detected at an early stage through specific screening tests, such as the HPV test, which can be performed by healthcare professionals or by women themselves through self-sampling. Women found to have an HPV infection are usually advised to seek further examination and assessment by a doctor.

“HPV infection can also be prevented through vaccination. In Brunei, the National HPV Vaccination Programme has been in place since early 2012 among female students aged 13 to 17 years, achieving high vaccination coverage, with over 90 per cent receiving two doses of the vaccine each year from 2019 to 2023,” explained the Minister of Health.

The Minister further emphasised that vaccination, screening programmes, and early treatment for pre-cancerous changes are effective strategies to prevent cervical cancer, improve survival rates, and reduce treatment costs for the government.

These measures align with the World Health Organization's (WHO) initiative to eliminate cervical cancer by 2030.

According to the Minister, MoH has also introduced screening for cervical cancer using the HPV genomic test, which detects mutations in genes associated with an increased cancer risk.

Women found to have these mutations will be monitored more intensively to determine if further tests, treatment, or surgery are required as early preventive measures to reduce complications.

The HPV genomic test can also help plan more precise cancer treatments based on the tumour's genetic profile, maximising



Some of the attendees at the launching event.

treatment effectiveness and minimising side effects.

In line with Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, the MoH has implemented focused actions to strengthen cervical cancer prevention and control, including the update of the 2025 National Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control Guidelines.

The guidelines aim to serve as a comprehensive resource for healthcare professionals and policymakers, offering evidence-based practices and recommendations for preventing and treating cervical cancer.

The Minister expressed hope that these guidelines would help relevant parties align actions with recommended standards to protect, treat, and provide the best services to patients.

Additionally, to make HPV testing more accessible, the Minister shared that starting today, the public can register for the HPV screening test through the Risk Assessment feature on the BruHealth app. This allows women to book their screening appointment, choosing the date, time, and clinic.

As part of the National Health Screening Programme, the MoH will continue to promote this programme, which includes screenings for breast cancer, colorectal cancer, and cardiovascular disease risk factors, through outreach campaigns at workplaces and community gatherings.

The Minister encourages eligible individuals to take advantage of the available screenings, as early detection allows for appropriate treatment and can prevent complications.

“With collaboration, trust, and commitment from all parties,” the Minister added, “it is possible to achieve the WHO's goal of eliminating cervical cancer by 2030.”

BruHealth 5.0: Enhance personal care, optimise resource usage

BERAKAS, 16th January – BruHealth version 5.0 has been introduced as a transformative platform designed to empower individuals in managing their health and well-being.

Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohammad Isham bin Haji Jaafar, Minister of Health, explained that BruHealth 5.0 is more than just an app — it is a partner in our health journey.

“Every step, check-in, and activity recorded provides valuable information to shape the future of our nation’s healthcare,” said the Minister of Health during the launch of BruHealth Version 5.0, held at the Central Concourse, International Convention Centre.

With the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Minister stated that BruHealth will enhance personal care, optimise resource usage, and support better decision-making.

The Minister also shared one of the latest features in the BruHealth 5.0 app, the Cervical Cancer Screening, which is a new addition to the National Health Screening Programme (NHSP).

According to the Minister, cervical cancer screening is now one of the four NHSP accessible through BruHealth, joining Breast Cancer Screening, Colorectal Cancer Screening, and Cardiovascular Disease Screening.

“The screening process can now be done easily and on time through appointment bookings via the BruHealth app. I urge all eligible women to undergo this screening to detect the HPV virus and treat it before it develops into cancer,” the Minister emphasised.

Furthermore, the Health Index feature is now more personalised, with a shorter and smarter questionnaire covering factors like nutrition, stress, physical health, and sleep quality.

The Minister explained that the Health Index Score is not just a number — it serves as a gateway to personalised advice and health goals tailored to an individual’s lifestyle.

In addition to exercise, the app allows the public to track food intake, sleep, water intake, and medication schedules in one place. To make health management more engaging, BruHealth has introduced the ‘Oyen Challenge.’

The Minister also mentioned that the BN on the Move challenge would be bigger and more exciting this year, and the Ministry of Health encourages the nation to stay active and continue tracking their steps.



Yang Berhormat Minister of Health delivering a speech during the launch of BruHealth Version 5.0.

The Minister recalled that nearly five years ago, BruHealth became a vital tool during the COVID-19 pandemic. It played a crucial role in safeguarding the health and well-being of the people of Brunei Darussalam.

“We faced an extraordinary crisis that required quick, effective, and innovative solutions. *Alhamdulillah*, with the support of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the BruHealth app was introduced to protect the safety and well-being of the people,” said the Minister.

The digital health transformation accelerated, with 95 per cent of the population using BruHealth. It became the nation’s shield, managing travel history, symptoms, ART and PCR results, and vaccination records.

The Minister also highlighted that BruHealth’s features include booking slots for Friday Prayer, vaccination scheduling, and ART result reporting, which helped achieve a high vaccination rate of 94 per cent by March 2022. More than five million ART results have been uploaded to the app, providing essential data for tracking the potential spread of the virus.

BruHealth has united the people of Brunei during challenging times, empowering society to protect the nation.

As Brunei transitions to the Endemic phase, BruHealth evolves, focusing on well-being rather than just illness treatment, with digitalised health services such as online clinic bookings, video consultations, and queue management.

Initiatives like the BN on the Move National Challenge have promoted a healthy lifestyle, with the people collectively achieving 80 billion steps.



Yang Berhormat Minister touring the exhibition.



Joint venture to support economic diversification



Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Second Minister of Finance and Economy delivering a speech.



Yang Berhormat Minister witnessing the signing of the Joint Venture Agreement with Rotary Engineering Pte. Ltd. (Rotary).

JERUDONG, 7th January – The Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, through the Strategic Development Capital Fund (SDC Fund), Investment Division, Ministry of Finance and Economy (MoFE), has signed a Joint Venture Agreement with Rotary Engineering Pte. Ltd. (Rotary), a company headquartered in the Republic of Singapore, to establish a joint venture providing Maintenance, Engineering, Procurement, Construction, and Commissioning (EPCC) services in Brunei Darussalam.

The joint venture company, Brunei Rotary Engineering Sdn. Bhd. (BRE), will primarily serve Brunei Darussalam's oil and gas sector, aiming to reduce operational costs and expand services to the Borneo region. The initiative highlights the government's commitment to developing local talent by offering technical training and overseas project placements.

The signing ceremony took place at The Empire Brunei, witnessed by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohd. Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Second Minister of Finance and Economy.

Signing on behalf of the Ministry of Finance and Economy were Awang Ahmad Fathi bin Dato Paduka Haji Junaidi, Head of the Investment Division, and Pengiran Noreen binti Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Md. Zain, Head of Operations, while Rotary were represented by Roger Chia Kim Piow, Chairman, and Koh Chun



Yang Berhormat Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism, and Yang Berhormat Attorney General at the event.

Peng, Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

Rotary is one of the largest oil and gas service companies, also catering to the pharmaceutical industry. The Minister at PMO and Second Minister of Finance and Economy emphasised that this partnership will enhance engineering and maintenance services, improve operational efficiency, and facilitate technology transfer to Brunei's workforce. It aligns with the government's commitment to attracting Foreign Direct Investment, supporting economic diversification, and fostering a competitive global workforce.

GallopAir - committed to contributing Brunei's growth, development

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 1st January – His Excellency Xiao Jianguo, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam, stated in his speech that Brunei Darussalam and the People's Republic of China are maritime neighbours and trusted friends, not just partners in joint development.

Bilateral relations have continued to progress, with pragmatic cooperation expanding across various fields, further strengthening the relationship between the two countries and the citizens.

"We believe that the launch of direct flights from Guangzhou to Brunei Darussalam will further enhance economic and trade ties, tourism, and other areas of cooperation between our two countries. It will also contribute to the integration of BIMP-EAGA and ASEAN," said the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Brunei

Darussalam at the First Flight Ceremony of GallopAir x China Southern COMAC C909 from Guangzhou to Bandar Seri Begawan, held at Brunei International Airport.

The Ambassador also shared updates on the latest visa policy for foreign nationals visiting China, highlighting the implementation of a unilateral visa-free policy for several countries, including Brunei. This allows Brunei citizens to stay in China for an additional 15 days without a visa.

The event's Guests of Honour were Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohd. Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Finance and Economy, and Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism.

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Earlier, the event began with a welcoming speech by Cham Chi, Chief Executive Officer of GallopAir, who emphasised that this new route symbolises the strengthening of economic, cultural, and social ties between the two countries.

He added that this reflects GallopAir's commitment to contributing to Brunei's growth and development while supporting Brunei Vision 2035.

Guests were also invited to view and tour the C909 aircraft.



Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Finance and Economy and Yang Berhormat Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism during the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the event.



Yang Berhormat Ministers as the Guests of Honour at the event.



Yang Berhormat Ministers in a group photo.

Explore collaboration opportunities



Yang Berhormat Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism leading the Brunei Darussalam delegation at the networking session.



Yang Berhormat Minister with Her Excellency Minister of Tourism of the Republic of Indonesia.

JAKARTA, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, 14th January – The Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT) of Brunei Darussalam, in collaboration with the Embassy of Brunei Darussalam in Jakarta and the Indonesian Travel Agent Association (ASITA), organised a networking session to strengthen ties and explore collaboration opportunities between travel agencies from both countries.

This initiative is part of Brunei's effort to tap into the growing number of Indonesian tourists. In 2024, Brunei saw a significant increase in arrivals from the Republic of Indonesia, nearly doubling the previous year's figures.

The session, themed 'Brunei Yuk! Your Favourite Halal Destination', showcased Brunei's appeal as a leading halal tourism destination, emphasising its rich culture, Islamic heritage, and natural beauty.

The event's highlight was the signing of a Memorandum of

Understanding (MoU) to promote inbound travel and foster collaboration in tourism initiatives between both countries.

The Brunei delegation was led by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism, along with Dayang Hajah Tutiati binti Haji Abdul Wahab, Permanent Secretary of MPRT, and officials from the Department of Tourism Development.

Also present were His Excellency Brigadier General (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Awang Haji Abdul Razak bin Haji Abdul Kadir, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to the Republic of Indonesia, and Dr. Nunung Rusmiati, President of ASITA.

In the afternoon, the Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism held a meeting with Her Excellency Widiyanti Putri Wardhana, the newly appointed Minister of Tourism of the Republic of Indonesia to discuss future bilateral tourism cooperation.

Cooperation in addressing ASEAN tourism challenges



Yang Berhormat Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism in a group photo at the ASEAN Tourism Forum 2025 (ATF 2025).

JOHOR, MALAYSIA, 20th January – The 28th Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Ministers (M-ATM) and related meetings, in conjunction with the ASEAN Tourism Forum 2025 (ATF 2025), took place from 16th to 20th January. The delegation from Brunei Darussalam was led by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism.

The meeting was preceded by the 61st Meeting of ASEAN National Tourism Organisations (NTOs) and other senior official meetings with dialogue partners. The theme of the meeting, 'Unity in Motion: Shaping ASEAN's Tourism Tomorrow', highlighted the recovery of the tourism sector post-pandemic and emphasised the sector's potential for growth and innovation.

Key outcomes of the meeting included: positive growth in 2024, with ASEAN Member States (AMS) implementing stronger policies, such as easing visa requirements and diversifying tourism offerings; preliminary figures forecast 123 million visitors to ASEAN by the end of 2024, marking a 30.6 per cent increase from 2023; about 70 per cent of the ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan (ATSP) 2016-2025 has been implemented; the meeting agreed to align the ASEAN Tourism Sectoral Plan 2026-2030 with the ASEAN Economic Community Strategic Plan 2026-2030 to foster regional sustainability and cooperation; successful initiatives, including the ImaginASEAN Metaverse Game and the Tourism Marketing Campaign, were discussed, with emphasis on engaging younger, tech-savvy travellers; a call for stronger public-private collaboration to develop infrastructure, create tailored cruise itineraries, and enhance ecotourism standards was made; and the launch of the IP-Driven Tourism Microsite, supported by World Intellectual Property Organisation, was noted as an innovative cross-sector collaboration.

The meeting also emphasised the importance of sustainable tourism for economic growth, cultural preservation, and environmental conservation, and encouraged private sector involvement in social responsibility, job creation, and supporting Small and Medium Enterprises within the tourism industry.



Yang Berhormat Minister during the ASEAN Tourism Forum.

Key updates of the meeting were the ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Tourism Cooperation Work Plan 2021-2025 which has seen 70 per cent implementation, and a new work plan for 2026-2030 is in development; the ASEAN-India Year of Tourism 2025 was declared, aiming to strengthen cultural exchange and tourism ties between ASEAN and India; Brunei's new direct flight connection between Bandar Seri Begawan and Chennai was highlighted as a major step for improving connectivity; and the success of the 'Expanding Business Contacts between Russia and ASEAN Countries' project was noted, with plans to showcase lesser-explored destinations in both regions.

The meeting concluded with a strong focus on building capacity, enhancing workforce skills, and promoting cultural exchange to drive tourism growth and strengthen ASEAN's global position.

Brunei achieves excellence at The ASEAN Tourism Standards

JOHOR, MALAYSIA, 21st January –

The presentation of the ASEAN Tourism Standards Award was held on 20th January, in conjunction with the ASEAN Tourism Forum 2025, to recognise outstanding contributions to the tourism sector across the ASEAN region.

Brunei Darussalam is proud to announce the achievements of the country's tourism industry, with several prestigious awards presented to local recipients.

The Empire Brunei and Trueliving Spa & Studio were both awarded the '3rd ASEAN Spa Services Award' for their outstanding services and commitment to quality in the health and wellness tourism sector.

Meanwhile, Sumbiling Eco Village, located in the Temburong District, received the '4th ASEAN Community-Based Tourism (CBT) Award', highlighting the village's dedication to promoting sustainable and cultural tourism experiences while benefiting the local community.

Additionally, the 'Premium Toilet' at the



Brunei Darussalam proudly celebrates the achievements of its tourism industry, with several prestigious awards presented to local recipients.

Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Complex (YSHHB) was awarded the '3rd ASEAN Public Toilet Standard Award' for its high standards of cleanliness and facilities, serving as an example of public amenities that enhance the visitor experience.

These awards reflect Brunei's

ongoing commitment to excellence in tourism, sustainability, and community development.

Furthermore, they highlight the country's significant steps in aligning with ASEAN tourism standards and strengthening its position as a key player in regional tourism.

5th ADGMIN: Ensure equitable access to technology



Yang Berhormat Minister of Transport and Infocommunications representing Brunei Darussalam at the 5th ASEAN Digital Ministers' Meeting (ADGMIN) and related meetings.

BANGKOK, KINGDOM OF THAILAND, 18th January – Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Shamhary bin Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Mustapha, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications, attended the 5th ASEAN Digital Ministers' Meeting (ADGMIN) and related meetings from 16th to 17th January.

The meetings, inaugurated by Her Excellency Paetongtarn Shinawatra, Prime Minister of Kingdom of Thailand, and chaired by His Excellency Prasert Jantararungton, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Digital Economy and Society of Kingdom of Thailand focused on building a secure, innovative, and inclusive digital future for ASEAN, with discussions around digital security, emerging technologies, and equitable access to technology.

The Minister of Transport and Infocommunications highlighted Brunei Darussalam's commitment to fostering innovation and inclusivity, emphasising the role of technology like Artificial Intelligence (AI) in advancing sectors such as health, education, and governance.

Brunei also emphasised the importance of ethical digital practices through initiatives like the AI Governance and Ethics Working Group, the Personal Data Protection Order, and the Cybersecurity Act.

Additionally, Brunei's leadership in the ASEAN GovStack initiative and the adoption of the ASEAN Digital Government Readiness Framework were key points of discussion.

The meeting also saw the adoption of the Bangkok Digital Declaration, which stresses cybersecurity, innovation, and inclusivity for ASEAN's digital resilience. ASEAN Digital Ministers reviewed progress on the ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025, focusing on trusted digital services, cybersecurity, e-Government services, and digital skill development.

Discussions also involved ASEAN's external partners, including People's Republic of China, Japan, the United States of America, and the Republic of India, to strengthen digital cooperation and global partnerships.

Collective effort in upholding the rule of law



Yang Berhormat Attorney General delivering her speech at the Opening Ceremony of the 2025 Legal Year.



Yang Amat Arif Chief Justice of the Supreme Court delivering a speech during the Opening Ceremony of the 2025 Legal Year.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 23rd January – The 2025 Legal Year Opening Ceremony took place at the Supreme Court, with a Guard of Honour Parade inspected by Yang Amat Arif Dato Seri Paduka Steven Chong Wan Oon, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

In her speech, Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Paduka Dayang Hajah Nor Hashimah binti Haji Mohammed Taib, Attorney General highlighted the importance of a strong commitment to the rule of law as the foundation for justice, trust, and progress.

The Attorney General emphasised that the law's value lies in both its formulation and enforcement and underscored the shared responsibility of law enforcement, public servants, and the community.

The Attorney General also discussed the significance of robust prosecution processes to protect justice and maintain public confidence. The Attorney General called for accessible justice for all, irrespective of barriers, and urged legal officers to be prepared to hold wrongdoers accountable.

The Attorney General reaffirmed the chambers' dedication to supporting Brunei Darussalam's resilience and economic development and stressed the importance of training and developing a skilled legal workforce. Lastly, the Attorney General reminded lawyers to appreciate the collective effort in upholding the rule of law.

Meanwhile, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in his speech highlighted the court remains committed to upholding the rule of law with fairness, justice, and efficiency. However, as the world becomes more interconnected and digital, the judicial system must evolve to meet contemporary needs.

He also outlined key initiatives for 2025, notably the upgrade of the Judicial Case Management System (JCMS), introduced in March 2015 as part of the judicial strategic plan. The goal of the JCMS is to improve service delivery, accessibility, and information integration within the courts.

The Chief Justice emphasised that, given rapid technological advancements, the JCMS needs constant improvement. The upgraded JCMS 2.0 will expand its functions, contributing to Brunei's aim of becoming a Smart Nation. The Judiciary is focused on enhancing the litigation process to align with the socio-economic realities and leverage technology.

Further changes to the civil litigation system are expected to strengthen access to justice and improve efficiency. The family justice system will also be strengthened, with a focus on supporting families in divorce, custody, and alimony cases. The vision for Restorative Family Justice aligns with Brunei Vision 2035, aiming to empower families and promote mediation and reconciliation.

The Chief Justice also highlighted the importance of mentorship for young lawyers, noting that mentorship programmes are essential for transferring legal skills, ethics, and traditions.

Additionally, the Judiciary will introduce guidelines on the use of generative AI for judges and judicial officers to ensure its responsible use in legal duties.

Lastly, in July 2024, a briefing on insolvency and restructuring was held, featuring insights from Judge Kannan Ramesh of the Singapore High Court. The session focused on Singapore's evolving insolvency and restructuring regime.



Yang Amat Arif Chief Justice inspecting the Guard of Honour Parade comprised of the Royal Brunei Police Force.