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5 students awarded prestigious scholarship

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 4th September – 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 awarded the Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah (YSHHB) Sultan's Scholar Scholarship for the 2025/2026 Academic Session to five students in a ceremony held at Istana Nurul Iman.

Accompanying His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam were the Monarch's sons: His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik, Chairman of YSHHB Committee of Governors; and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with the recipients of the Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah (YSHHB) Sultan's Scholar Scholarship for the 2025/2026 Academic Session. Also present were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik, Chairman of YSHHB Committee of Governors; and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

His Majesty visits British Forces Brunei

MUMONG, 27th September – His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam paid an official visit to the British Forces Brunei (BFB).

Accompanying His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was the Monarch's son: His Royal Highness 920 Major (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

After receiving the Gurkha Mala upon arrival, His Majesty consented to sign a commemorative plaque and attended a briefing on the Second Battalion, the Royal Gurkha Rifles (2RGR), BFB.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam upon arrival at the British Forces Brunei (BFB). Accompanying His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was His Royal Highness 920 Major (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

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His Majesty receives audience

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam received in audience His Excellency Gan Kim Yong, Deputy Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry of the Republic of Singapore at Istana Nurul Iman on 30th September.



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 Luong Cuong, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam; His Excellency Pham Minh Chinh, Prime Minister of Viet Nam; as well as the Government and people of Viet Nam on the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of its National Day on 2nd September;
- His Excellency Anutin Charnvirakul on the occasion of his appointment as the new Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand on 8th September; and
- The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, His Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia; the Government; as well as the people of Saudi Arabia on the occasion of its 95th National Day on 23rd September.

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36 receive State Decorations



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 gracing the Audience and Investiture Ceremony held in conjunction with His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's 79th Birthday Celebration. Present alongside His Majesty were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 2nd September – His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam conferred Brunei Darussalam State Decorations upon 36 recipients in conjunction

with His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's 79th Birthday Celebration. The Audience and Investiture Ceremony took place at Balai Singgahsana Indera Kenchana, Istana Nurul Iman.

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Also in attendance were His Majesty's sons and brother: 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; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

The ceremony commenced with the conferment of The Most Eminent Order of Islam Brunei Fourth Class (S.U.B.) on a recipient from the Ministry of Religious Affairs (MoRA).

This was followed with the conferment of The Most Blessed Order of Setia Negara Brunei Fourth Class (P.S.B.) on 31 individuals: comprising nine officers from the Office of His Majesty; two officers from PMO; an officer from the Ministry of Health; three officers from the Ministry of Education; and 16 personnel from the private sector.

A recipient from PMO and three others from MoRA also received The Most Eminent Order of Islam Brunei Fifth Class (P.U.B.).



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 gracing the Audience and Investiture Ceremony.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam conferring Brunei Darussalam State Decorations upon the recipients (above and below).



His Majesty launches UTB Mushaf

BERAKAS, 3rd September – At the 13th Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB) Convocation Ceremony, 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, UTB Chancellor, recalled the launch of the UTB Mushaf Writing Project in 2020 and officiated the debut of the handwritten *mushaf*, which led this year's procession.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam congratulated UTB on its first inclusion in the Times Higher Education World Rankings 2025 and its ninth-place ranking among ASEAN Engineering and Technology Universities in the QS World University Rankings 2026. His Majesty urged UTB to balance academic excellence with improved teaching and learning facilities, and to strengthen its role in innovation and economic development.

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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 Teknologi Brunei (UTB) at the 13th UTB Convocation Ceremony. Accompanying His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office as Pro-Chancellor of UTB.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the 13th UTB Convocation Ceremony.



His Majesty officiating the launch of the UTB Mushaf.



His Majesty presenting certificates to the graduates.



His Majesty and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince mingling with graduates.



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The Monarch highlighted UTB's innovation culture through competitions and industry collaborations, encouraging graduates to apply their knowledge in new fields such as technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to diversify the economy and create job opportunities.

Also in attendance at the ceremony was His Majesty's son: His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office as Pro-Chancellor of UTB.



The recitation of verses 30 to 33 of Surah Al-Baqarah by a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons.) in Mechanical Engineering graduate.



The ceremony also saw a recitation of verses 30 to 33 of Surah Al-Baqarah, welcoming remarks by Datin Paduka Professor Dr. Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Vice-Chancellor of UTB, and the official launch of the UTB Mushaf.

A total of 568 graduates received their certificates, comprising 13 PhDs, 150 Master's, and 405 Bachelor's.

5 students awarded prestigious scholarship (continued)



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam presenting scholarships to the recipients (above and below).



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The scholarship recipients include Awangku Muhammad Eljaz Mateen bin Pengiran Muhammad Khairul Nizam, a graduate of Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan Science College, who will pursue a Master of Science in Physics at University College London, United Kingdom; and Awang Ahmad Danish Hakimi bin Shufiady, a graduate of International School Brunei, who will pursue a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Melbourne, Australia.

Meanwhile, Awang Muhammad Saedon bin Haji Sahralidin, a graduate of Jerudong International School, will pursue a Bachelor in Medicine, Bachelor in Surgery, and Bachelor in Obstetrics at Trinity College Dublin, The University of Dublin, Republic of Ireland.

Awang Muhammad Mughni bin Haji Mohd. Salleh, a graduate of



Institut Tahfiz Al-Quran Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, will pursue a Bachelor's degree in Takhassus Al-Quran Wal Qiraat at Ma'had Qiraat Shoubra, Al-Azhar University, the Arab Republic of Egypt. Dayang Dayana binti Adi Rani Soffian, a graduate of Sekolah Tinggi Arab Hassanal Bolkiah, will also pursue a Bachelor's degree in Syariah Islamiyyah at Al-Azhar University.

Shaping noble individuals, thousands join Maulidur Rasul procession

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 6th September – 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 led the national-level Maulidur Rasul Celebration for 1447 Hijrah/2025 Masihi, joined by members of the royal family, and 5,557 participants representing 95 teams. Simultaneous processions were also held in the other three districts of the country.

The event began with a mass recitation of Surah Al-Faatihah and a *doa selamat* led by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia (Dr.) Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, the State Mufti, and welcoming remarks from Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Awang Haji Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Awang Haji Othman, Minister of Religious Affairs.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a *titah* (royal speech) in conjunction with the Maulidur Rasul Celebration for 1447 Hijrah/2025 Masihi.

Call for ethical use of AI

BERAKAS, 23rd September – His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaullah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam emphasised that teachers are catalysts of sustainable and innovative education during the 35th Teachers' Day Celebration 2025, held at the International Convention Centre. The theme, '*Guru Pemangkin Pendidikan Lestari dan Inovasi*', highlights teachers' roles in driving transformation and innovation.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaullah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the 35th Teachers' Day Celebration 2025. Also in attendance at the celebration were His Majesty's sons and brothers.

Shaping noble individuals, thousands join Maulidur Rasul procession (continued)



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam leading the procession to mark the national-level Maulidur Rasul Celebration for 1447 Hijrah/2025 Masihi. Also present were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

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Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Paduka Seri Utama Dato Paduka Seri Setia Haji Awang Salim bin Haji Besar, Chief Syarie Judge also led the recitation of *selawat* prior to the procession's commencement.

this year's theme, '*Rasulullah Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam Adalah Teladan Keluarga Sakinah, Mawaddah Warahmah*'. His Majesty emphasised Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) role as a model for family life and education, and urged action against bullying through stronger moral guidance in schools.

His Majesty also praised collaborative youth programmes, such as the Husnul Khuluqi Youth Camp, aimed at developing noble character. The Monarch expressed confidence that strengthening Islamic education and values would help curb social ills and nurture a knowledgeable, skilled, and morally upright generation.

Earlier, on 4th September, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivered a *titah* (royal speech) at Istana Nurul Iman, highlighting



Yang Berhormat Minister of Religious Affairs delivering his welcoming remarks.



His Majesty and other members of the royal family at the event.

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam urged educators to embrace artificial intelligence (AI) responsibly, with support from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Religious Affairs through training opportunities. While recognising AI's benefits, His Majesty cautioned against overreliance that could hinder creativity and critical thinking. The Monarch launched the 'GenAI Guidance for Education' guidebook to promote ethical AI use aligned with the Melayu Islam Beraja philosophy.

His Majesty also announced amendments to the Brunei Education Act, empowering the Examinations Board to award qualifications for local subjects, and endorsed new guidelines allowing private higher education institutions to offer accredited home-grown programmes. His Majesty further called for a comprehensive national framework for early childhood education to ensure inclusive, high-quality learning.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the 35th Teachers' Day Celebration 2025.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam presenting the 35th Teachers' Day 2025 Awards to the recipients (above and below).



His Majesty launching the 'GenAI Guidance for Education' guidebook.



His Majesty touring the exhibition and mingling with the people at the event.



Scenes from the 35th Teachers' Day Celebration 2025.

Also in attendance at the celebration were His Majesty's sons and brothers: 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.

The ceremony included welcoming remarks by Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr. Hajah Romaizah binti Haji Md. Salleh, Minister of Education as Co-Chairperson of the event, a video presentation, cultural performances, award presentations to outstanding teachers, and the exhibition launch themed 'The Future of Teaching: Sustainability in Education'.

Knowledge Convention 2025: Nurturing a caring society



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the opening of the Knowledge Convention 2025.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam upon arrival at the event. Also present were 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.

BERAKAS, 30th September

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



(royal speech) delivered on 25th September at the opening of the Knowledge Convention 2025, emphasised integrity, transparency, fairness and efficiency in managing zakat and

charitable funds, while noting that digital platforms have made almsgiving easier and more accessible. The convention was held in conjunction with His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's 79th Birthday Celebration at the International Convention Centre.

Carrying the theme '*Negara Ditanai dengan Sedekah* (A Nation Nurtured by Charity)', the convention underscored that charity is not only a personal act of piety but also fundamental to nation-building, fostering a caring society and curbing selfishness. His Majesty also launched a book titled '*Negara Ditanai Dengan Sedekah*'.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and members of the royal family having a get-together with the attendees of the event (above); and touring the exhibition (below).



Also present were the sons and siblings of His Majesty: His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of

Foreign Affairs.

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Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Second Minister of Defence as Co-Chairperson of the Knowledge Convention 2025 Steering Committee delivering his welcoming remarks at the opening.



His Majesty visits British Forces Brunei (continued)

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The Monarch also inspected the Guard of Honour, comprising 85 personnel, led by Major Ed Hicks, 'C' Company Officer Commanding, 2RGR.

The event was further enlivened by a series of performances. Before concluding the visit, His Majesty had a get-together with families of BFB personnel and attended a luncheon.

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam signing a commemorative plaque (left); and attending a briefing (right).

Knowledge Convention 2025: Nurturing a caring society (continued)



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik at the Premier Forum of the Knowledge Convention 2025.

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The ceremony featured a *doa selamat* by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia (Dr.) Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, the State Mufti, Al-Quran recitation, welcoming remarks 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 (PMO) and Second Minister of Defence as Co-Chairperson of the Knowledge Convention 2025 Steering Committee, and a special lecture by the State Mufti. His Majesty later toured the exhibition and attended a luncheon.

Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) attended the Premier Forum, joined by His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik. The forum featured panel discussions on the role of charity in strengthening society and faith.

Earlier today, Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab Rahaman graced the Premier Lecture, which focused on 'Women and Charity, Never Be Separated'.

The Knowledge Convention 2025 was jointly organised by PMO, the Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Ministry of Finance and Economy, the Ministry of Development, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports.



Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab Rahaman at the Premier Lecture of the Knowledge Convention 2025. Also present was Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Anisha Rosnah binti Adam.

Call for unity, dedication in civil service

BERAKAS, 29th September – 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 emphasised the need for the civil service to remain vigilant, agile and adaptive in the face of rapid global change, ensuring that policies, processes, and services remain relevant for the future.

In a *titah* (royal speech) delivered during the 32nd Civil Service Day celebration at the International Convention Centre, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam urged every civil servant to perform their duties with agility and a true sense of service to the nation, stressing that dysfunction within the civil service must not be tolerated.

His Majesty highlighted cooperation as essential for achieving goals and expressed hope that the *Pemedulian* initiative would accelerate follow-up on public complaints and inspire positive shifts in attitudes and mindsets within the service.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the 32nd Civil Service Day celebration.



Also in attendance were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

His Majesty visits British Forces Brunei (continued)

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His Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen having a get-together with families of BFB personnel.



Performances held at the event.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam presenting awards to the recipients.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and members of the royal family touring the event's exhibition.



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The Monarch further underscored the importance of embracing technological advancements, which streamline work processes and support the nation's progress towards Brunei Vision 2035.

In conclusion, His Majesty called for unity and dedication among civil servants, reaffirming their vital role as the backbone in implementing national plans for the wellbeing and stability of the country.

The event also featured Al-Quran recitation, remarks 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 the presentation of civil service excellence awards.

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



Yang Berhormat Minister at Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Defence delivering his welcoming remarks at the event.

Call to strengthen *dakwah* methodology

BERAKAS, 10th September – His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office as the Deputy Sultan, emphasised that artificial intelligence (AI) must be governed responsibly to prevent misuse that could influence public opinion.

Delivering a *sabda* (royal speech) at the 13th Haflut Takharri Ceremony of the Institut Tahfiz Al-Quran Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah (ITQSHHB), His Royal Highness the Crown Prince cited His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's *titah* (royal speech) which likened AI development to a form of modern migration that requires mindfulness.

His Royal Highness called for strengthening exposure to proven *dakwah* (Islamic propagation) methods and incorporating them into ITQSHHB's curriculum, expressing confidence that graduates will become the next generation of progressive *dai* (preachers).

His Royal Highness also commended the institution's efforts to develop students' character, Al-Quran expertise, and soft skills in line with Brunei Vision 2035 as a Zikir Nation.

Highlighting the importance of *Rasmul Quran* (the method of Quranic writing), His Royal Highness underscored the graduates' role in upholding Quranic standards and referred to His Majesty's directive to establish a dedicated Act for the publication and preservation of national Al-Quran manuscripts.

The ceremony also featured Quranic recitations, remarks by 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 Chairman of the Board of ITQSHHB, and the presentation of Diploma 'Aliyah Qira'at certificates to 27 graduates, followed by a *doa selamat* recited by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Paduka Seri Utama Dato Paduka Seri Setia Haji Awang Salim to bless the event.

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His Royal Highness the Crown Prince accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik upon arrival at the ceremony (left); His Royal Highness the Crown Prince delivering a *sabda* (royal speech) (right).



His Royal Highness the Crown Prince presenting Diploma 'Aliyah Qira'at certificates to graduates.

Recognition of student excellence at ISB Awards Ceremony

SALAMBIGAR, 3rd September – His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab Rahaman graced the International School Brunei (ISB) Board of Directors Achievement Awards Ceremony.

The event recognised International Baccalaureate (IB) students for their outstanding May 2025 results, including Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim, who received both the ISB Board of Directors Bronze Excellence Award and the Achievement Award.

In total, 12 students received Bronze Excellence Awards, while 26 received Achievement Awards.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab Rahaman at the International School Brunei Board of Directors Achievement Awards Ceremony. Also present were Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim; Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Muneerah Madhul Bolkiah; Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda Muhammad Aiman; and Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Faathimah Az-Zahraa' Raihaanul Bolkiah.



The ceremony featured speeches from ISB's Executive Principal, an alumnus guest speaker, and a Silver Excellence Award recipient. It also marked the official farewell for Year 13 students as they prepare for higher education.

Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim receiving an award at the ceremony.

Launch of Sirah Rasulullah Exhibition



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah launching the Sirah Rasulullah Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam Exhibition: Al-Rawdah Al-Sharifah and Al-Hujrah Al-Nabawiyyah (left); and touring the exhibition (right).



BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 4th September – His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah officiated the opening of the Sirah Rasulullah Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam Exhibition: Al-Rawdah Al-Sharifah and Al-Hujrah Al-Nabawiyyah, organised by the Balai Khazanah Islam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah (BKISHHB) and Ilma Events Sdn. Bhd.

The ceremony featured welcoming remarks by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Awang Haji Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof.

After the launch, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik toured the exhibition at BKISHHB's Special Gallery. Running until 13th November, the exhibition showcases replicas of the Rawdah at Al-Masjid Al-Nabawi in Madinah and the home of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) with Sayidatina Aisyah Radiallahuanhu.

It also features academic programmes and side activities in collaboration with the State Mufti's Office, Islamic Da'wah Centre, Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali, and Seri Begawan Religious Teachers University College.

Royal attendance at Women's Special Assembly

JERUDONG, 18th September – Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah graced the Women's Special Assembly in conjunction with the Maulidur Rasul Celebration for 1447 Hijrah/2025 Masihi at Royal Berkshire Hall, Tarindak D'Pollo.

Also in attendance were Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien.

The event began with an Al-Quran recitation by Dayang Najla' Sabreena binti Haji Abdul Rajid, the winner of the



Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah gracing the Women's Special Assembly in conjunction with the Maulidur Rasul Celebration for 1447 Hijrah/2025 Masihi.

National Al-Quran Reading Competition for Youth in 2024 and 2025.

Welcoming remarks were also delivered by Datin Hajah Umiyati binti Haji Mohammad Noor, Acting Director of the Islamic Eminence Development Division, Ministry of Religious Affairs (MoRA). The ceremony continued with a Dikir Marhaban performance by officers and staff from the Ministry of Finance and Economy (MoFE); the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports (MCYS); Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam (BIBD); and the Council of Women Brunei Darussalam (CWBD).

A special religious talk was delivered by Dr. Widad binti Dato' Dr. Haji Abdul Aziz, Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali. The event continued with *selawat* recitations by Year 5 and 6 students from Sekolah Arab Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Damit, before concluding with a *doa selamat*, recited by Dayang Hajah Noor Rasidah binti Haji Sharbini, Acting Assistant Director of Islamic Studies (Corporate Services) at the Department of Islamic Studies, MoRA.

This year's event was jointly organised by MoRA; MoFE; MCYS; BIBD; and CWB.



An Al-Quran recitation by the winner of the National Al-Quran Reading Competition for Youth in 2024 and 2025 (left); Dikir Marhaban performance by officers and staff from the Ministry of Finance and Economy; the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports; Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam; and the Council of Women Brunei Darussalam (centre); and *selawat* recitations by Year 5 and 6 students from Sekolah Arab Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Damit (right).

Royalty launches Household Affairs Exhibition 2025

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 4th September – Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatulk Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah officiated the Household Affairs Exhibition 2025 in conjunction with His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's 79th Birthday Celebration for the Brunei-Muara District.

Also in attendance were Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah; Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien.



Her Royal Highness and other members of the royal family touring the exhibition.



Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatulk Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah at the Household Affairs Exhibition 2025. Also in attendance were Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah; Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien.

The event saw a welcoming address by Datin Dayang Hajah Siti Hajar binti Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Setia Dato Paduka Haji Mohd. Yussof, President of PERTIWI Association as Co-Chairperson of the event.

Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatulk Bolkiah then launched the event and presented tokens of appreciation to its participants, before touring the exhibition.



Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatulk Bolkiah launching the Household Affairs Exhibition 2025.

Organised under the management of the PERTIWI Association, the exhibition also features demonstrations of culinary products, handicrafts, clothing, as well as household and kitchen equipment. The event's participants comprise Village Consultative Councils, private sector entities, non-governmental organisations, and individuals.

Her Royal Highness graces Birthday Celebration



Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Commandant of the Women Police at the Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPF) cutting a birthday cake (left); and in a group photo at the ceremony held in conjunction with Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna's Birthday Celebration (right).



BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 11th September – Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Commandant of the Women Police at the Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPF) graced a religious ceremony held in conjunction with Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna's Birthday Celebration. The event was held at the Banquet Hall, RBPF Mess.

The ceremony commenced with the recitation of Surah Yaa

Siin, followed by a special religious talk delivered by Pengiran Norizzati binti Pengiran Haji Kasharan, Deputy Director of the Centre for Contemporary Fiqh Studies at Seri Begawan Religious Teachers University College. A special prayer was also recited to commemorate Her Royal Highness' Birthday.

Around 200 female police personnel from across the country attended the event.

AIPA: Shaping ASEAN's future, adoption of 42 resolutions



Yang Berhormat Speaker of the Legislative Council at the 46th General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA).



MALAYSIA, 21st September – 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 issued a *titah* (royal speech) in conjunction with 46th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) General Assembly, hosted by the Parliament of Malaysia from 16th to 22nd September at the World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam highlighted that the theme 'Parliament at the Forefront for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable ASEAN' reflects the region's shared aspirations and the crucial role of Parliaments in shaping ASEAN's future. His Majesty emphasised

aligning policies and promoting inclusivity to ensure sustainable development that benefits all, while underscoring Parliaments' role in advancing social, economic, and environmental progress and strengthening inter-parliamentary diplomacy.

Brunei Darussalam's delegation was led by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohamed Taib, Speaker of the Legislative Council (LegCo), accompanied by 12 LegCo members and officials.

The event's opening ceremony was officiated on 18th September by Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia.

In a statement at the First Plenary Session, the Speaker of LegCo reaffirmed the Parliaments' roles in legislation, oversight, and representation to ensure inclusive and sustainable regional growth, highlighting opportunities for youth, women, persons with disabilities, and marginalised communities.

Over five days, 42 resolutions — the highest number to date — were adopted across six Standing Committees. A dialogue with 14 AIPA Observer Parliaments discussed ASEAN centrality and regional sustainability.

The session concluded with the signing of a Joint Communiqué, the handover of the AIPA Chairmanship to the Republic of the Philippines for 2026, and the transition of the AIPA Secretary-General post from Her Excellency Ar. Dayang Siti Rozaimeryanty binti Dato Seri Laila Jasa Awang Haji Abdul Rahman of Brunei Darussalam to Dr. Chem Widhya of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

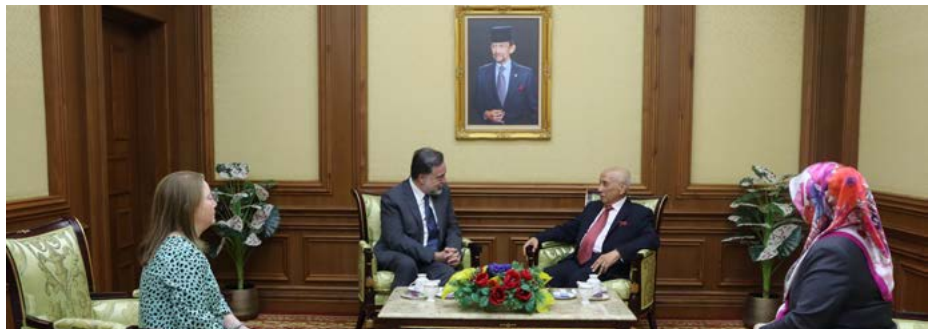


A Dialogue Session with 14 AIPA Observer Parliaments centred on the theme 'ASEAN Centrality: Catalysing an Inclusive Regional Architecture for a Sustainable Future' taking place.

Brunei-United Kingdom discuss multi-sector collaboration

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 4th September – Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohamed Taib, Speaker of the Legislative Council (LegCo) received a courtesy call from His Excellency Ken O'Flaherty, Acting British High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam.

The meeting, held at the Dewan Majlis Building, discussed bilateral cooperation, parliamentary relations, global issues, and economic diversification.



Yang Berhormat Speaker of the Legislative Council (LegCo) during the courtesy call from His Excellency Acting British High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam. Also present was Clerk to the Privy Council, Secretary to the Cabinet Ministers' Council and Clerk to LegCo.

Malaysian High Commission celebrates Malaysia's 68th National Day

JERUDONG, 6th September – Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Awang Haji Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Awang Haji Othman, Minister of Religious Affairs, attended a reception hosted by the High Commission of Malaysia in Brunei Darussalam to celebrate Malaysia's 68th National Day at the Royal Berkshire Hall, Tarindak D'Polo. Accompanied by his spouse, the Minister of Religious Affairs joined over 250 guests at the event, which featured national anthems, welcoming remarks by His Excellency Datuk Mohd. Aini Atan, High Commissioner of Malaysia to Brunei Darussalam, the presentation of mementos, and a cake-cutting ceremony.



Yang Berhormat Minister of Religious Affairs and spouse during the cake-cutting session.

Quality healthcare critical for mothers, newborns

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 18th September – Jerudong Park Medical Centre (JPMC) stands united with the global community in commemorating World Patient Safety Day on 17th September, advocating the theme 'Safe Care for Every Newborn and Every Child'.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), in 2022, an estimated 2.3 million children died within their first 28 days of life, corresponding to around 6,500 newborn deaths each day – a reminder that access to quality healthcare is critical for mothers and newborns worldwide.

In response to this global call, Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohammad Isham bin Haji Jaafar, Minister of Health as the Executive Director of JPMC, emphasised that the company's duty reflects the trust entrusted upon them. This is fulfilled through targeted research, strategic investment, and the cultivation of a quality culture that meets the most rigorous international standards.

The Minister of Health added that the theme underscores the need for a multidisciplinary approach. The strategic integration of JPMC with the Pantai Jerudong Specialist Centre on 1st



Yang Berhormat Minister of Health as the Executive Director of Jerudong Park Medical Centre in a group photo.

January has created a unified vision to elevate patient care through enhanced collaboration, expanded specialised services and state-of-the-art technology.

Bringing up JPMC's groundbreaking research into radiotherapy for pregnant cancer patients as a testament to this approach, the Minister further stated that JPMC has also made substantial physical investments to mitigate risks. In December 2024, the hospital unveiled its newly refurbished Obstetrics and Gynaecology Ward.

"JPMC advocates strongly for routine immunisations and enforces strict policies

that prioritise their safety," said the Minister. These efforts are supported by a system-wide commitment to the best international practices. JPMC recently underwent a rigorous Joint Commission International extension survey for its Specialist Medical Services, emphasising on the standards of care for vulnerable populations. This external review is critically important, as WHO stresses that strengthening safety systems in this way can prevent up to 80 per cent of all avoidable harm in healthcare.

In closing, the Minister issued a call for collaboration, echoing WHO's objective to empower families.

Ensuring prosperous future, quality of life

SEOUL, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, 18th September – Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohammad Isham bin Haji Jaafar, Minister of Health lead the Brunei Darussalam delegation to the 15th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) High-Level Meeting on Health and the Economy; and the 4th World Bio Summit.

The 15th APEC High-Level Meeting on Health and the Economy, themed 'Connect, Innovate, Prosper: Building a Healthy, Smart and Aging-Responsive Society' took place on 15th and 16th September under the chairmanship of His Excellency Jeong Eun Kyeong, Minister of Health and Welfare of Korea.

Two strategic roadmaps were launched at the meeting: the Roadmap to Advance Dengue Prevention & Control in APEC Economies 2026-2030; and the Roadmap to Accelerate Cervical Cancer Elimination in APEC Economies 2026-2030. The meeting



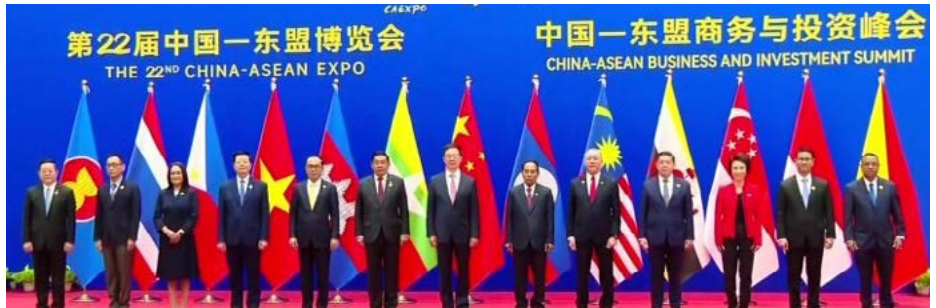
Yang Berhormat Minister of Health at the 15th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) High-Level Meeting on Health and the Economy; and the 4th World Bio Summit.

adopted the Joint Ministerial Statement of the 15th APEC High-Level Meeting on Health and the Economy.

Meanwhile, the 4th World Bio Summit was held on 17th September under the theme 'From Innovation to Access: Health Innovation for Everyone, Everywhere'. The summit focused on exploring the future direction and vision in key health and biotechnology areas.

CAEXPO: 13 companies represent nation, several MoUs inked

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, 20th September – The 22nd China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) was held from 17th to 21st September in Nanning, under the theme 'Digital Intelligence and Innovation Empower Development – Leveraging ASEAN-China FTA 3.0 new opportunities for an even closer China-ASEAN Community with a shared future'.



Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Finance and Economy leading the Brunei Darussalam delegation.

Brunei Darussalam's delegation was led by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohd. Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Second Minister of Finance and Economy, accompanied by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Muhammad Juanda bin Haji Abdul Rashid, Minister of Development.

Thirteen Bruneian companies participated across several pavilions, including the Cities of Charm Pavilion, Commodity Pavilion, and for the first time, the ASEAN

High-Tech Pavilion.

During the Expo, the Minister at PMO and Second Minister of Finance and Economy attended the China-ASEAN Industry Ministerial Roundtable Meeting and held high-level talks with Guangxi leaders, including Governor Wei Tao and CPC Secretary Chen Gang. The Minister also took part in the Fifth Meeting of the Brunei-Guangxi Economic Corridor

Joint Cooperation Committee on 18th September.

The visit saw the signing of several Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) to enhance cooperation in electrolytic aluminium production, development of the Brunei Terunjing Industrial Park, and advancement of Brunei's startup and innovation ecosystem through high-tech collaboration.

Brunei-Singapore: Expanding strategic cooperation

THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, 22nd September – The Inaugural Joint Committee Ministerial Meeting between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Singapore was held on 15th September.

The meeting was co-chaired by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohd. Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Second Minister of Finance and Economy; and His Excellency Dr. Tan See Leng, Minister for Manpower and Minister-in-charge of Energy and Science & Technology in the Ministry of Trade and Industry of Singapore.

In his opening remarks, the Minister at PMO and Second Minister of Finance and Economy highlighted the importance of strengthening collaboration by leveraging advantages, and underscored multinational platforms as avenues for continued discussions. The Minister also noted that the collaboration enables both countries to review progress and set new directions for bilateral and regional cooperation. The Co-Chairs commended the Working Groups' steady progress, and supported expanding



Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Finance and Economy at the Inaugural Joint Committee Ministerial Meeting between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Singapore.

cooperation beyond the existing Memoranda of Understanding on food and energy.

The meeting was also attended by Dr. Hajah May Fa'ezah binti Haji Ahmad Ariffin, Permanent Secretary (Economy, Trade and Industry) at the Ministry of Finance and Economy, as well as officers from the ministry's Industry and Business Ecosystem Division.

BRE receives Singaporean Deputy Prime Minister

SERIA, 30th September – His Excellency Gan Kim Yong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry of the Republic of Singapore visited Brunei Rotary Engineering Sdn. Bhd. (BRE) at the Sungai Liang Industrial Park (SPARK) Centre.

His Excellency Gan Kim Yong was welcomed by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohd. Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Finance and Economy; and Yang Mulia Dato Seri Paduka Awang Haji Khairuddin bin Haji Abdul Hamid, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy (Economy).

Apart from a walkthrough of the BRE offices, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry was briefed on ongoing and upcoming projects, including collaborations with



His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry of the Republic of Singapore; and Yang Berhormat Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Finance and Economy during the visit.

Brunei Shell Petroleum and Brunei Fertilizer Industries (BFI). Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry of the Republic of Singapore also toured the BFI Plant and its Safety Park.

ASEAN Ministers strengthen efforts against environmental issues

MALAYSIA, 4th September – The 18th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment and the 20th Meeting of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution were held on 3rd September in Langkawi, with Brunei Darussalam represented by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Muhammad Juanda bin Haji Abdul Rashid, Minister of Development; Dayang Dr. Nor Imtihan binti Haji Abdul Razak, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Development (MoD); as well as senior officials from Department of Environment, Parks and Recreation, MoD; and the Brunei Climate Change Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office.

The meetings commended Malaysia's 2025 ASEAN Chairmanship priorities, endorsed the ASEAN Joint Statement on Climate Change to be presented at COP30, and welcomed Malaysia's initiative to establish the Southeast Asia Alliance Negotiation Group under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). They also highlighted the signing of agreements establishing the ASEAN Climate Change Centre and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Transboundary Haze Pollution Control.

The Minister of Development underscored Brunei's targets of reducing greenhouse



Yang Berhormat Minister of Development representing Brunei Darussalam at the 18th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment and the 20th Meeting of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution.

gas emissions by 20 per cent by 2030 and achieving net zero by 2050, supported by mandatory reporting directives and youth engagement initiatives. The Minister reaffirmed Brunei's efforts in biodiversity protection, with 41 per cent of land under conservation, a tree-planting pledge of 500,000 by 2035, and forest coverage of 72 per cent, while also exploring carbon markets as part of decarbonisation strategies.

The meetings approved six new ASEAN Heritage Parks, welcomed the new Executive Director of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, and noted progress on the Post-2025 ASEAN Strategic Plan on Environment, the ASEAN Climate Change Strategic Action Plan, and regional haze pollution control initiatives. They further acknowledged developments in climate projection tools, the strengthening of

fire danger rating systems, and regional capability-building programmes. Reports from sub-regional steering committees on transboundary haze were also considered.

Engagements were also held with Japan, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, and the European Union (EU) through respective ministerial dialogues, which reviewed cooperation and discussed future strategies. As ASEAN-EU country coordinator, the Minister delivered remarks at a side event on biodiversity protection and carbon pricing, emphasising these as national priorities. The meetings concluded by welcoming new joint statements and cooperation programmes with Japan, the EU, and China, alongside the issuance of a joint press statement on the first ASEAN-EU Ministerial Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change.

Reception marks Saudi Arabia's National Day

JERUDONG, 23rd September – The Royal Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Brunei Darussalam hosted a reception to mark the 95th National Day of Saudi Arabia at the Royal Berkshire Hall of the Royal Brunei Polo and Riding Club. Representing the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam as the Guest of Honour was Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Muhammad Juanda bin Haji Abdul Rashid, Minister of Development, accompanied by his spouse, Datin Fadzlin binti Haji Hashim.

The event commenced with national



Yang Berhormat Minister of Development and spouse at the reception.

anthems, followed by an Al-Quran recitation and a video presentation. Yang Berhormat Minister of Development also received a gift from His Excellency

Mohammed Abdullah Al-Buraithin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Saudi Arabia to Brunei Darussalam.

Towards a sustainable global aviation sector

MONTREAL, CANADA, 28th September – Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Shamhary bin Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Mustapha, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications led Brunei Darussalam's delegation to the 42nd Session of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Themed 'Safe Skies, Sustainable Future', which commenced on 23rd September. The event was held at the ICAO Headquarters in Montreal, Canada.

In his address on 24th September, the Minister of Transport and Infocommunications welcomed the development of ICAO's Long-Term Strategic Plan (2026-2050) and the Triennial Business Plan, and underscored the importance of the 'No Country Left Behind' initiative.

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The Minister explained Brunei's efforts to support ICAO's mandates and strategic objectives, with priority given to strengthening the Brunei International Airport's security and operational capabilities. He further outlined the country's initiatives to modernise and future-proof its aviation infrastructure.

On environmental matters, the Minister welcomed ICAO's efforts in promoting the implementation of Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation, and urged for greater accessibility and affordability of sustainable aviation fuels.

The Minister also held a series of bilateral meetings with key aviation leaders, including Salvatore Sciacchitano, President of the ICAO Council; Juan Carlos Salazar, Secretary General of ICAO; Yang Berhormat Datuk Haji Hasbi bin Haji Habibollah, Deputy Minister of Transport of Malaysia; His Excellency Mohamed bin Faleh Al-Hajri, Acting President of Qatar Civil Aviation Authority; and His Excellency Jeffrey Siow, Acting Minister of Transport of the Republic of Singapore.



Yang Berhormat Minister of Transport and Infocommunications leading the Brunei Darussalam at the 42nd Session of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Accompanying the Minister were the Ir. Awang Haji Mohammad Nazri bin Haji Mohammad Yusof, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications (MTIC); Suzianti binti Abdul Latip, First Secretary and Acting High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to Canada; as well as senior officials from MTIC and the Department of Civil Aviation.

Strengthening Brunei-Viet Nam diplomatic partnership

GADONG, 8th September – The Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in Brunei Darussalam hosted a reception at The Rizqun International Hotel in celebration of the 80th National Day of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

Representing the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Nazmi bin Haji Awang Mohamad, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports; and spouse, Datin Hajah Binanun binti Haji Bungsu.

The evening began with the singing of national anthems, followed by welcoming remarks delivered by His Excellency Tran Anh Vu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Viet Nam to Brunei Darussalam.

The event concluded with a cake-cutting session, officiated by



Yang Berhormat Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports representing the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the reception.

His Excellency Ambassador of Viet Nam and the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, together with their spouses.

Enhancing regional connectivity, supporting ASEAN's image

MELAKA, MALAYSIA, 29th September – Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism led Brunei Darussalam's delegation to the ASEAN Tourism Ministers' Retreat. Chaired by Malaysia in conjunction with World Tourism Day 2025, the meeting was hosted by His Excellency Dato Sri Tiong King Sing, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture of Malaysia.

The Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism was accompanied by Awang Haji Mohd. Yusree bin Haji Junaidi, First Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism, along with officials from the Tourism Development Department.

The retreat focused on building a sustainable, inclusive and resilient tourism



Yang Berhormat Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism in a group photo at the ASEAN Tourism Ministers' Retreat.

sector, while enhancing ASEAN's global competitiveness.

The Minister outlined several initiatives under the Tourism Industry Roadmap 2024-2035, and noted Brunei's environmental efforts under the Brunei

Greening Programme. The Minister also highlighted initiatives to strengthen regional connectivity, alongside Brunei's use of digital platforms to enhance promotion and positioning, supporting ASEAN's image as a united, multi-country destination.

Fostering judicial relations

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, 27th September – Yang Amat Arif Dato Seri Paduka Steven Chong Wan Oon, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and a delegation from the Judiciary of Brunei Darussalam recently conducted an official visit to the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (FCFCOA). The delegation comprised Pengiran Hajah Norismayanti binti Pengiran Haji Ismail, Acting Chief Registrar and Chief Magistrate; and Kamaliah Fadhilah binti Haji Ibrahim, Senior Registrar.

The delegation was welcomed by The Honourable William Alstergren AO, Chief Justice of FCFCOA, and senior officials of FCFCOA.

During the visit, the chief justices discussed court and judicial administration, case management processes, court-connected mediation and the role of registrars, as well as initiatives to support self-represented litigants. The meeting also explored the Court's Family Dispute Resolution mechanisms, and the Family



Yang Amat Arif Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the delegation from the Judiciary of Brunei Darussalam during the visit.

Advocacy and Support Services.

The delegation also visited the Children's Court of Victoria and The College of Law.

Brunei-Malaysia sign MoU on Energy Cooperation

SARAWAK, MALAYSIA 3rd September – A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Energy Cooperation was signed between the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Government of Sarawak, Malaysia during the Opening Ceremony of the Sustainable and Renewable Energy Forum 4.0 at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCKC).

Yang Amat Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr.) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Premier of Sarawak officiated the event. The MoU was signed between Yang Mulia Dato Seri Paduka Awang Haji Mohamad Azmi bin Haji Mohd. Hanifah, Deputy Minister (Energy) at the Prime Minister's Office; and Yang Berhormat Dato Haji Ibrahim bin Haji Baki, Deputy Minister for Utility (Sarawak Energy Berhad and PETROS) at the Ministry of Utility and Telecommunication Sarawak.



Yang Mulia Deputy Minister (Energy) at the Prime Minister's Office and Yang Berhormat Deputy Minister for Utility (Sarawak Energy Berhad and PETROS) at the Ministry of Utility and Telecommunication Sarawak during the signing.

The MoU aims to enhance energy cooperation and to serve as an overarching framework for future collaboration between Brunei Darussalam and Sarawak – encompassing oil and gas, power, energy transition and other mutually agreed activities.

GPSCFL highlights evolving security threat landscape

LIANYUNGANG, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, 18th September – Brunei Darussalam's delegation, led by Yang Mulia Dato Seri Paduka Awang Haji Sufian bin Haji Sabtu, Deputy Minister (Security and Law) at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) as the Deputy Chairman of the National Security Committee, attended the 2025 Global Public Security Cooperation Forum Lianyungang (GPSCFL) from 16th to 17th September.

The annual event was jointly organised by the Ministry of Public Security of China; and the China Association for Friendship, under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. This year's theme highlighted the evolving regional and global security threat landscape.

The opening ceremony was officiated by His Excellency Wang Xiaohong, State Councillor and Minister for Public Security of China on 17th September at the Haizhou Bayview Conference Centre.

Prior to the opening, the delegation held a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Jia Lijun, Member of the Party Committee and Director of the Political Department, Ministry of Public Security of China; and visited the Public Security Tech Expo, held in



Yang Mulia Deputy Minister (Security and Law) at the Prime Minister's Office and the delegation in a group photo during the bilateral meeting with the Ministry of Public Security of the People's Republic of China.

conjunction with GPSCFL.

Prior to the forum, the delegation also visited Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, from 12th to 15th September. The visit was hosted by the Public Security Department of Shaanxi Province, following an official visit to Brunei by His Excellency Dai Binbin, Vice Governor of Shaanxi Province in March 2025.

During the visit, the delegation met with leaders of the department. They also toured the Xi'an Drug Control Education Base.

Enhancing cooperation in border, maritime security

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, 24th September – Issues of regional and global security were recently discussed during the 6th Sub-Regional Meeting on Counter Terrorism and Transnational Security (SRM). The event took place at Pier One Sydney Harbour in Australia under the chairmanship of His Excellency Tony Burke, Minister of Home Affairs and Minister for Cyber Security of Australia.

Yang Mulia Dato Seri Paduka Awang Haji Sufian bin Haji Sabtu, Deputy Minister (Security and Law) at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) as Deputy Chairman of the National Security Committee led Brunei Darussalam's delegation at the meeting, which comprised Awang Zulhusam bin Haji Abdul Samad, Acting Permanent Secretary (Security and Law) at PMO, and other senior officials from the ministry.

During the meeting, the Deputy Minister (Security and Law) at PMO reaffirmed Brunei's policy of maintaining friendly relations with all nations to preserve regional peace and security. He noted that Brunei, alongside the Kingdom of Thailand, will co-chair the Senior Officials' Counter-Terrorism Policy Forum under SRM this year.

He also shared Brunei's efforts to combat transnational crime,



The Brunei Darussalam delegation during the bilateral meeting with His Excellency Minister of Home Affairs and Minister for Cyber Security of Australia.

highlighting the Narcotics Control Bureau's recent participation in a successful multinational operation with Australia, the Republic of Singapore, New Zealand, and other partners.

The delegation also held a bilateral meeting with Minister of Home Affairs and Minister for Cyber Security of Australia, where they discussed opportunities for future cooperation in areas of mutual concern, including border and maritime security.

MinDef: Bolstering diplomatic ties with China

BEIJING, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, 4th September – Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, led Brunei Darussalam's Ministry of Defence delegation to the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War.

The delegation comprised His Excellency Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Pahlawan Colonel (Rtd) Dato Paduka Haji Abdu'r Rahmani bin Dato Paduka Haji Basir, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to China, as well as senior officials from MinDef.

The commemoration featured a military parade and a speech by His Excellency President Xi Jinping, President of China at Tiananmen Square, followed by a gala reception and performance at the Great Hall of the People. The event was attended by 26



The Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces lead the delegation on behalf of the Ministry of Defence of Brunei Darussalam to the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War.

heads of state and government, parliamentary leaders, senior officials, international organisation heads, and other dignitaries.

Exhibition fosters mutual understanding, cultural exchange

KOTA BATU, 10th September – The Embassy of Japan in Brunei Darussalam, in collaboration with the Japan Foundation and the Malay Technology Museum, is hosting an art exhibition titled 'I Love Sushi' until 5th October at the Malay Technology Museum.

The exhibition was launched by Pengiran Dr. Mohammad Iskandar bin Pengiran Haji Petra, Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary (Policy and Corporate) at the Ministry of Education as the Guest of Honour; alongside His Excellency Kikuta Yutaka, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Brunei Darussalam.

The exhibition aims to introduce the history and appeal of sushi, while also serving as a platform to foster mutual understanding and cultural exchange between Japan and Brunei Darussalam.

The exhibition features traditional Japanese artworks, seafood



Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary (Policy and Corporate) at the Ministry of Education as the Guest of Honour; and His Excellency Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Brunei Darussalam launching the exhibition.

figures, realistic food samples, videos and a replica of a Japanese sushi restaurant – highlighting Japanese history and culture.

IPE25: Reinforcing defence ties

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 15th September – Coinciding with the 80th Anniversary of Operation Oboe, Australia's flagship regional defence programme, the Indo-Pacific Endeavour (IPE25), arrived in the country on 12th September, bringing together personnel from Australia's Navy, Army, Air Force and Department of Defence to strengthen ties with Brunei Darussalam's Ministry of Defence and the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF).

To support the programme, the Royal Australian Navy's ANZAC-class frigate HMAS Ballarat docked at Muara Naval Base for Exercise Penguin, a biennial maritime security exercise. The Royal Australian Air Force's P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft will also participate.

IPE25 also includes engagements with the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste; the People's Republic of Bangladesh; the Kingdom of Cambodia; the Republic of India; the Republic of Indonesia; the Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; the Republic of Maldives; the Republic of Singapore; the Republic



High Commissioner of Australia to Brunei Darussalam in a group photo with the Permanent Secretary at the Muara Naval Base, Brunei Darussalam.

of the Philippines; the Kingdom of Thailand; the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

IBTE-Curtin: MoU creates academic pathways

BERAKAS, 25th September – The Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE) inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Curtin University Malaysia at the Longhouse Training Restaurant and Cafe, IBTE Sultan Saiful Rijal Campus.

The MoU marks the start of closer collaboration to create academic pathways, boost student mobility and international placements, as well as promote staff development.

Dr. Haji Azman bin Ahmad, Permanent Secretary (Higher Education) at the Ministry of Education witnessed the event. Also present was His Excellency Michael Neil Hoy, Australian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam.

The MoU was signed by Dr. Haji Mohd. Zamri bin Haji Sabli, Director of Technical Education/Chief Executive Officer of IBTE;



Permanent Secretary (Higher Education) at the Ministry of Education witnessing the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE) and Curtin University Malaysia.

and Professor Dr. Vincent Lee Chieng Chen, Pro-Vice Chancellor, President and Chief Executive of Curtin University Malaysia, who led the Curtin delegation.

Brunei clinches 18 medals at Borneo Games

TUNGKU LINK, 29th September – The Brunei Darussalam contingent clinched a total of four gold, seven silver and seven bronze medals at the 6th Borneo Games 2025, held in Kuching, the Malaysian State of Sarawak.

The gold medals were won in the swimming events held at the Pandeleda Rinong Aquatic Centre, Sarawak Sports Complex in Petra Jaya. Dayang Sharmeen binti Mohammad Mharvin led the way with three gold medals, while Joel Ling Thai Yu added another.

Welcoming the contingent's return at the Air Movement Centre, Royal Brunei Air Force Base, Pengiran Haji Mohd. Hasnan bin Pengiran Haji Ali Hassan, Permanent Secretary (Culture) at the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, along with senior ministry officials.



The Permanent Secretary (Culture) at the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports welcoming the arrival of the Brunei Darussalam contingent.

Badge presentation for AIOT members

BOLKIAH GARRISON, 15th September – The Badge Presentation Ceremony of Brunei Darussalam for the deployment of the Augmentation Interim Observer Team (AIOT) to Siem Reap, the Kingdom of Cambodia was held today.

Colonel Pengiran Rumaizi bin Pengiran Othman, Joint Force Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) presented the national badge to Major (U) Pengiran Abdul Azim bin Pengiran Idris, RBAF representative for the AIOT.

Also in attendance were Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhammad Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, Commander of RBAF; along with Deputy Services Commanders; Directors; Deputy Director of the Department of International



The Joint Force Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) in a group photo at the ceremony. Also in attendance was the Commander of RBAF.

Organisations; Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Counsellor from the Royal Embassy of Cambodia; Defence Attache of the Royal Thai Armed Forces to Brunei Darussalam; the representative to the Defence Adviser of Malaysia to Brunei Darussalam; as well as senior officials and officers of the Ministry of Defence.

Led by Malaysia, the AIOT is an

ASEAN observer team composed of representatives from several member states, mandated to monitor and assist in maintaining the ceasefire along the Cambodia-Thailand border, following the border conflict in July 2025. RBAF's participation aims to facilitate dialogue between the conflicting parties, support peaceful reconciliation, and provide impartial assessments.

UBD-IIUM establish cooperation through MoU

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, 8th September – Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) and the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) – establishing a framework for extensive cooperation in several key areas, including student and staff exchanges, joint research, and academic publications. The signing took place in a ceremony held at the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation.

The MoU was signed by Dr. Hazri Haji Kifle, Vice-Chancellor of UBD; and Professor Emeritus Dato' Dr. Osman Bakar, Rector of IIUM. The ceremony was witnessed by Yang Berhormat Dato' Seri Diraja Dr. Zambry Abdul Kadir, Minister of Higher Education of Malaysia on behalf of Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia, along with senior officials and academics from both institutions.

The event also saw the launch of a new book: 'Education of The Interior: Essays in Honour of Professor Syed Ali Ashraf'.



The Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Brunei Darussalam and the Rector of International Islamic University Malaysia signing the Memorandum of Understanding, witnessed by Yang Berhormat Minister of Higher Education of Malaysia.

The volume was edited by Shaikh Abdul Mabud, an Associate Professor at the Sultan Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Centre for Islamic Studies, UBD. The book honours the legacy of Professor Dr. Syed Ali Ashraf (1924-1998) as a pioneering educator and scholar, literary critic and the first Director of Islamic Studies at the University of Cambridge.

UNISSA delivers keynote address at ICONWAT-AI 2025

ISTANBUL, REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE, 21st September – Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Norarfan bin Haji Zainal, Rector of Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) delivered a keynote paper titled 'Application AI in Islamic Studies in Brunei Darussalam' at the International Conference on Islamic Moderate Thought and Its Challenges in the Era of Artificial Intelligence (ICONWAT-AI 2025).

Held at the Haliç Campus of the Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakıf Üniversitesi (FSMVU) under the theme, 'Towards Realizing the Best Nation and Promoting Global Peace', ICONWAT-AI 2025 was officiated by Professor Dr. Turan Gökçe, Vice-Rector of FSMVU, who represented the Rector.

The conference was organised by the Academy of Islamic Studies, Universiti Malaya, in collaboration with FSMVU; UNISSA; the International Alumni Association of Al-Azhar (Malaysia); and the International Alumni Association of Al-Azhar (Brunei Darussalam).



The Rector of Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali at the conference.

In addition to the conference's parallel discussion sessions, the UNISSA delegation also held bilateral meetings and discussions with Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University; Ibn Haldun University; and the Research Centre For Islamic History, Art and Culture.

A Memorandum of Understanding was also signed between the Rector of UNISSA and Professor Dr. Atilla Arkan, Rector of Ibn Haldun University.