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KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, 26th October - 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 Opening Ceremony and Plenary Session of the 47th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits, hosted by Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia. The summit marked the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste's admission as ASEAN's 11th member and the signing of the Second Protocol to Amend the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with Yang Amat Berhormat Prime Minister of Malaysia at the 47th ASEAN Summit.

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Regional cooperation underscored at APEC Leaders' Meeting



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with His Excellency President of the Republic of Korea upon arrival at the Gyeongju Hwabaek International Convention Centre.

GYEONJU, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, 31st October - 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 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (AELM), accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

Dialogue with Guests, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam emphasised the need for strengthened regional cooperation amid global uncertainties, highlighting the importance of an open, fair, and rules-based multilateral trading system; digital transformation; future-ready skills; and the realisation of the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP).

At the APEC Economic Leaders' Informal

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Appointment of new members of Religious Council of Brunei Darussalam

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 9th October - By command of 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, it is hereby announced that His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has consented to the appointment of new members of the Religious Council of Brunei Darussalam to replace the appointment of members whose terms have expired, as follows:

- Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Awang Haji Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Awang Haji Othman, Minister of Religious Affairs as the President of the Religious Council; and

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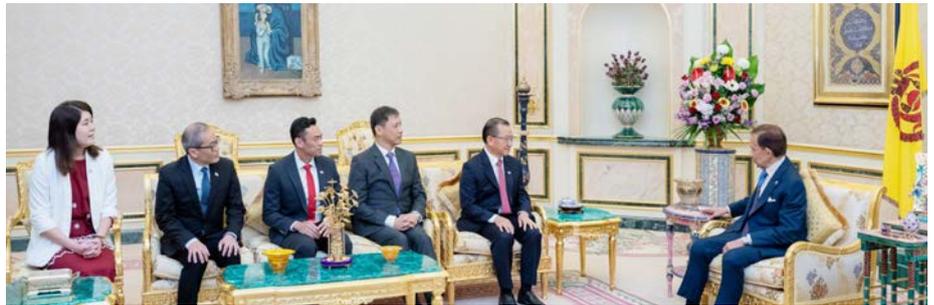
His Majesty receives audiences

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 Istana Nurul Iman:

His Excellency Bendito dos Santos Freitas, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on 6th October.



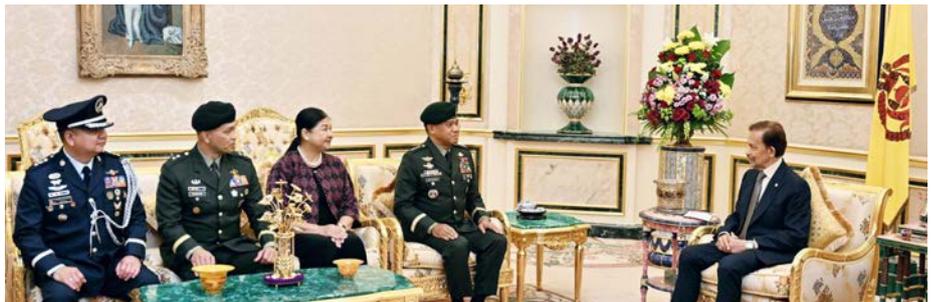
The Honourable Seah Kian Peng, Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore on 9th October.



The Honourable Gilberto C. Teodoro, Junior, Secretary of National Defence of the Republic of the Philippines on 9th October.



His Excellency General Romeo Saturnino Brawner Jr., Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines on 15th October.



His Excellency Thongsavan Phomvihane, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on 20th October.



Her Majesty receives audiences

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



The women foreign envoys and wives of foreign envoys to Brunei Darussalam in conjunction with Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha's 79th Birthday Celebration on 7th October.



Madam Melody Valeros, spouse of the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines on 15th October.

His Royal Highness the Crown Prince 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 audience at Qashr Al-Meezaan:



His Excellency Gan Kim Yong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry of the Republic of Singapore on 1st October.



The Honourable Seah Kian Peng, Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore on 9th October.

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Newly-appointed Brunei Darussalam envoys: His Excellency Adnan bin Haji Mohd Ja'afar, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to the United States; His Excellency Wan Hadfi Lutfan bin Haji Abdul Latif, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to Japan; His Excellency Haji Sulaini bin Haji Said, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to Kuwait; His Excellency Captain (Rtd) Haji Mohamad Sarif Pudin bin Matserruddin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; Her Excellency Ang Lay Ling, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to Canada; and Her Excellency Siti Armyfariza binti Haji Mohd. Jaini, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to the Republic of India on 20th October.



His Excellency U Sein Oo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Brunei Darussalam on 20th October.



His Excellency Heuankeo Sangsomsak, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to Brunei Darussalam on 20th October.



His Excellency Ramu Abbagani, High Commissioner of the Republic of India to Brunei Darussalam on 20th October.



His Excellency Tamer Mansy, High Commissioner of Canada to Brunei Darussalam on 20th October.



His Excellency Weert Börner, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Germany to Brunei Darussalam on 20th October.

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 Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China; His Excellency Li Qiang, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China; as well as the government and people of China on the occasion of the 76th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China on 1st October;
- His Excellency Lee Jae Myung, President of the Republic of Korea (RoK); as well as the government and people of RoK on the occasion of its National Foundation Day on 3rd October;
- His Excellency Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Federal President of the Federal Republic of Germany; His Excellency Friedrich Merz, Federal Chancellor of Germany; as well as the government and people of Germany on the occasion of the Day of German Unity on 3rd October;
- Her Excellency Sanae Takaichi on the occasion of her appointment as the 104th Prime Minister of Japan and President of the Liberal Democratic Party 22nd October; and
- His Excellency Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of the Republic of Turkiye; as well as the government and people of Turkiye on the occasion of its 102nd Republic Day on 29th October.

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His Majesty presents and receives Letters of Credence

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 18th October - 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, presented Letters of Credence to Brunei Darussalam's newly-appointed envoys:



His Excellency Adnan bin Haji Mohd. Ja'afar, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to the United States (left); and His Excellency Wan Hadfi Lutfan bin Haji Abdul Latif, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to Japan (right).



His Excellency Haji Sulaini bin Haji Said, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to the State of Kuwait (left); and His Excellency Captain (Rtd) Haji Mohamad Sarif Pudin bin Matseruddin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (right).

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Her Excellency Ang Lay Ling, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to Canada (left); and Her Excellency Siti Arnyfariza binti Haji Mohd. Jaini, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to the Republic of India (right).

His Majesty then received Letters of Credence from:



His Excellency U Sein Oo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Brunei Darussalam (left); and His Excellency Heuankeo Sangsomsak, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to Brunei Darussalam (right).



His Excellency Ramu Abbagani, High Commissioner of the Republic of India to Brunei Darussalam (left); His Excellency Tamer Mansy, High Commissioner of Canada to Brunei Darussalam (right).



His Excellency Weert Börner, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Germany to Brunei Darussalam.

After the ceremonies, His Majesty received both the newly-appointed Bruneian and foreign heads of mission in audience at Baitur Rahmah.

Strengthening economic cooperation



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah 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 416th Brunei Shell Petroleum Sdn. Bhd. (BSP) and the 194th Brunei Shell Marketing Sdn. Bhd. (BSM) Board of Directors meetings.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 2nd October - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam presided over the 416th Brunei Shell Petroleum Sdn. Bhd. (BSP) and 194th Brunei Shell Marketing Sdn. Bhd. (BSM) Board of Directors meetings for Q3 2025 at the Prime Minister's Office.

The meetings, attended by government and company representatives, discussed operational performance, safety, finance, human capital, and long-term strategies. His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam emphasised continued collaboration, adaptability, and resilience – highlighting the companies' role in energy security, economic strength, and Brunei Darussalam's long-term development.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during the 227th Brunei LNG Sdn. Bhd. (BLNG) and the 113th Brunei Gas Carriers Sdn. Bhd. (BGC) Board meetings.



The 227th BLNG and the 113th BGC Board meetings in progress.



The 416th BSP and 194th the BSM Board of Directors meetings in progress.

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His Majesty also presided over the 227th Brunei LNG Sdn. Bhd. (BLNG) and the 113th Brunei Gas Carriers Sdn. Bhd. (BGC) Board meetings for Q3 2025 on 1st October, where His Majesty emphasised strengthening safety, sustainable organisational improvements, disciplined execution, and long-term resilience. Key topics discussed included operational performance, safety, finance, human resource development, and long-term strategies. The meetings were attended by government representatives, Shell plc, Mitsubishi Corporation, and members of the respective management from BLNG and BGC.



His Majesty greeting the attendees of the meetings.

Appointment of new members of Religious Council of Brunei Darussalam (continued)

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- Yang Mulia Pengiran Dato Seri Paduka Haji Mohammad Tashim bin Pengiran Haji Hassan, Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs as the Vice President of the Religious Council.

Members of the Religious Council:

- Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Indera Setia Diraja Sahibul Karib Pengiran Anak Haji Idris bin Pengiran Maharaja Lela Pengiran Muda Abdul Kahar, Chief of Adat Istiadat Negara;
- Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Awang Haji Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yusof, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, and Second Minister of Defence as Chairman of the National Security Committee;
- Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Erywan bin Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Haji Mohd. Yusof, Second Minister of Foreign Affairs;
- Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia

Dr. Ustaz Awang Haji Abdul Aziz bin Juned, the State Mufti;

- Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Paduka Dayang Hajah Nor Hashimah binti Haji Mohammed Taib, Attorney General;
- Yang Amat Arif/Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Paduka Seri Utama Dato Paduka Seri Setia Awang Haji Salim bin Haji Besar, Chief Syar'ie Judge;
- Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Johan Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Adanan bin Begawan Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Mohd. Yusuf, Member of the Legislative Council (LegCo);
- Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Ibrahim, Member of LegCo;
- Dato Seri Pahlawan Awang Sulaiman bin Alidin, Commissioner of Police at the Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPF);
- Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Japar

bin Haji Mat Dain @ Maidin, Deputy State Mufti;

- Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Norarfan bin Haji Zainal, Rector of Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA);
- Associate Professor Dr. Abdul Nasir bin Haji Abdul Rani, Ra'ees of Kolej Universiti Perguruan Ugama Seri Begawan (KUPU SB);
- Dr. Awang Haji Mohammed Hussain bin Pehin Penyurat Awang Haji Ahmad, Director of Balai Khazanah Islam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah;
- Haji Mohammad Yusri bin Haji Wahsafelah, Acting Assistant Managing Director and Acting Chief Operating Officer of Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam (BIBD); and
- Pengiran Ahmad Faris Ramadhani bin Pengiran Haji Sellahuddin as Acting Secretary of the Religious Council.

The appointment is effective starting Thursday, 9th October for a period of three years.

Malam Gemilang UBD Drone Show

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 11th October - The Malam Gemilang UBD Drone Show at Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium dazzled over 21,000 spectators with a spectacular drone light show, colourful fireworks, and live performances, including a special appearance by Anuar Zain, a Malaysian singer.

Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Chancellor of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), along with members of the royal family and key government officials.

The event was graced by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal

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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 Chancellor of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD); His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office as Pro-Chancellor of UBD; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen meeting and greeting the performers of the Malam Gemilang UBD Drone Show.

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A 15-minute drone performance by Imagine Sdn. Bhd. and 40 UBD students showcased local youth talent and technological expertise, forming 14 intricate patterns in the sky accompanied

by music and dance. Songs included UBD's official anthem, '*Mendepan Bersama*', and other popular local and regional tunes.

The evening concluded with a 12-minute fireworks display. The

event celebrated His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's 79th Birthday and UBD's 40th Anniversary.

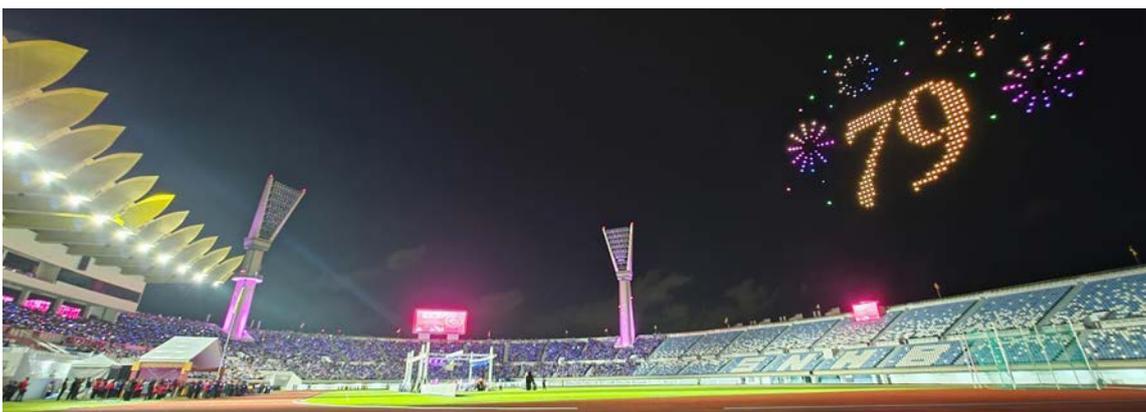
The event was supported by multiple ministries and corporate partners.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and members of the royal family in a group photo with performers.



Performances at the event.



Drone show at the event.

Royal Birthday Celebration

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 12th October
 - The Brunei-Muara District hosted the final Get-Together Ceremony in conjunction with the 79th Birthday Celebration of 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. Thousands gathered at Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien to welcome His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the members of the royal family.

The event featured a national anthem performance and a special performance themed 'A Visionary Monarch Inspiring the Nation's Wellbeing and Prosperity', featuring 200 participants comprising students, youth groups, government agencies, and associations. His Majesty also attended a royal banquet at An-Naura Hall, where His Majesty cut the birthday cake and received commemorative gifts.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO); His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah during the Get-Together Ceremony with citizens and residents of Brunei-Muara District.

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during the Get-Together Ceremony with the citizens and residents of Brunei-Muara District.



Performances at the event.





His Majesty receiving a *pesambah* (souvenir) in conjunction with His Majesty's 79th Birthday Celebration



His Majesty and other members of the royal family boarding the special vehicle.



His Majesty and other members of the royal family at the Royal Banquet at An-Naura Hall.

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The celebration reflected nationwide unity, gratitude, and loyalty towards His Majesty – honouring the Monarch's wise leadership and vision that have ensured Brunei's continued peace, prosperity, and harmony.

Previously, His Majesty attended the Get-Together Ceremony with the people and residents of Tutong District on 4th October, at the field of the Tutong Community Hall Complex.

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His Majesty; His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at PMO; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah during the ceremony.



Performances during the ceremony.



His Majesty and other members of royal family being greeted by citizens and residents of the Tutong District (above and below).



His Majesty and the royal family at the Royal Banquet Ceremony.

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The event strengthened the close ties between His Majesty and the people, drawing a large turnout of Tutong residents. His Majesty was accompanied by members of the royal family and welcomed by senior government officials.

The celebration featured a special performance themed ‘Raja

Bijaksana Sumber Inspirasi Rakyat – featuring 379 participants, comprising students from primary and secondary schools, as well as community members from the Tutong District.

His Majesty also received commemorative gifts, cut the birthday cake, and joined a Royal Banquet Ceremony. The Monarch concluded the event by greeting committee members and guests.

15th KUPU SB Convocation Ceremony celebrates 225 graduates



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 Chancellor of Seri Begawan Religious Teacher University College (KUPU SB) upon arrival at the 15th Convocation Ceremony of KUPU SB.



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

TUNGKU LINK, Khamis, 16th October

- 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 Chancellor of Seri Begawan Religious Teacher University College (KUPU SB) emphasised the vital role of the KUPU SB in producing not only academically excellent teachers, but also educators who uphold noble character and Islamic values based on Ahli Sunnah Waljamaah.

During the 15th KUPU SB Convocation Ceremony held at the Chancellor Hall, Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam commended the university's Strategic Plan 2025–2029, which focuses on academic excellence, skill development, and moral education. His Majesty urged KUPU SB to wisely embrace

technological advancements, including artificial intelligence (AI), to strengthen teaching and learning methods, and reminded that technology must not replace the essential human role of teachers.

His Majesty also called on KUPU SB to remain a strong defender of true Islamic teachings and be vigilant against ideologies that deviate from Ahli Sunnah Waljamaah.

His Majesty congratulated graduates, parents, lecturers, and the KUPU SB community for their dedication and success – expressing appreciation for their contributions to Islamic education in Brunei Darussalam.

A total of 225 graduates received their Doctorate, Master's, Bachelor's, Advanced Diploma, and Diploma awards in various fields of Religious Teaching, including Islamic Education, Arabic

Language, Shariah, Usuluddin, and Ahli Sunnah Waljamaah Studies.

The ceremony began with the recitation of Surah Al-Faatihah and Asmaul Husna, followed by Quranic verses, a welcoming address, and a *titah* (royal speech) by His Majesty. The event concluded with the signing of a commemorative parchment and a visit to a mini exhibition.

KUPU SB, as the country's only religious teacher training university, aims to produce pious, competent, and ethical educators and leaders. Its vision is to develop holistic human capital that supports national needs, upholding Brunei's Malay Islamic Monarchy philosophy, while providing inclusive, high-quality education rooted in Ahli Sunnah Waljamaah principles.

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Among the graduates during the ceremony.



His Majesty presenting certificates to recipients.



His Majesty during a tour.



His Majesty taking a photo with one of the graduates.

Get-Together Ceremony

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, 25th October - 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 Get-Together Ceremony with Students as well as Citizens and Residents of Brunei Darussalam who are in Malaysia, held at the Hyatt Regency, accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

The event reflected His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's character as a caring Monarch who is close to his subjects. At the same time, it became a special moment long-awaited by the students, citizens and residents abroad who hold His Majesty's leadership in the highest esteem. In a *titah* (royal speech), His Majesty highlighted the importance of safety, self-discipline, and holistic personal development – intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, and physically – for students studying overseas.

The Monarch urged the prudent and ethical use of artificial intelligence (AI)



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 during the Get-Together Ceremony with Students as well as Citizens and Residents of Brunei Darussalam who are in Malaysia, accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

in education, cautioning against using it as a substitute for human effort. His Majesty also expressed concern about negative influences, such as drug abuse, vaping, and bullying, which could harm students' health and reputation.

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The event included Al-Quran recitations, prayers led by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia Dr. Ustaz Awang Haji Abdul Aziz bin Juned, the State Mufti, and cultural performances by Bruneian students. His Majesty also received a commemorative *pesambah* (souvenir). The gathering was attended by over 1,000 Bruneian students and residents in Malaysia, who expressed deep gratitude for His Majesty's continued support and leadership.



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



His Majesty during the Get-Together Ceremony with Students as well as Citizens and Residents of Brunei Darussalam who are in Malaysia (above and below).



Performance by students.

47th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits (continued)



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in a group photo at the Opening Ceremony of the 47th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits.



His Majesty in a group photo during the Plenary Session of the 47th ASEAN Summit.

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In a *titah* (royal speech), His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam congratulated Timor-Leste; reaffirmed Brunei Darussalam's support for the ASEAN Vision 2045; and urged unity amid global challenges, stronger intra-ASEAN trade, and regional cooperation. His Majesty commended Malaysia's chairmanship and pledged Brunei Darussalam's support for the Republic of the Philippines as the next ASEAN Chair.

During a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Sonexay Siphandone, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) held at the Grand Hyatt, both leaders discussed strengthening the Brunei-Lao PDR strategic partnership in education, defence, trade, and agriculture, and exchanged views on regional issues.

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His Majesty during the bilateral meeting with His Excellency Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR).



His Majesty at the 13th ASEAN-United States (US) Summit.



His Majesty at the 28th ASEAN–Japan Summit.

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At the 13th ASEAN–United States (US) Summit, His Majesty highlighted the importance of ASEAN–US cooperation in maintaining peace and stability, including in Gaza and the region,

and called for deeper collaboration in digital transformation and cyber resilience.

At the 28th ASEAN–Japan Summit, His Majesty underscored five decades of ASEAN–Japan partnership; encouraged digital and economic cooperation; and welcomed Japan’s and Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia’s (ERIA) support for climate resilience and energy transition.

His Majesty also met Tetsuya Watanabe, President of ERIA, and discussed Brunei’s efforts to operationalise the ASEAN Centre for Climate Change (ACCC); and His Excellency Antonio Costa, President of the European Council, where both agreed to enhance Brunei–European Union cooperation in digitalisation, maritime logistics, education, and sustainable development.

At the 22nd ASEAN–India Summit and the ASEAN Retreat Session, His Majesty emphasised the deep historical ties with the Republic of India; the need to strengthen economic cooperation and supply chain resilience; and the importance of maintaining ASEAN’s unity and dialogue.

His Majesty was accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince ‘Abdul Mateen throughout the summit.



His Majesty during a courtesy call with the President of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA).



His Majesty during the meeting with the President of the European Council.



His Majesty attending the 22nd ASEAN–India Summit.

ASEAN-related Summits



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during the 26th ASEAN–Republic of Korea (RoK) Summit.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during the 28th ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit.



His Majesty during the Reception on the occasion of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste's admission to ASEAN.



His Majesty during the 5th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Leaders' Summit.

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, 27th October - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam attended several key summits, including the 26th ASEAN–Republic of Korea (RoK) Summit; 28th ASEAN Plus

Three (APT) Summit; 5th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Leaders' Summit; 20th East Asia Summit (EAS); and the 15th ASEAN–United Nations (UN) Summit; as well as the Reception on the occasion of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste's admission to ASEAN.

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The 20th East Asia Summit (EAS) taking place.

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At the ASEAN–RoK Summit, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam welcomed the new ASEAN–RoK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and called for stronger economic integration, trade facilitation, and cooperation in green transition, digital economy, creative industries, and infrastructure.

During the APT Summit, His Majesty highlighted the grouping’s role in regional crisis responses and emphasised food security through the APT Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR), noting that Brunei will host an APTERR exercise later this year.

At the Reception for Timor-Leste, His Majesty joined other leaders in celebrating its formal admission as ASEAN’s 11th Member State, marking a milestone in regional inclusiveness.

In the RCEP Summit, His Majesty reaffirmed Brunei Darussalam’s commitment to free, fair, and rules-based multilateral trade, recognising RCEP as a key platform for regional economic growth and cooperation, and supporting its expansion to new members.



His Majesty during the Reception for Timor-Leste (above and below).

At the EAS, His Majesty reflected on the summit’s evolution in fostering regional stability and resilience, raised concern over mental health challenges, and announced Brunei’s development of an EAS Joint Action Plan on Mental Health Cooperation. His Majesty also urged upholding international law, mutual respect, and multilateralism for lasting peace and prosperity.

in advancing peace and development. His Majesty underscored the importance of the ASEAN–UN partnership in addressing shared challenges, such as climate change, and supported closer collaboration through the ASEAN Centre for Climate Change (ACCC), aligning with the UN80 initiative to strengthen multilateralism.

During the ASEAN–UN Summit, His Majesty commended the UN’s global role

His Majesty was accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince ‘Abdul Mateen throughout the summit.



ASEAN’s role as an epicentre of growth

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, 28th October - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu’izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar ‘Ali Saifuddien Sa’adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince ‘Abdul Mateen, attended the 28th ASEAN–China Summit; ASEAN–New Zealand Commemorative Summit; 5th ASEAN–Australia Summit; a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Pham Minh Chinh, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam; and the Closing Ceremony of the 47th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits.



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 Signing Ceremony of the ASEAN–China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) 3.0 Upgrade.

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the 28th ASEAN-China Summit.

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At the ASEAN-China Summit, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam highlighted ASEAN and the People's Republic of China's longstanding partnership; and welcomed the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) 3.0 Upgrade, which will enhance cooperation in innovation, connectivity, and the development of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). His Majesty also welcomed the upcoming 2026 ASEAN-China Year to commemorate five years of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

During the ASEAN-New Zealand Commemorative Summit, His Majesty celebrated the 50th anniversary of ASEAN-New Zealand relations, calling for greater collaboration in digital skills, infrastructure, and inclusive economic growth. His Majesty also supported the upgrade of the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement.

At the 5th ASEAN-Australia Summit, His Majesty reaffirmed Australia's longstanding support for ASEAN, particularly in regional security and the Indo-Pacific framework, and expressed appreciation for Australia's assistance in strengthening Brunei Darussalam's understanding of maritime law.

In a bilateral meeting with the Prime Minister of Viet Nam, His Majesty looked forward to his upcoming visit to Viet Nam and emphasised strengthening the Brunei-Viet Nam Comprehensive Partnership, especially in trade, energy, halal cooperation, aquaculture, and oil and gas exploration.



His Majesty at ASEAN-New Zealand Commemorative Summit.



His Majesty at the 5th ASEAN-Australia Summit.

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Regional cooperation underscored at APEC Leaders' Meeting (continued)



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during the APEC Economic Leaders' Informal Dialogue with Guests.

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His Majesty also held bilateral meetings with The Right Honourable Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister of New Zealand; His Excellency Luong Chuong, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam; and His Excellency Anutin Charnvirakul, Prime

Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand. Discussions with New Zealand focused on enhancing economic links, food security, halal cooperation, and people-to-people exchanges. With Viet Nam, His Majesty underscored strong cooperation in trade, energy, aquaculture, and halal sectors, and congratulated Viet Nam on its re-election to the United Nations (UN)

Human Rights Council. The meeting with Thailand reaffirmed close collaboration in trade, agriculture, food security, and defence, with both leaders exchanging views on regional issues and noting ongoing cooperation, such as the sorghum nursery project in Brunei Darussalam.

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At the closing ceremony, Malaysia handed over the ASEAN Chairmanship for 2026 to the Republic of the Philippines. The leaders adopted the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future, envisioning a resilient, innovative, and people-centred ASEAN Community; and welcomed the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste as the 11th ASEAN Member State.

Malaysia's chairmanship, under the theme 'Inclusivity and Sustainability', emphasised regional resilience, cooperation, and ASEAN's role as an epicentre of growth in the Indo-Pacific.



His Majesty attending a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.



His Excellency Prime Minister of Malaysia handing over the ASEAN Chair's Gavel to His Excellency President of the Republic of Philippines.



His Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen prior to departure.



His Majesty during the bilateral meeting with The Right Honourable Prime Minister of New Zealand.



His Majesty during the bilateral meeting with His Excellency President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.



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Across the engagements, His Majesty reaffirmed Brunei's commitment to deepening regional partnerships and advancing inclusive, sustainable growth, in line with APEC's 2025 theme, 'Building a Sustainable Tomorrow: Connect, Innovate, Prosper'.

His Majesty during the bilateral meeting with His Excellency Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand.

Celebration of Her Majesty's 79th Birthday



Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam receiving *pesambah* (souvenirs).

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JERUDONG, 19th October - Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam attended a Reception in celebration of Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha's 79th Birthday, hosted by spouses of Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Permanent Secretaries, Deputy Permanent Secretaries and Affiliated Members, held at the Royal Berkshire Hall, Royal Brunei Jerudong Polo Club.

Upon arrival, Her Majesty was greeted by Datin Dayang Hajah Nahriah binti Haji Asbi, wife of the Minister of Religious Affairs who is also the group's Second Chairperson. Also greeting Her Majesty were Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja (Rtd) Major General Dato Paduka Seri Awang Haji Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yusof, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Second Minister of Defence; as well as Dato Seri Paduka Awang Mohammed Riza bin Dato Paduka Haji Mohammed Yunos, Deputy Minister at PMO.

The event included welcoming remarks by the group's Second



Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha during the ceremony.

Chairperson, who expressed gratitude for Her Majesty's presence and offered prayers for Her Majesty's continued health, happiness, and wellbeing.

Her Majesty received several *pesambah* (souvenir) – including a special magazine, '*Junjung Kasih Permaisuri*' – and viewed a video tribute titled '*Permaisuri Berkarisma Inspirasi Rakyat*'.



Her Majesty in a group photo. Also present were Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Anisha Rosnah; Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Bini Hajah Faizah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam.

Attendees at the ceremony.



YSHHB 33rd Anniversary Doa Kesyukuran Ceremony

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 6th October - Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanul Bolkiah (YSHHB) held a Doa Kesyukuran Ceremony to mark its 33rd anniversary at Dewan An-Naura, YSHHB Complex, attended by His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanul Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah as Chairman of the Board of Governors of YSHHB.

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His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanul Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah as Chairman of the Board of Governors of Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanul Bolkiah (YSHHB) at the Doa Kesyukuran Ceremony.





His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik presenting financial contributions to Pusat Ehsan Al-Ameerah Al-Hajjah Maryam and SMARTER Brunei Association.

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The event featured a collective recitation of Surah Yaa Siin, a Doa Khas Kesyukuruan, and Fardu Asar prayer. During the ceremony, YSHHB presented

financial contributions totaling \$100,000 to two non-governmental organisations (NGOs) supporting persons with disabilities: Pusat Ehsan Al-Ameerah Al-Hajjah Maryam; and SMARTER Brunei

Association. Each organisation received \$50,000 to fund training, education, and programmes for individuals with physical, intellectual, and autism-related disabilities.

National Flag Handover for Asian Youth Games, Bahrain

BERAKAS, 16th October - His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Honorary Executive Board Member of the Olympic Council of Asian (OCA) and the President of the Brunei Darussalam National Olympic Council (BDNOC), emphasised that the Asian Youth Games is an important platform for young athletes to showcase their competitiveness and develop their potential at regional and international levels.

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah reminded officials and coaches to protect athletes from harassment and abuse, aligning with the Olympic Council of Asia and International Olympic Committee (IOC) safeguarding policies. His Royal Highness also urged athletes to speak up if they experience any mistreatment, and to uphold Brunei Darussalam's good name with responsibility, discipline, and adherence to anti-doping regulations enforced by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

Brunei will send an 11-member contingent, including five athletes, to compete in swimming and golf at the 3rd Asian Youth Games 2025 in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, from 22nd to 31st October.

A flag handover ceremony was held at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium, officiated by His Royal Highness.

During the event, Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Muhammad Juanda bin Haji Abdul Rashid, Minister of Development as Acting Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, urged the

contingent to uphold discipline, avoid prohibited substances, and embody strong moral values.

The ceremony concluded with a prayer and a group photo session. This marks Brunei's third participation in the Asian Youth Games, the last being in 2013 in Nanjing, People's Republic of China.

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Honorary Executive Board Member of the Olympic Council of Asian (OCA) and the President of the Brunei Darussalam National Olympic Council (BDNOC) delivering a *sabda* (royal speech).



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah handing over the national flag to the Chef de Mission of Brunei Darussalam's contingent.

Opening Ceremony of 3rd Asian Youth Games



The Opening Ceremony of the 3rd Asian Youth Games 2025 held at Exhibition World.

MANAMA, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, 23rd October - The Opening Ceremony of the 3rd Asian Youth Games 2025 was held at Exhibition World.

Present at the opening ceremony was His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien,

Honorary Executive Board Member of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and the President of the Brunei Darussalam National Olympic Council (BDNOC).

The 3rd Asian Youth Games, held from 22nd to 31st October, brings together over 4,000 young athletes from 45 Asian countries, competing in 26 sporting events.

In this edition, Brunei Darussalam will participate in two sports: Aquatics (swimming) and Golf.

This year marks the third participation of the country in the Asian Youth Games, with the last participation being in 2013 at the 2nd Asian Youth Games in Nanjing, People's Republic of China.

PPPBD Khatam Al-Quran Ceremony



Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, President of the Girl Guides Association of Brunei Darussalam (PPPBD), graced the Khatam Al-Quran Ceremony held in conjunction with the 2025 Girl Guides Day.

JERUDONG, 10th October - The Girl Guides Association of Brunei Darussalam (PPPBD) held a Khatam Al-Quran Ceremony in conjunction with Girl Guides Day 2025 at the Royal Berkshire Hall. Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin

Waddaulah, President of PPPBD, graced the event.

Dayang Norazrina binti Haji Sarbini, the association's Chief Commissioner, in her remarks, highlighted that despite the headquarters not being fully operational, PPPBD successfully carried out training,

courses, and camps with support from relevant government agencies. Efforts are ongoing to fully utilise the headquarters soon. The ceremony was also dedicated to Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam's Birthday Celebration.

Efforts to strengthen good relations



Yang Berhormat the Speaker of the Legislative Council (LegCo) receiving a courtesy visit from The Honourable Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 9th October - Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohamed Taib, the Speaker of the Legislative Council (LegCo) received a courtesy visit from The Honourable Seah Kian Peng, the

Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore at the Dewan Majlis Building, along with a delegation, to strengthen ties between LegCo and the Parliament of Singapore.

The meeting focused on enhancing friendship, cooperation, and sharing

experiences on parliamentary functions, management, and capacity building. The visit highlighted the importance of inter-parliamentary relations in supporting close bilateral ties and regional cooperation, and included a tour of the LegCo Conference Hall.

LegCo accepted as 183rd IPU official member



GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, 24th October - The Legislative Council (LegCo), led by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohamed Taib, Speaker of LegCo, together with LegCo Members, held a series of bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the 151st Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

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Yang Berhormat Speaker of the Legislative Council (LegCo) during the bilateral meetings with the British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union (BGIPU) (above); and His Excellency Secretary-General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (right).





Yang Berhormat Speaker of LegCo attending the 151st Assembly of the IPU and related meetings.

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The delegation met with His Excellency Martin Chungong, Secretary-General of the IPU, as well as representatives from the British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union (BGIPU). Discussions focused on strengthening LegCo's participation in IPU activities, enhancing parliamentary cooperation, and promoting mutual understanding through dialogue and collaboration with international counterparts.

During the assembly, the IPU Governing Council approved LegCo's admission as the IPU's 183rd member. This historic decision, formalised through an approved resolution, marks Brunei Darussalam's official membership in the world's oldest and largest inter-parliamentary organisation. The membership was confirmed during the 151st Assembly of the IPU, held from 20th to 23rd October.

The Speaker of LegCo described the occasion as a significant milestone for Brunei, underscoring the importance of inter-parliamentary diplomacy and cooperation in addressing global challenges.



Yang Berhormat Speaker of LegCo leading the LegCo delegation at the 151st Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

The assembly, themed 'Upholding Humanitarian Norms and Supporting Humanitarian Action in Times of Crisis', focused on the role of parliaments in protecting those affected by conflicts, disasters, and global crises.

The sessions included the General Debate on international humanitarian law and humanitarian aid, particularly for war-affected populations, such as in Palestine, as well as discussions on peace, development, health, and climate change. IPU Standing Committees addressed

issues of sustainable development, trade, corporate tax avoidance, multilateral cooperation, and youth participation in parliaments.

The Governing Council reviewed IPU activities, approved budgets, the parliamentary action plan for women, amendments to IPU statutes, and new memberships, including LegCo. The assembly concluded with reports from committees, adoption of General Debate outcomes, and approval of resolutions.

Strengthening regional cooperation for *ummah* well-being

MELAKA, MALAYSIA, 19th October - The 21st MABIMS Religious Ministers Meeting strengthened regional synergy.

Alongside the main meeting and the 49th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM), several side events took place, including the

Regional Islamic Affairs Premier Forum, Melaka International Halal Festival (MIHF'25), and the MABIMS Halal Summit 2025.

MABIMS also launched its new Strategic Plan 2026–2030, continuing

efforts from the 2021–2025 plan – focusing on policy implementation, religious institution management, Hijrah calendar coordination, and halal system development.

The meeting reaffirmed MABIMS' commitment to remain relevant, dynamic, and collaborative in promoting Islamic affairs and regional cooperation.

The 22nd MABIMS Meeting will be hosted by Brunei Darussalam in 2027.



Yang Berhormat Minister of Religious Affairs attending the 21st MABIMS Religious Ministers Meeting.

Official visit from Philippines Secretary of National Defence

BOLKIAH GARRISON, 9th October - The Ministry of Defence received an official visit from The Honourable Gilberto C. Teodoro, Jr., Secretary of National Defence of the Republic of the Philippines.

The Honourable was welcomed by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Awang Haji Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Defence, and held a courtesy meeting.

Both sides expressed satisfaction with their long-standing defence cooperation, strengthened through the Joint Defence Working Committee, exchanges, military exercises, and training. The visit was part of the Filipino Secretary's ASEAN tour to enhance defence relations.



Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Defence during the official visit from The Honourable Secretary of National Defence of the Republic of the Philippines.

Brunei–Philippines deepen defence cooperation



His Excellency Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines during a group photo session on his official visit to the Ministry of Defence.

BERAKAS, 15th October - The Ministry of Defence received an official visit from His Excellency General Romeo Saturnino Brawner Jr., the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, from 14th to 16th October. The Chief of Staff was welcomed at Bolkiah Garrison by Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi bin Bol

Hassan, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF). He then inspected the Guard of Honour, and paid a courtesy visit to Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Awang Haji Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Defence.

Both sides expressed appreciation for strong defence ties and discussed regional developments – emphasising joint exercises, expertise sharing, and exchange visits. The Chief of Staff also reaffirmed the Philippines' commitment to enhancing cooperation. During his visit, he toured RBAF units and cultural and historical sites in Brunei Darussalam.

Enhancing regional energy connectivity, sustainable economic growth

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, 17th October - Brunei Darussalam reaffirmed its commitment to ASEAN energy collaboration at the 43rd ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM), held from 16th to 17th October under the theme 'Powering ASEAN: Bridging Boundaries, Building Prosperity'.

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Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Defence leading the Brunei Darussalam delegation to the meeting, which was officiated by Yang Amat Berhormat Prime Minister of Malaysia.



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Led by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Awang Haji Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Brunei's delegation participated in key discussions on enhancing regional energy security, accelerating renewable energy integration, and promoting sustainable development.

The meeting resulted in the signing

of the Enhanced Memorandum of Understanding on the ASEAN Power Grid (APG) and the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Petroleum Security (APSA), alongside the launch of the ASEAN Power Grid Financing Initiative (APGF). Brunei also contributed to the adoption of the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) 2026–2030, a five-year roadmap for regional energy cooperation and decarbonisation.

On the sidelines, Brunei engaged in high-level talks with ASEAN counterparts, including Malaysia and Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste; and attended the 3rd Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC) Ministerial Meeting, endorsing a joint statement on achieving carbon neutrality through diverse pathways.

The 44th AMEM is scheduled to be hosted by the Republic of the Philippines in 2026.

Committed to preventing cross-border cybercrime

HA NOI, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM, 26th October - Brunei Darussalam, together with other United Nations (UN) member states, recently signed the UN Convention against Cybercrime (Ha Noi Convention) demonstrating its commitment to combating cross-border cybercrime.

The signing was made on behalf of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Awang Haji Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Defence.

Brunei's participation aims to strengthen domestic cybercrime laws and enhance international cooperation. The high-level event was attended by representatives from 110 UN member states, inaugurated by His Excellency Luong Cuong, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, and attended by His Excellency António Guterres, Secretary-General of the UN.

During the plenary sessions, Brunei emphasised its commitment to global cybersecurity, regional and international collaboration,



Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Defence signing the United Nations (UN) Convention against Cybercrime.

and shared initiatives, such as the Anti-Scam Centre and hotline to combat online fraud. The delegation included senior government officials and the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to Viet Nam.

The 19th ADMM convened in Kuala Lumpur



Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Defence in a group photo at the 19th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM).

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, 31st October - The 19th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) was chaired by Yang Berhormat Dato' Seri Mohamed Khaled bin Nordin, Minister of Defence of Malaysia. The meeting marked a historic milestone, with the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste participating for the first time as a full ASEAN member.

Brunei Darussalam's delegation was led by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Awang Haji Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Defence.

Held under the theme 'ASEAN Unity for Security and Prosperity',

the meeting adopted ten ADMM initiatives – a record number – including The Third Additional Protocol to the ADMM and ADMM-Plus Concept Papers.

It also endorsed the Joint Statement on the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Strategic Plan and the Kuala Lumpur Joint Declaration on ASEAN Unity for Security and Prosperity.

Side events included the ASEAN–China Defence Ministers' Luncheon and the Informal ASEAN–India Defence Ministers' Meeting. Brunei also held bilateral meetings with Malaysia and Timor-Leste. Malaysia will host the 12th ADMM-Plus on 1st November 2025.

Efforts to enhance development of health status



Yang Berhormat Minister of Health leading the Brunei Darussalam delegation to the 8th Session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers, held from 7th to 9th October in Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

AMMAN, HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN, 10th October - The 8th Session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers (ICHM8) took place from 7th to 9th October, with Brunei Darussalam represented by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohammad Isham bin Haji Jaafar, Minister of Health and senior officials from the Ministry of Health.

Carrying the theme 'Health is Our Shared Responsibility', the conference focused on strengthening cooperation among the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation

(OIC) member states in public health, pandemic preparedness, non-communicable diseases, digital health, and access to medicines. It also promoted the One Health approach, integrating human, animal, and environmental health.

The meeting adopted four health resolutions, including the extension of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action and initiatives on healthy lifestyles, maternal and child health, and self-reliance in medicine and vaccine

production. The Amman Declaration emphasised equitable healthcare access, digital innovation, and responses to climate and humanitarian challenges, while condemning the destruction of health infrastructure in Palestine and calling for protection of civilians and health workers.

Brunei's participation underscored its commitment to advancing health development and cooperation at the regional and global levels.

Providing comprehensive mental health support

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 10th October - Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohammad Isham bin Haji Jaafar, Minister of Health, stated that Brunei Darussalam joined global partners to celebrate World Mental Health Day 2025, with the theme: 'Access to Mental Health Services During Disasters and Emergencies'. The Minister of Health highlighted that crises – including natural disasters, personal accidents, or health emergencies – can significantly affect mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

The Minister emphasised the importance of prioritising mental health in national emergency plans, noting that psychological effects of crises are normal and can affect anyone. While many can recover with support, some may develop conditions like depression, anxiety, or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), requiring professional care.

The Minister outlined initiatives by the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with other ministries, including Basic Mental Health Training for community leaders, and the upcoming Psychological First Aid (PFA) and Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) programmes for the public, designed to provide early support during emergencies.

The Minister stressed the need for accessible mental health services, comprehensive psychosocial support, trained personnel, and a culture of empathy and openness. The



World Mental Health Day, with a focus on the theme selected by the World Mental Health Association, namely 'Access to Mental Health Services During Disasters and Emergencies'.

government remains committed to strengthening mental health infrastructure, providing immediate support during crises, and building a resilient society capable of recovering and growing stronger from adversity.

Prioritise primary health care, strengthen emergency preparedness



Yang Berhormat Minister of Health leading the Brunei Darussalam delegation to the 76th Regional Committee Meeting for the Western Pacific Region.

THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI, 23rd October - Ministers of Health and delegates from 38 World Health Organization (WHO) Western Pacific Region (WPR) member countries gathered in Nadi from 20th to 24th October for the 76th Regional Committee Meeting. Brunei Darussalam's delegation was led by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohammad Isham bin Haji Jaafar, Minister of Health.

The meeting, chaired by His Excellency Dr. Ratu Atonio Rabici Lalabalavu, Minister of Health of the Republic of

Fiji discussed current health issues, WHO policies, programmes, and future directions for the region. Key topics included mental health care transitions; climate change and health system resilience; International Health Regulations amendments; oral health; alcohol control; and multisectoral cooperation on antimicrobial resistance, zoonoses, nutrition, and non-communicable diseases.

Brunei welcomed the WPR Regional Director's 2024–2025 report with

country-specific health indicators, and supported the 2025–2029 vision of universal health coverage – emphasising primary care, emergency preparedness, and resilient health systems. The country also reaffirmed its commitment to the Pandemic Agreement and leveraging digital health tools like BruHealth 5.0 for preventive care and surveillance. During the visit, the Minister of Health held courtesy meetings with Health Ministers of Fiji and the Republic of Indonesia to discuss national and regional health developments.

Strengthening regional connectivity, empowering private sector



Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Finance and Economy in a group photo with Brunei Darussalam's APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) members.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 24th October - Brunei Darussalam's APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) members, Pengiran Aki Ismasufian, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Standard Chartered Bank Brunei; and Awang Hafriz Fayadh, Managing Director (MD) of Exceltech Solutions Sdn. Bhd., recently

presented the 2025 ABAC Report to 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.

The report, themed 'Bridge, Business, Beyond', highlights ABAC's vision to strengthen regional connectivity; empower the private sector; and promote long-term, sustainable prosperity amid global uncertainties. Key priorities include: advancing digital leadership and securing digital transformation, including responsible use of artificial intelligence (AI) and paperless trade; maintaining open, rules-based trade, advancing the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP), and reforming the World Trade Organization (WTO); promoting inclusive participation by small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), women, and underserved communities, along with resilient healthcare and workforce systems; and closing financing gaps in digital infrastructure, energy transition, and climate resilience.

The CEO of Standard Chartered Bank Brunei emphasised the importance of regional collaboration to empower businesses and prepare for future opportunities, while the MD of Exceltech Solutions Sdn. Bhd. highlighted Brunei's ongoing leadership and constructive role in advancing APEC goals. The recommendations will be formally presented to APEC Economic Leaders during the ABAC Dialogue with Leaders in the Republic of Korea in October, reaffirming ABAC's commitment to a resilient, inclusive, and future-ready Asia-Pacific economy.

Enhancements to ATIGA and ACFTA 3.0 strengthen ASEAN trade

26TH ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY COUNCIL (AECC) MEETING

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KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA



Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Finance and Economy in a group photo at the 26th ASEAN Economic Community Council (AECC) Meeting.

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, 26th October - Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohd. Amin Liew bin Abdullah, the Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Second Minister of Finance and Economy, recently attended the 26th ASEAN Economic Community Council (AECC) Meeting. Chaired by Yang Berhormat Senator Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry of Malaysia, the meeting included AECC Ministers from all ASEAN Member States and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

The Ministers reviewed progress under the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), including ASEAN economic prospects, sustainability initiatives, and digital transformation. They approved AEC outcome documents for submission at the 47th ASEAN Summit.

A special session on the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA) highlighted Brunei Darussalam's leadership

in regional digital transformation, aiming to facilitate cross-border trade, empower micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), promote innovation, and foster artificial intelligence (AI) collaboration.

The Minister at PMO and Second Minister of Finance and Economy praised AEC's continued progress, particularly improvements to the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) and the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) 3.0, which strengthen intra-ASEAN trade and uphold a rules-based global trading system.

The AECC meeting followed a Senior Economic Officials' Preparatory Meeting (Prep-SEOM) held on 23rd October, attended by Dr. Hajah May Fa'ezah binti Haji Ahmad Ariffin, the Permanent Secretary (Economy, Trade and Industry) at the Ministry of Finance and Economy, along with officials from the Trade Division of MoFE.

Strengthening ASEAN disaster resilience



Yang Berhormat Minister of Home Affairs during the 13th SEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) and the 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (COP to AADMER), as well as related meetings with ASEAN Dialogue Partners.

PHNOM PENH, KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA, 20th October - Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ahmaddin bin Haji Abdul Rahman, Minister of Home Affairs, led the delegation from the Ministry of Home Affairs to the 13th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) and the 14th

Conference of the Parties to ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (COP to AADMER), along with related meetings with ASEAN Dialogue Partners, held from 15th to 17th October. The meetings, themed '20 Years of the ASEAN AADMER: ASEAN's Vision for Global Leadership in Disaster Resilience', marked the 20th anniversary of AADMER and focused on strengthening regional cooperation, preparedness, and disaster response. The AADMER Work Programme 2026–2030 was launched, providing strategic guidance aligned with the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Strategic Plan.

ASEAN Ministers approved a Ministerial Statement reaffirming commitments to deeper cooperation, strategic data sharing, and multi-stakeholder engagement, emphasising the Whole-of-ASEAN approach and the role of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) under the principle 'One ASEAN, One Response'. The Minister highlighted Brunei Darussalam's ongoing commitment to strengthening disaster management through Whole-of-

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Government and Whole-of-Nation approaches, aligned with regional and global frameworks such as AADMER and the Sendai Framework. The Minister also shared Brunei's achievements, including the development of a National Inventory Disaster Response Plan, preparations for international Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) recognition, and national initiatives such as ASEAN Day for Disaster Management and public safety awareness programmes.

Brunei expressed full support for the ASEAN Ministerial Statement on AADMER's 20th anniversary, emphasising inclusive disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation strategies, while stressing strategic priorities for regional resilience, the AHA Centre's operational role, and the strengthening of the ASEAN Disaster Management and Emergency Relief (ADMER) Fund for sustainable humanitarian financing. The Minister, alongside fellow ASEAN Ministers, conducted a courtesy visit to His Excellency Samdech Moha Borvor

Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia to brief on AMMDM activities and initiatives, and shared strategic directions developed during Brunei's 2024 chairmanship of AMMDM. The Prime Minister of Cambodia underscored the importance of regional unity, resource sharing, and cooperation in disaster risk management, while expressing appreciation for ASEAN Ministers' commitment to enhancing regional resilience and fostering a safer and more resilient ASEAN.

Strengthening cooperation agriculture, fisheries sectors



Yang Berhormat Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism and His Excellency Secretary of the Department of Agriculture of the Republic of the Philippines signing the Memorandum of Understanding.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, 2nd October - Brunei Darussalam, through its Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Republic of the Philippines on agricultural and fisheries cooperation at Conrad Manila. The MoU, signed by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism; and His Excellency Francisco P. Tiu Laurel Junior, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture of the Philippines, aims to strengthen collaboration between both countries' agriculture and fisheries departments.

The agreement focuses on knowledge and technology sharing, capacity building, training programmes, market access, investment promotion, and private sector involvement. The signing was witnessed by Her Excellency Megawati binti Dato Paduka Haji Manan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to the Philippines during the 47th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Meeting hosted by the Philippines.

Towards resilient, inclusive global food system



Yang Berhormat Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism attending the Conference on Import and Export Food Safety Cooperation of the Belt and Road 2025.

SHANGHAI, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, 18th October - The Conference on Import and Export Food Safety Cooperation of the Belt and Road 2025, themed 'Deepen International Cooperation for Shared Trade Safety and Facilitation', was held from 15th to 16th October, organised by the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC).

Brunei Darussalam's delegation, led by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism, included senior officials from the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT) and the Embassy of Brunei Darussalam in Beijing.

The conference aimed to strengthen international cooperation in food safety, agricultural trade, and agri-food sector development under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) framework.

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In his address, the Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism reaffirmed Brunei's commitment to the BRI, highlighting that food safety is a shared global responsibility.

The Minister emphasised the importance of safe, smooth, and reliable agri-food trade, Brunei's efforts through the Brunei Darussalam Food Authority (BDFA), and the adoption of Good Agricultural, Aquaculture, and Animal Husbandry Practices.

The conference provided opportunities for capacity building, market access, and international collaboration, aligning with Brunei's goals of improving food standards and supporting economic diversification.

On the sidelines, the Minister met Her Excellency Sun Meijun, Minister and CPC Committee Member of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China to discuss enhanced bilateral cooperation in agricultural and agri-food trade. Both sides reaffirmed commitments outlined

in the February 2025 Joint Statement following His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's State Visit to China, and the December 2024 Memorandum of Understanding on Agricultural Cooperation covering rice, livestock, and fisheries sectors.

Brunei reiterated its dedication to strengthening trust and cooperation in food safety governance with China and other BRI nations to ensure safe, sustainable, and reliable food trade – contributing to a resilient global food system.

Building safe, trusted digital ecosystem



Yang Berhormat Minister of Transport and Infocommunications at the 10th ASEAN Ministerial Conference on Cybersecurity (AMCC).

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, 24th October - The 10th ASEAN Ministerial Conference on Cybersecurity (AMCC) was held alongside the 10th Singapore International Cyber Week (SICW) from 20th to 23rd October. Brunei Darussalam was represented by the Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Shamhary bin Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Mustapha, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications, who also oversees national cybersecurity.

Chaired by His Excellency Josephine Teo, Minister for Digital Development and Information of the Republic of Singapore, the meeting gathered ASEAN Ministers responsible for cybersecurity to discuss strategic priorities and regional cooperation in building a secure digital ecosystem.

The Minister of Transport and Infocommunications highlighted that ASEAN, including Brunei, faces growing cyber threats, such as system vulnerabilities and Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) activities. The Minister called for stronger regional cooperation through coordination, CERT-to-CERT collaboration, and capacity building.

ASEAN Ministers agreed to enhance regional collaboration against evolving cyber threats, including artificial intelligence (AI)-driven and quantum-based attacks; and welcomed the new United Nations (UN) Global Mechanism on ICT Security, established in July 2025 to promote responsible state behaviour in cyberspace.

Under the theme 'Shaping the Next Era

of Global Cybersecurity', SICW reaffirmed its role as Asia's leading cybersecurity dialogue platform. During the Opening Plenary, the Minister joined a high-level panel on 'Power Struggle in a Technopolar World', discussing the balance between government and tech industry influence and the need for principled, value-based cooperation.

On the sidelines, Brunei and Singapore Ministers held a bilateral meeting to strengthen collaboration in cybersecurity policy, digital infrastructure, and emerging technologies to advance ASEAN's digital economy goals.

Senior officials from the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications and Cyber Security Brunei also attended the meetings.

Brunei–France strategic partnership strengthened

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 25th October - The French–Brunei Business Association (FBBA) celebrated its 25th anniversary with the theme 'FBBA 25th Anniversary – Through the Years' at Tarindak D'seni.

The Guest of Honour, Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Shamhary bin Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Mustapha, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications, highlighted the strong partnership between Brunei Darussalam

and the French Republic, built on trust, respect, and shared goals. The Minister of Transport and Infocommunications recognised FBBA's active role in fostering business networking and collaboration with government and private sectors.

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Yang Berhormat Minister of Transport and Infocommunications and Her Excellency Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the French Republic to Brunei Darussalam in a group photo.

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The Minister noted significant cooperation in transport and infocommunications, including Royal Brunei Airlines' use of Airbus aircraft and Thales' long-standing support for Brunei's air navigation systems. The Minister also

emphasised emerging collaboration in cybersecurity and expressed hope to enhance training and capacity building with France in both civil and defence areas.

The Minister congratulated FBBA on its milestone and encouraged continued

cooperation in technology, sustainability, education, and digital innovation.

Also present were Her Excellency Eve Lubin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France to Brunei Darussalam; and Pierre Imhof, President of FBBA.

Brunei Darussalam moves towards ageing society

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 1st October - Brunei Darussalam is experiencing an ageing population, with senior citizens making up 10.9 per cent of the population in 2024, up from 10.8 per cent in 2023. The increase, though modest, has significant social and economic implications.

In a message for the International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) 2025, Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Nazmi Mohamad, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports highlighted efforts to ensure the welfare and empowerment of senior citizens. The theme this year, 'Older Persons Driving Local and Global Action: Towards Successful Ageing and Intergenerational Synergy', emphasises seniors as contributors and drivers in society, not just beneficiaries.

The government continues to implement

programmes under the Senior Citizens Action Plan: Towards Successful Ageing – promoting physical, mental, and spiritual well-being, while fostering intergenerational cooperation. Initiatives include engagement with youth through programmes like the Discovery Year Programme and Golden Amazing Race, as well as support schemes, such as pensions, disability allowances, and home assistance.

Active participation of senior citizens in national and community activities, such as organising Khatam Al-Quran ceremonies, reflects their role as valuable assets – preserving culture, religion, and family values, while contributing to a harmonious and inclusive society.

The government reaffirms its commitment



Yang Berhormat Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports.

to empower and support seniors, recognising their wisdom, experience, and vital role in national development.

Advancing ASEAN Community, strengthening cooperation

SELANGOR, MALAYSIA, 9th October - The 34th ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council Meeting was held on 8th October, chaired by the Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture of Malaysia under the theme 'Inclusivity and Sustainability'.

Brunei Darussalam was represented by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Nazmi Mohamad, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports as the ASCCC Council Minister for Brunei Darussalam. The meeting discussed ASEAN's 2025 priorities; reviewed

progress on the ASCC Strategic Plan; and emphasised evidence-based decision-making and people-centred outcomes, such as stronger social protection, and greater opportunities for women and youth.

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The meeting was attended by Yang Berhormat Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports as the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council Minister for Brunei Darussalam.

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports reaffirmed their commitment to cross-sectoral cooperation and welcomed Brunei's leadership in developing the Strategy Playbook on Promoting an Adaptive ASEAN Community of Greater

Understanding and Tolerance. They also endorsed several key outcome documents to be submitted at the 47th ASEAN Summit, including declarations on cultural heritage, higher education, social media, information, and climate change.

The Minister also participated in the inaugural ASCC High-Level Forum 2025, highlighting the role of ASEAN sports in strengthening unity, youth resilience, and cultural identity.

The ASCC Meeting was preceded by the 39th Senior Officials' Committee for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (SOCA) Meeting, and included a visit to the ASEAN Arts and Crafts Bazaar 2025 – featuring participants from all ASEAN Member States, including Brunei.

Realising active, cohesive ASEAN Community



Yang Berhormat Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports in a group photo with ASEAN Ministers responsible for sports and their representatives, as well as the Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for the Socio-Cultural Community.

HA NOI, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM, 18th October - The 8th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports (AMMS-8) was held from 16th to 17th October, attended by ASEAN Ministers responsible for sports, including Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Nazmi Mohamad, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports.

The meeting, chaired by His Excellency Nguyen Van Hung, Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, discussed ways to strengthen regional cooperation in sports and reviewed the successful

implementation of the ASEAN Work Plan on Sports 2021–2025.

The Ministers reaffirmed that sports cooperation supports the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint.

Brunei Darussalam expressed support for the seven proposed priority areas under the upcoming ASEAN Work Plan on Sports 2026–2030, aligning with the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). The

Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports also emphasised the importance of sports diplomacy and ensuring safe, inclusive, and ethical participation in sports, especially for youth, women, and persons with disabilities.

Following AMMS-8, the 5th ASEAN Plus Japan and 2nd ASEAN Plus China Ministerial Meetings on Sports were held, reaffirming commitments to cooperation in sports exchanges, training, youth engagement, and capacity development to strengthen regional unity and people-to-people ties through sports.

Committed to supporting an adaptive, harmonious ASEAN community



This High-Level Forum served as an interactive platform for relevant stakeholders to discuss and provide insights to strengthen the draft Strategy Playbook.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 31st October - The Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports (MCYS), in collaboration with the ASEAN Secretariat, organised the High-Level Forum on the Development of the Strategy Playbook on Promoting an Adaptive ASEAN Community.

The forum builds on the Strategic Policy Framework adopted during Brunei Darussalam’s ASEAN Chairmanship in 2021, and aims to translate its vision into practical and action-orientated measures across all three ASEAN Community pillars.

It brought together participants from ASEAN Member States; the Senior Officials Committee for the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (SOCA); and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) bodies, experts, and partners to provide input for finalising the Strategy Playbook, which will guide efforts to promote peace, empathy, inclusivity, and regional unity.

Two panel sessions focused on multi-stakeholder collaboration; and the roles of youth, women, and creative peacebuilding in fostering understanding and a shared ASEAN identity.

Keynote remarks by His Excellency Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary-General of ASEAN; and Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Nazmi Mohamad, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, highlighted ASEAN’s collective commitment to strengthening tolerance, harmony, and resilience in the region.



Keynote address by Yang Berhormat Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports delivered via video.

Firm action to address liberalism threats

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 7th October - Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), in collaboration with regional Islamic institutions from Malaysia, Republic of Indonesia, and the Kingdom of Thailand, hosted the 14th International Conference on Islam in the Malay World (ICON IMAD XIV 2025) at the Balai Khazanah Islam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah.

With the theme ‘Islam di Alam Melayu: Keilmuan Islam Mendepani Cabaran Era Kecerdasan Buatan (AI)’, the conference addressed how rapid advances in artificial intelligence (AI) are reshaping human life and Islamic values, calling for intellectual preparedness aligned with Islamic principles.



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Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia (Dr.) Ustaz Awang Haji Abdul Aziz bin Juned, the State Mufti, officiated the event.

The State Mufti warned that liberal philosophy poses a serious threat to Islam, having spread into all aspects of life – economic, political, cultural, and religious.

Speaking at the ICON IMAD XIV 2025, the State Mufti said that liberalism has long infiltrated the Malay and Nusantara worlds, evolving into an Islamic modernist movement. Liberal Muslims, he cautioned, reinterpret the Al-Quran, Hadis, and Islamic laws under the pretext of modernisation, even rejecting rulings established by clear religious texts.

The State Mufti urged scholars, educators, preachers, and parents to be vigilant, warning that liberal influences may already exist within families, often spread



Yang Berhormat State Mufti and the Rector of Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) at the event.

through education, reading, and the internet.

Citing Sheikh Abdullah al-Khatib, he said that liberalism promotes freedom of thought and religion with hidden agendas – to erase religion, weaken belief in revelation and the unseen, and prioritise reason and materialism.

The State Mufti concluded that Liberal Islam endangers faith and must be firmly

resisted to prevent it from corrupting society.

A total of 149 papers were presented by local and international scholars, covering diverse Islamic studies fields.

The conference aimed to strengthen academic networks, promote high-impact research, and enhance collaboration for the benefit of the Muslim community and nation.

Courtesy call

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 23rd October - Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia Dr. Ustaz Awang Haji Abdul Aziz bin Juned, the State Mufti, received a courtesy visit from the delegation of the Grand Mufti of Darul Ifta of Region 9 and Palawan of the Republic of the Philippines.

The visit took place at Darulifta Brunei Darussalam, State Mufti's Office.

The delegation included Farrell Hazsan E. Usman, an officer from the Ministry of Finance and Budget and Management of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao; Alameda Hajim M.



Yang Berhormat State Mufti with the delegation of the Grand Mufti of Darul Ifta of Region 9 and Palawan of the Republic of the Philippines

Andong; and Dr. Anwar M. Radiamoda, a lecturer at Mindanao State University.

The delegation was in the country to

attend the 2025 Shariah Advisory Forum (SAF), organised by the Brunei Institute of Leadership and Islamic Finance (BILIF), held on 22nd October 2025.

BrulPO holds seminar on intellectual property



Yang Berhormat Attorney General and Registrar of Trade Marks, Patents and Industrial Designs attending the seminar as the Guest of Honour.

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BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 18th October - In conjunction with the ASEAN Intellectual Property Enforcement Week 2025, the Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BrulPO) held a seminar titled 'Intellectual Property Enforcement on Counterfeit Goods: Health and Safety' on 15th October at the Law and Courts Building.

The event aimed to raise awareness among entrepreneurs and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) about actions that can be taken against

counterfeit goods affecting their products or services.

The Guest of Honour, Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Paduka Dayang Hajah Nor Hashimah binti Haji Mohammed Taib, Attorney General and Registrar of Trade Marks, Patents and Industrial Designs, highlighted the importance of intellectual property in tackling counterfeit issues – especially those endangering public health.

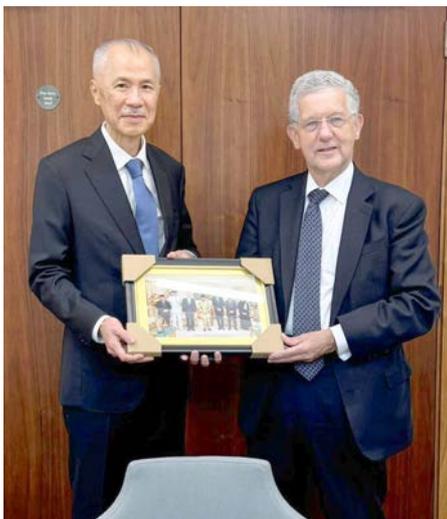
She called for collective responsibility from the government, private sector, and the public to keep Brunei Darussalam

a safe market and fair business environment.

The Attorney General's Chambers, speakers from BrulPO, and several enforcement and consumer protection agencies discussed counterfeit-related issues and enforcement actions.

The seminar gathered about 100 participants, reinforcing BrulPO's commitment to strengthening awareness, cooperation, and enforcement to protect intellectual property and public well-being.

Enhancing Brunei's legal standards



The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam with The Right Honourable Deputy President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom (UK).

UNITED KINGDOM, 2nd October - Yang Amat Arif Dato Seri Paduka Steven Chong Wan Oon, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam recently undertook a series of official engagements in the United Kingdom (UK) to reinforce judicial cooperation and professional relations.

On 2 October, the Chief Justice held meetings with The Right Honourable Lord Patrick Hodge, Deputy President of the Supreme Court of the UK, and members of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. The discussions served as a reciprocal follow-up to The Right Honourable Lord Hodge's visit to Brunei Darussalam earlier this year. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to international judicial cooperation, upholding the rule of law, and maintaining an independent judiciary.

They also agreed to strengthen institutional relations, professional exchanges, and collaborative activities to promote justice, mutual understanding, and legal cooperation between Brunei and the UK.

Earlier, on 1st October, the Chief Justice attended the Opening of the Legal Year in England and Wales, marking his second visit to the event. Senior judges from England, Wales, and other countries were present. Representing Brunei, the Chief Justice was accompanied by His Excellency First Admiral (Rtd) Pengiran Dato Seri Pahlawan Norazmi bin Pengiran Haji Muhammad, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to the UK. Following the ceremony, the Chief Justice held a bilateral meeting with The Right Honourable Dame Sue Carr, Lady Chief Justice of England and Wales, to discuss ongoing and potential judicial cooperation aimed at strengthening the rule of law, justice administration, and shared legal heritage.

The Chief Justice's UK visit began with an official engagement at Lincoln's Inn on 30th September, where he was welcomed by The Honourable Sir Paul Morgan, Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn; Emma Hopkins OBE, Under Treasurer at Lincoln's Inn; and several Senior Benchers. The visit highlighted the long-standing relationship between Brunei's legal community and Lincoln's Inn. Many Bruneian legal professionals,



Yang Amat Arif Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam with The Right Honourable Lady Chief Justice of England and Wales.

including the Chief Justice himself in 1982, have been admitted to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn. The Chief Justice reaffirmed Brunei's commitment to maintaining this professional relationship, promoting high standards of advocacy and ethics; and expressed interest in mentoring future Bruneian barristers. Discussions also included opportunities for ongoing professional development and collaboration.



The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam during the official visit to Lincoln's Inn.

Promoting unique flavours of Malaysian cuisine



A group photo session at the Malaysian Food Festival 2025 held at The Rizqun International Hotel, Gadong.

GADONG, 15th October - The Malaysian Food Festival 2025 is taking place from 15th to 19th October at The Rizqun International Hotel, Gadong, organised by the Malaysian High Commission in Brunei Darussalam, in collaboration with Tourism Malaysia and The Rizqun International Hotel. The opening ceremony was attended by government officials, diplomats, and corporate representatives.

His Excellency Datuk Mohd Aini Atan, Malaysian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam highlighted the festival's role in showcasing Malaysia's rich culinary heritage, strengthening cultural ties, and promoting Malaysian food internationally. Guests enjoyed authentic Malaysian dishes, such as Penang Laksa, Mee Jawa, Char Kway Teow, Murtabak, and

traditional Kelantanese Kuih Gelembung Buaya, prepared by chefs from Beaufort Community College, Sabah. Live cooking demonstrations were also featured.

The festival aims to introduce Malaysian cuisine to the Brunei Darussalam community and foster cultural understanding through gastronomy.

Empowering the ASEAN tourism sector with critical skills



The Chinese Language and Capacity Building Workshop for Tourism Professionals of ASEAN Member States was officiated by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 9th October - The Tourism Development Department, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT), in collaboration with the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), held the Chinese Language and Capacity Building Workshop for ASEAN Tourism Professionals from 9th to 10th October at Laksamana College of Business.

Officiated by Dayang Hajah Tutiatty binti Haji Abdul Wahab, Permanent Secretary of MPRT, the workshop aimed to strengthen regional cooperation and

enhance tourism services for the growing Chinese tourist market.

The Permanent Secretary highlighted that the People's Republic of China is Brunei Darussalam's second-largest source of visitors, with 28,714 arrivals (15.5 per cent of total air arrivals) as of August, supported by the visa exemption policy for Chinese nationals introduced in March.

The workshop gathered 60 in-person and 88 online participants from ASEAN and

the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, focusing on four key skills: basic Chinese language, cross-cultural communication, service excellence, and regional cooperation.

The initiative is expected to produce a more professional regional tourism workforce and support sustainable tourism growth in ASEAN, while MPRT continues efforts to enhance the quality of Brunei's tourism professionals through new training programmes.

Inauguration of the First BMJCT Meeting



Co-chairing on behalf of Brunei Darussalam was the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 9th October
- The 1st Brunei Darussalam–Malaysia Joint Committee for Cooperation in the Field of Transport (BMJCT) was held on 8th October via video conference, co-chaired by Ir. Awang Haji Mohammad Nazri bin Haji Mohammad Yusof, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications (MTIC); and Yang Berbahagia Dato’ Seri Jana Santhiran Muniayan, Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport of Malaysia.

In his opening remarks, the Permanent

Secretary at MTIC highlighted the strong bilateral ties in the transport sector, which support economic growth and mobility between both nations. He cited initiatives, such as the 2023 Air Services Agreement, the Serasa-Labuan ferry service, and road infrastructure developments, as examples of their growing connectivity.

He also stressed the importance of enhancing regional cooperation through ASEAN, BIMP-EAGA, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

The BMJCT, formed after the 2024 Memorandum of Understanding on transport cooperation, aims to facilitate goods and passenger movement and promote transport and logistics innovation. The meeting approved the Terms of Reference and 2026 Work Plan, exchanged policy updates and best practices, and agreed to explore further collaboration opportunities.

Senior officials from MTIC and related agencies attended the meeting as part of Brunei Darussalam’s delegation.

Strengthening Public Service governance in facing the future



Group photo session at the ASEAN Conference on Future-Ready Public Service, held on 7th October at Sunway Resort Hotel, Selangor.

SELANGOR, MALAYSIA, 13th October
- Brunei Darussalam participated in the ASEAN Conference on Future-Ready Public Service, held on 7th October, organised by the Public Service Department of Malaysia under its ASEAN Chairmanship 2025.

The conference, part of the ASEAN Cooperation on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM) initiative, was officiated by Yang Amat Berhormat Dato’ Seri Anwar

bin Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia, and gathered Heads of Civil Service from ASEAN Member States to discuss inclusive, sustainable, and future-ready public service governance.

Brunei’s delegation was led by Awang Ajman bin Haji Meludin, Permanent Secretary (Civil Service Governance) at the Prime Minister’s Office, who presented the nation’s ongoing efforts to foster innovation, build

leadership, and enhance cross-sector collaboration for a resilient and agile public service.

The conference focused on leadership, human capital, and technology, and concluded with the ASEAN Declaration on Future-Ready Public Service – reaffirming ASEAN’s commitment to strengthening ethical, innovative, and professional public service institutions.

Explore innovative approaches, strengthen talent development



The Permanent Secretary (Higher Education) at the Ministry of Education in a group photo.

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, 17th October - Dr. Haji Azman bin Ahmad, Permanent Secretary (Higher Education) at the Ministry of Education (MoE), recently attended the 3rd EU–ASEAN Policy Dialogue, themed ‘Empowering Talent and Skills Development through Internationalisation’, held from 14th to 15th October.

Organised by the EU–ASEAN Sustainable Connectivity Package – Higher Education Programme (SCOPE-HE) in collaboration with the Ministry of Higher Education

of Malaysia, the Dutch Organisation for Internationalisation in Education (Nuffic), and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the two-day dialogue brought together senior representatives from ministries, universities, TVET institutions, and the private sector to strengthen cooperation between the ASEAN higher education community and the European Union.

Through panel discussions, interactive sessions, and networking activities, participants exchanged views on policy

challenges and explored innovative approaches to enhance sustainable connectivity in higher education, TVET, and research. The dialogue focused on talent development, promoting TVET as a sustainable and industry-relevant education pathway, and fostering international cooperation through sustainable exchanges and academic alignment. The event culminated in the Kuala Lumpur Policy Brief 2025, following previous briefs in Vientiane (2024) and Brussels (2025).

Following the dialogue, the Permanent Secretary conducted meetings and working visits to key agencies and institutions, including the Department of Polytechnic and Community College Education (JPKK) and the Ministry of Higher Education of Malaysia, the Selangor Human Resources Development Centre (SHRDC); and the German–Malaysia Institute (GMI) – gaining valuable insights into regional practices that could benefit Brunei Darussalam’s higher education landscape and enhance potential cooperation. He was accompanied by officers from MoE.

Driving tech innovation, entrepreneurship in ASEAN



The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications in a group photo at the 88th ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation (COSTI).

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 27th October - Brunei Darussalam participated in the 88th ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation (COSTI) and related meetings, held from 19th to 24th October in Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand.

The meetings focused on strengthening ASEAN cooperation and competitiveness in science, technology, and innovation (STI). Key outcomes included updates on the ASEAN Technology Startup Ignite – 2025 Priority Economic Deliverable (PED) initiative and successful implementation of projects, such as the Startup ASEAN Platform, the Battery Safety Network, and the High-Performance Computing Infrastructure.

The Brunei-led project, ASEAN Journal on Science and Technology for Development

(AJSTD), achieved its goals in promoting artificial intelligence (AI)-driven academic research and regional scientific publications. COSTI also approved a restructuring of its subcommittees, reducing them from nine to five, effective January 2026.

Side meetings with ASEAN–United States (US), ASEAN–Russia, and ASEAN–United Kingdom (UK) highlighted ongoing STI collaborations. Dr. Hajah Wida Susanty binti Haji Suhaili, Assistant Professor at Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB), won the ASEAN–US Science Prize for Women 2025 (Senior Scientist Category) for her project on smart water management using Internet of Things (IoT).

Bilateral meetings were also held

between the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications (MTIC); and the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) of the Republic of Singapore; as well as with the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) of the Republic of Indonesia to explore STI research and collaboration opportunities. Brunei is currently developing its STI Framework, in line with APASTI 2026–2035 to foster an inclusive and sustainable STI ecosystem.

The delegation was led by Ir. Mohammad Nazri Mohammad Yusof, Permanent Secretary at MTIC, with representatives from MTIC; the Authority for Infocommunications Technology Industry for Brunei Darussalam (AITI); Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD); UTB; and other agencies.

RBAF Officers graduate from Staff Course



Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) presenting the award.

TANAH JAMBU, 2nd October - A total of 46 officers from Brunei Darussalam and four international military officers from the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam received certificates at the Closing Ceremony of the Intermediate Staff Course 25/2025 at the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) Defence Academy. The ceremony was officiated by Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, Commander of the RBAF, who also awarded excellence honours at the event.

Lieutenant Muhammad Hamizan of the Royal Brunei Navy received the Overall Best Student and the Commander RBAF's Paper Award, while Captain Muhamad Afandi of the Royal Brunei Land Forces won the Best Service Paper Award.

The 14-week course prepares RBAF officers for staff roles in single-service or joint environments, focusing on analytical thinking, communication, leadership, operational planning, and understanding military strategy and security.

Strengthening, enhancing bilateral professionalism, capabilities



The 18th Bilateral Meeting of the Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPF)–Singapore Police Force (SPF) with SPF, held on 14th October 2025 at the RBPF Headquarters.

Meeting with SPF on 14th October at the RBPF Headquarters.

The meeting was jointly chaired by Dato Seri Pahlawan Sulaiman bin Alidin, Commissioner of RBPF; and How Kwang Hwee, Deputy Commissioner (Policy) of SPF.

Among the matters discussed were opportunities to strengthen cooperation in the fields of security and policing, including training, skills enhancement, and the exchange of expertise.

The meeting also explored opportunities to expand collaboration in cybercrime investigations and digital forensic capabilities through training programmes and the posting of RBPF officers to the Republic of Singapore for exposure and capacity building.

GADONG, 15th October - The Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPF) held the 18th RBPF–Singapore Police Force (SPF) Bilateral

RBPF and SPF reaffirmed their ongoing commitment to strengthening bilateral relations and enhancing the professionalism and capabilities of their personnel – aiming to develop disciplined, integrity-driven, and competent forces to ensure public safety and well-being.



A group photo session with the Commissioner of Police of RBPF; and the Deputy Commissioner (Policy) of SPF, along with the officers and staff involved.