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Linking of academic achievement to noble virtues urged

His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam highlighted recently the importance of coordinating academic achievement with noble virtues and values which teachers in olden days taught and cultivated in their pupils.

This is important in order to counter the [influence] of modern culture which are irrelevant or run contrary to our tradition and values.

In his titah (royal address) marking this year's Teachers' Day on September 23, at the International Convention Centre near the capital, His Majesty praised past teachers, who were strong-willed and rich in experience.

His Majesty further spoke about the teaching career which needs [the necessary] resources and skills - in other words knowledge and a vast experience - without which the pro-



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam presents the Tokoh Guru Berbakti award to Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Setia Negara Pengiran Haji Mohd. Yusof - one of the country's earliest teachers. Looking on is the Education Minister, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Aziz.

fession would be dull and ineffective. It would also be futile to learn [from the ignorant] as no achievement can be made.

As to the opinion held by some that it is normal and unavoidable for youths to get involved in gambling, running away from home and getting drunk in a developing country, the monarch stressed that we should not accept this view as it is not healthy. Not only should we ensure that we [achieve] progress, but we also need to make sure that it continues under the [leadership] of the government as well as it is supported by future generations, youths, intellectuals and leaders included.

Imagine what would have happened if those in charge are

lacking in character [such as those with no moral and an alcoholic]. Teachers therefore should play their role to ensure that while academic achievement is made, they do not neglect to impart the importance of noble virtues and values.

In order to ensure that teachers remain highly respected and their teachings highly effective, teachers should be exemplary, have good character, [excellent attitude, spirit and way of thinking]. They are not pre-occupied with [trying to achieve better] salary scale and allowance. Their sacrifices and services to the teaching profession are their main concern, His Majesty said.

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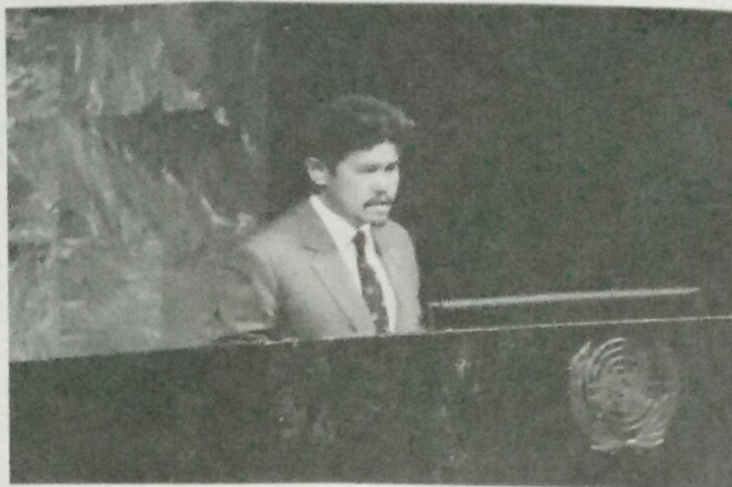
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United Nations urged to co-ordinate international efforts to avoid global conflict: Minister



His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Duli Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister delivers a speech at the 48th Session of the UNGA in New York.

His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Duli Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, Brunei Darussalam's Foreign Affairs Minister has called on the United Nations Organisation to take the lead in co-ordinating international efforts so as to ensure that its priority in making sure that deep political and economic change does not result in global conflict.

At the same time, His Royal Highness added, it has continued to take up the challenges presented by the many far-reaching social, humanitarian and environmental problems of our day.

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister made the remarks when addressing the 48th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at the United Nations Hall in New York, on Wednesday, October 6.

His Royal Highness further said that these have proved more and more difficult to contain within national, or even regional boundaries.

The minister also said that the responsibilities have often been undertaken under unfavourable conditions.

"I am therefore pleased that our Secretary-General and countries

representing the United Nations have always responded positively to the situations they have faced," His Royal Highness pointed out.

The minister also expressed the hope that they would continue to do this, even after such distressing events as those which occurred in Somalia this week.

The minister further highlighted that the past year has seen so many valuable achievements.

"The success of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) has shown what can be done through responsible regional efforts and patient multilateral action," the minister said.

In South Africa, he added, national, regional and international efforts in support of United Nations resolutions have brought new hope.

The minister added that in the Middle East, the United Nations have been a positive influence in reducing tension after the Gulf War.

Touching on the agreement between the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel, His Royal Highness described that "This is the first step towards a peaceful settlement of the Palestinian question."

The minister also pointed out that

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there have also been several initiatives aimed at improving the world economy and making better trading arrangements in regions.

At the same time, the minister said, the United Nations has continued to give essential assistance to people in developing countries, adding that, it has maintained its peace-keeping operations in a number of problem areas.

The Foreign Affairs Minister further stressed that the United Nations has also organised important international conference where nations have been able to exchange views on many matters of international concern.

"This represents a considerable contribution to preventive diplomacy and peace building. In each case, I hope these achievements will be consolidated by national and regional authorities," His Royal Highness stressed.

In Cambodia, His Royal Highness wished the new government every success as they go about the task of bringing lasting stability to their nation.

His Royal Highness said: "Like all the countries in our region, we look forward to seeing the Cambodian people enjoy peace and prosperity again."

His Royal Highness also believe that in South Africa, conditions now exist for national leaders to encourage restraint and seek consensus.

His Royal Highness also noted that the countries in the Gulf region are also in position to work towards peaceful solutions of the remaining areas of difficulty.

The minister also urged that the current developments in the Middle East should start a process which will restore all legitimate Palestinian rights.

"It should lead to a comprehensive settlement in the region," His Royal Highness stressed.

Touching further on the world economy, His Royal Highness pointed out that the objectives have been set out.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister and the former States Secretary of the United States, Mr. General Alexander Haig discuss matters relating to bilateral and regional relationships.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister is having discussion with the Deputy State Secretary of the United States, Mr. Clifford Wharton.

"What we hope to see now is equally clear progress in strengthening linkages between the north and south and creating conditions which promote cooperation and sustainable growth."

"To do this," said His Royal Highness, "we need to improve the existing mechanisms to prevent economic disagreements turning into open conflict. Each nation has a responsibility towards promoting fair trading arrangements throughout the world," His Royal Highness added.

His Royal Highness stressed that today's many challenges could be turn into positive developments if they noted carefully the circumstances under which the United Nations appears to achieve its greatest successes.

His Royal Highness said: "These

occur when the special responsibilities of national governments, non-government organisations and regional associations are recognised and agreed upon before the world body is asked to act."

Where these have confronted each other, His Royal Highness stressed, the effectiveness of United Nations operations is hindered. This, he added, is clearly illustrated in Somalia and Bosnia.

His Royal Highness said that in these countries, the United Nations initially acted in order to guarantee safe and effective humanitarian assistance, adding that there have been considerable successes in these operations.

"However, these efforts and the

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Brunei-Myanmar diplomatic ties

Brunei Darussalam's relations with countries around the world expanded further on 21 September, when it established formal ties with the Union of Myanmar.

"The Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Government of the Union of Myanmar, in conformity with the interest and desire of the two people, have decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at the ambassadorial level as from 21 September 1993," said a Foreign Ministry statement issued the same day.

"The two governments have agreed to develop friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries on the basis of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations."

On the same day, His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam granted an audience to the visiting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, His Ex-



The Foreign Affairs Minister of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency Mr. U Ohn Gyaw exchanges greetings with His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam on his arrival at Istana Nurul Iman for an audience with the Brunei monarch.

cellency Mr. U Ohn Gyaw.

During the audience at the Istana Nurul Iman, His Majesty and the visiting minister exchanged views on the enhancement of bilateral ties and regional issues.

At another meeting at the Balai Penghadapan with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Royal Highness

Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the visiting Minister and His Royal Highness also discussed issues on the enhancement of bilateral relations and regional matters.

The visiting minister and his delegation were on a three-day visit.



HM Sultan grants audience to Bosnia's Vice-President

Left: Bosnia-Herzegovina's Vice President, His Excellency Professor Dr. Ejup Ganic at the start of his audience at Istana Nurul Iman with His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has granted an audience to His Excellency Professor Dr. Ejup Ganic, Vice-President of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

During the ceremony at the Istana Nurul Iman on 23 September 1993, His Majesty was briefed by His Excellency on the latest developments in Bosnia-Herzegovina as well as the various prospects for the Geneva peace conference.

His Excellency with his delega-

tion were in the country for a two-day visit as part of their tour which also included Malaysia and Indonesia.

The Bosnian Vice President's visit came just over one month after a visit to Bandar Seri Begawan of the Bosnian Foreign Affairs Minister, His Excellency Mr. Harris Siladjic.

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fact that conflict has not been allowed to spread outside the regions concerned, should not divert our attention from the deep matters of principle involved," His Royal Highness urged.

His Royal Highness further hoped that these will be addressed urgently so that the basic principles of this organisation are not put in risk.

"For this reason, we wish to express our strong support for the Government of Bosnia-Herzegovina."

His Royal Highness also believed that the United Nations Charter would be severely compromised if this organisation become a party to any arrangement which forces a sovereign nation and fellow member of the United Nations to submit to aggression. This, he said, would not only condone terrorism.

His Royal Highness also called on for a number of proposals for reforms towards ensuring that the United Nations does not become merely another factor in a local political equation.

"These are intended to give confidence to members that United Nations decisions reflect the widest possible world opinion," His Royal Highness stressed.

His Royal Highness also called on efforts to encourage regional and sub-regional associations to play a crucial supporting role.

His Royal Highness said that ideally, each region will be working on its own agenda for peace and development which will complement the work of the world body.

"The more this is done, the more this organisation will be able to act in the way in which it is most effective. This is as the authority of last resort," said His Royal Highness.

Earlier in his speech, His Royal Highness expressed the country's deep sympathy to the government and people of India as they mourn the thousands of lives during last week's earthquake.

His Royal Highness also congratulated on the election of the present president of the United Na-



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister (extreme left) while attending a dinner hosted by ASEAN Foreign Ministers in honour of the President of the United Nations.

tions, thanked the outgoing president for his contribution to the United Nations' work, and welcomed all the new members of the organisation.

This year's United Nations General Assembly was chaired by His Excellency Mr. Samuel R. Insanally of Guyana, the President of the United Nations for the 48th Session. The meeting began on September 21 and will end by mid December. To date, the United Nations Organisation has 186 member countries.

Bilateral talks

After delivering his speech, His Royal Highness proceeded to hold separate bilateral talks with the Deputy State Secretary of the United States, Mr. Clifford Wharton and the United States' former State Secretary, Mr. General Alexander Haig.

During the meeting with the Deputy State Secretary of the United States, His Royal Highness and Mr. Clifford Wharton discussed matters related to upgrade bilateral relations. The ceremony was held at the United Nations Building.

Meanwhile, during His Royal Highness' meeting with the former State Secretary of the United States at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, the Brunei Darussalam's Foreign Affairs Minister and Mr. General Alexander Haig discussed matters relating to bilateral and regional relationships.

ASEAN Foreign Ministers hosted dinner in honour of the United Nations' President

In the evening, His Royal Highness along with other ASEAN Foreign Ministers hosted a dinner in honour of the President of the United Nations, His Excellency Mr. Samuel R. Insanally.

The ceremony was attended by Heads of Government, Foreign Ministers attending the 48th UNGA meeting and the member countries' Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

Also present were the Brunei Darussalam's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, His Excellency Pengiran Dipa Negara Pengiran Haji Abdul Momin, the Permanent Secretary at the Foreign Affairs Ministry, Dato Paduka Lim Jock Seng and the country's delegation.

ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting

His Royal Highness also attended the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting on October 5.

At the half-a-day meeting, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers discussed issues on Cambodia, issues of particular interest to ASEAN at the 48th Session of the UNGA, ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meetings with countries or Group of Countries, ASEAN candidatures and Non-Aligned Movement activities.



His deeds and contribution recognised, Dato Paduka Cikgu Awang Haji Basir bin Taha is honoured with the Tokoh Guru Tua award.



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With sophisticated teaching facilities and better equipment today, His Majesty believed that teachers could do better in carrying out their role and responsibilities.

Speech by the Education Minister

In his welcoming speech, the Minister of Education, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Aziz underlined the need to uphold the identity of the country and create a sense of understanding and harmony among the people in the country, through a common system of education which involves all schools, including all private schools.

The Minister also said that almost all of the country's education system have been extended to all schools by this year. This involves the national curriculum, the Dwi Bahasa (bilingual system of education), the examination system, certification matters, teachers' training, recruitment, textbooks and school terms.

He further hoped that through this common system of education, a sense of mutual respect, harmony

and understanding would prevail.

To illustrate why this is necessary, Yang Berhormat explained that the wars, oppressions and disputes among countries and people, which persist in the world today, are due to [a large extent] to a lack of understanding. Though many solutions were offered, due to some reasons, they brought about other problem, and so they remain unsolved. Maintaining peace through a common system of education based on a belief in God, is the long-term and a more assured solution, the Minister said.

The Minister later urged teachers to continuously upgrade their efforts to meet the objectives and policies of the education system and to review their commitment towards those efforts.

The third Teachers' Day with its theme "Guru Dedikasi, Negara Terpuji" or "Dedicated Teachers, Pride of Country" began with the recital of Surah Al-Fatihah (the first chapter of the Holy Quran) for His Majesty's late father, Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Kahiri Waddien.

Teacher's Day is held to coincide with the birth of the late Al-Marhum who had made a lot of contribution to the country, race and religion, and

who was also widely known as the "Architect of Modern Brunei". It is also observed in recognition of the contribution of all teachers whether they had retired or still in service.

His Majesty also consented to present awards to three outstanding teachers. The "Tokoh Guru Berbakti" (Meritorious teacher's award) went to 70-year old Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Setia Negara Pengiran Haji Mohd. Yusof bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahim, while Dato Paduka Cikgu Awang Haji Basir bin Taha, aged 80, received the "Tokoh Guru Tua" (retired teacher's award).

Both received letters of appreciation, a \$12,000 cash prize each, special medical privileges as well as souvenirs.

Cikgu Awang Haji Abdul Thani bin Mohammad, aged 51, received the "Tokoh Guru Cemerlang" (Outstanding teacher's award). He received a letter of appreciation, a cash prize of \$6,000, a souvenir as well as an opportunity to further his studies.

Among those who attended the occasion included the pengiran-pengiran cheterias, cabinet ministers, senior government officials and foreign diplomats based in Brunei Darussalam.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam calling, in his speech at this year's Teachers' Day celebrations, for a marriage of academic achievement and noble virtues among today's school children, left. Right: Cikgu Awang Haji Thani bin Mohammad receives his award for being an outstanding teacher - 'Tokoh Guru Cemerlang'.



Left: Dignitaries present at the Teachers' Day celebrations included pengiran-pengiran cheteria, cabinet ministers and senior government officials.

Right: Diplomats were among the guest who turn up to celebrate on Teachers' Day.



Students' achievement in the country falls short of expectation : Education Minister

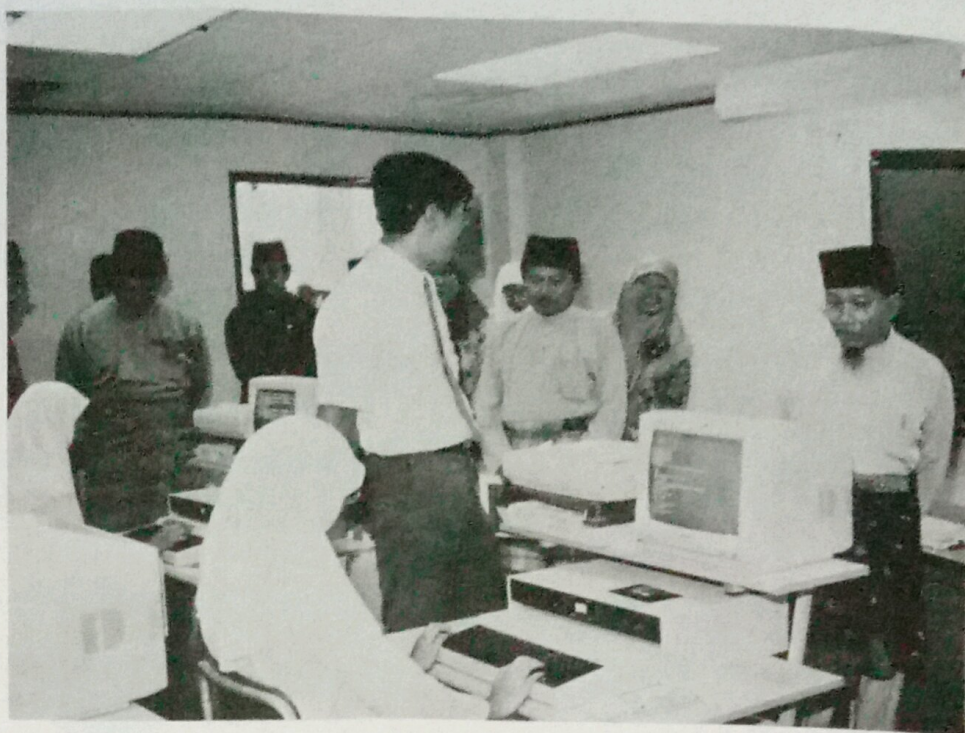
Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Aziz, the Education Minister, said students' achievement in schools in the country falls short of expectation, despite better educational facilities, which are among the best in the region. The existing facilities in this country which are compatible to those in developed countries include school buildings with modern equipment, qualified and trained teachers, low teacher-student ratio - which is an advantage for effective teaching - and an examination system which is recognised by international bodies.

As to why this has taken place and is still hapening, the Minister asked if it is due to the teaching [method] which does not meet the required standard, or due to teachers' lack of commitment, the school environment which is not encouraging and conducive for students to study or due to affluence in the country and free education which resulted in parents giving less attention to their children's education and subsequently students lack the motivation to achieve success.

Speaking at a ceremony at the Sultan Sharif Ali Secondary School, the new name for the Kampong Salambigar Secondary School, September 25, Yang Berhormat called on teachers, school administrators, including school committees to give serious attention in seeking a positive solution to the problem.

The Minister stressed that the society, particularly parents, guardians and the school authorities should give more serious attention to improve the education of children.

Yang Berhormat pointed out that the moulding of the character and personality of the children, should first begin at home and later in school, in the latter stage. If the foundation is strong, he said, then the resulting



Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Aziz, the Education Minister, at an exhibition held in conjunction with the naming ceremony of the Sultan Sharif Ali Secondary School at Jalan Muara.

character-building would surely be good.

Parents should always check the progress of their children in school and should not completely rely on teachers, said the Minister. They should provide a suitable place for their children to study, check their homework, supplement their reading materials and ensure that they eat well and pray, said Yang Berhormat.

The Minister pointed out that parents should be concerned with the whereabouts of their children outside the home and school and give due attention to their spiritual education. By doing so, Insya-Allah (God Willing), this would create harmony [at home] and children would be motivated to study. This would avert children from any unhealthy activities, such as getting involved with the wrong company, drug abuse or vandalism.

Yang Berhormat further highlighted the need for a good relationship between parents and school so

that parents could discuss with teachers about the progress and problem of their children.

The Minister hoped that teachers and students would live up to the good name of Sultan Sharif Ali, the new name of the school, and make outstanding achievement and maintain the school's good reputation.

Sultan Sharif Ali from Taif, and a descendent of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was the third ruler of Brunei Darussalam. He was also a great theologian, missionary and a good trader. He also pioneered the spread of Islam in the country.

Sultan Sharif Ali came to the country in 1370 and ascended the throne with the confidence [and consensus] of Brunei citizens who were attracted by his character and personality.

During his reign, Islam developed and spread throughout the whole of Brunei archipelago, even though at the time the influence of Hinduism and Buddhism were still strong.



Sultan of Pahang on goodwill visit

Left: A handshake of friendship between His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and visiting Ruler of Pahang, His Majesty Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah at Istana Nurul Iman.

His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has received the Sultan of the Malaysian State of Pahang, His Majesty Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah, who paid a goodwill call on the Brunei monarch at Istana Nurul Iman on 27 September.

Also present on the occasion was

His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Digadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Haji Jefri Bolkiah and other members of the Brunei royal family.

The Pahang Ruler was the third Malaysian leader to visit Brunei Darussalam since August this year. The country's Prime Minister, Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad was in Bandar Seri Begawan for a three-day official visit from 1 August, while

His Majesty Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Dipertuan Agong Sultan Azlan Muhibuddin Shah was on a goodwill visit for three days from 1 September.

In the mean time, His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was himself on an official visit to the East Malaysian State of Sarawak for three days from 6 September.

Signing of New LNG Sales Agreement celebrated

His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam on 25 September granted an audience at Istana Nurul Iman to representatives of Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Private Limited's shareholders and buyers of Brunei liquefied natural gas, LNG.

They were Mr. Sho Nasu, Chairman of Tokyo Electric, Mr. Kunto Anzai, President of Tokyo Gas, Mr. Shinichiro Ryoki, President of Osaka Gas and Mr. Minoru Makihara, President of Mitsubishi



The Brunei Monarch with one of the representatives of Japanese companies which signed a new 20-year contract on the purchase of Brunei Liquefied natural gas, BLNG.

Corporation.

Also present at the audience were Mr. J. R. Williams,

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Managing Director of Shell International Gas, Mr. Ron van den Berg, Managing Director of Brunei Shell and Dato Paduka Awang Mat Suny Haji Mohd. Hussein, Corporate Affairs Director of Brunei Shell.

The chiefs of the BLNG's Japanese customers were in Bandar Seri Begawan to celebrate a new 20-year sales agreement with Brunei Shell.

Oil and gas revenues help build infrastructure and widen country's economic base: Minister

Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) has made valuable contribution in the development of the people and the economy of Brunei Darussalam.

The revenue from oil and gas resources have assisted in the deve-

lopment of the infrastructure of the nation and the widening of the its economic base.

With the signing of the new 20 years sales agreement, this process will continue.

In a speech at a dinner at the ICC, 25 September, marking the LNG new sales agreement, Minister of Law and the Attorney General, Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Laila Kanun Diraja Pengiran Haji Bahrin bin Pengiran Haji Abbas, also said:

".....We all know that the contribution of LNG has not been confined to the economic sphere. Compared with other hydrocarbon fuels it has substantial environmental benefits - a result of its natural cleanliness and its efficiency in electricity generation."

The contribution that Brunei Darussalam as a nation has made to the development of the LNG industry is a matter of great pride for His Majesty's Government, the Minister said.

"When the Brunei LNG project was first considered more than 20 years ago there were no existing LNG projects on such a scale. In fact there was only one other LNG project in operation. Undaunted, the participants in the Brunei project pressed ahead with their plan."

Thanks to the outstanding co-

operation among shareholders and buyers, Minister added, the first cargo of Brunei LNG was produced and successfully delivered in October 1972.

The skill and success with which the Brunei project has been developed and managed has paved the way for later LNG projects. Brunei as a nation can take great satisfaction from this role of leadership.

LNG in the Asia Pacific region

Today, the LNG industry in the Asia Pacific region has grown to a massive scale and is a major factor in the economic success of the Asia Pacific region.

The supply of LNG has helped to fuel the spectacular growth of the Japanese economy. In turn, Yang Amat Mulia said, the revenues from, that LNG supply have, through skilful management, played a key part in the development of the economies of the nations. Those economies are among the most vibrant in the world today, he added.

Yang Amat Mulia later viewed an exhibition entitled "Brunei, A World Leader in LNG" at the ICC. The exhibition was held to mark the signing of the new agreement to supply LNG to Japan for a further 20 years.



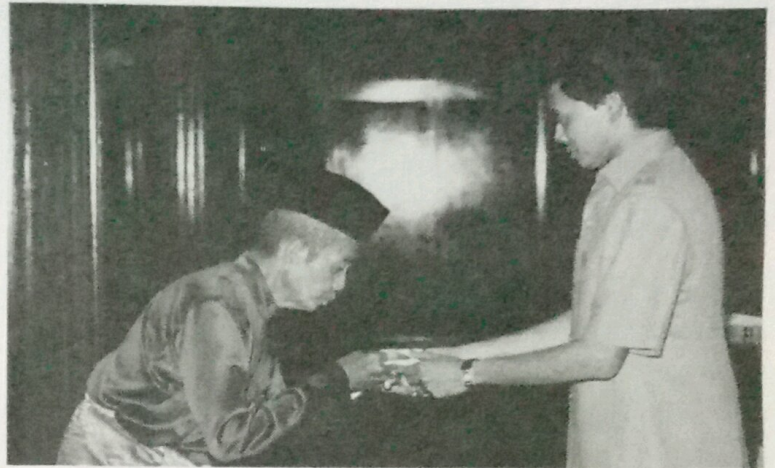
The Minister of Law, Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Laila Kanun Diraja Pengiran Haji Bahrin (second from right) at the dinner with one of the representatives of the BLNG customers from Japan and the Minister of Development, Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Paduka Dr. Haji Ismail, who hosted of the dinner (far left).



Stepping in to help fire victims

Left: His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam is thronged by crowds as he toured the aftermath of fires which destroyed a part of the historical Kampong Ayer settelement on the Brunei river opposite the capital on the mainland.

Below: Cash assistance from His Majesty's Government was presented to the families by the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Digadong Seri Lela Dato Seri Paduka Haji Awang Hussein during a ceremony held in the hall of a Kampong Ayer school.



Above: His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Duli Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah presents the donation to the head of one of the families which lost their homes, while others (below) await their turn.

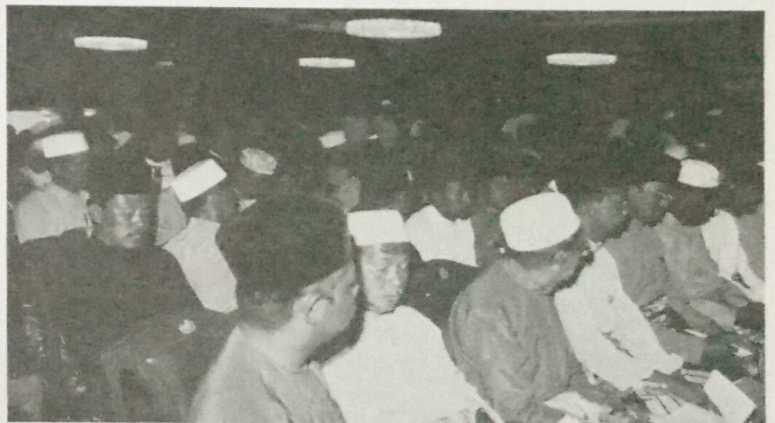
As fund raising and other efforts continue towards helping some 190 families who lost their homes on Kampong Ayer in the capital, Bandar Seri Begawan in two separate fires during early september, His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's Government has extended an initial cash assistance of nearly B\$600 thousand to the affected families.

Four villages, which were among the dozens which make up the cluster of the world-famous Kampong Ayer or water settlement on the Brunei river and of late one of the country's most popular tourist attractions, were destroyed by the fires.

Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah (The Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Foundation) has also stepped in with aid for the victims.

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's eldest son, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Duli Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah on 25 September presented substantial cash donations from the foundation to the families at a ceremony held at the banquet hall of the Lapau (parliament house) in the Brunei Darussalam capital.

Meanwhile, donations are continuing to come in from various sources such as private firms, associations, organisations, educational institutions and private individuals.





The Sultan Sharif Ali Secondary School Complex in Jalan Muara, which was formerly known as the Kampong Salambigar Secondary School.

School's name in honour of third ruler

The Kampong Salambigar Secondary School at Jalan Muara was renamed recently as the Sultan Sharif Ali Secondary School after the third ruler of Brunei

Darussalam. The school, about 12 kilometers from the capital of Bandar Seri Begawan, was built in 1987 and now has 899 students.

The naming of the school was in

honour of Sultan Sharif Ali, who was a great theologian, missionary and a good trader. He also pioneered the spread of Islam in the country.

Brunei in Brief

Capital : Bandar Seri Begawan
Land size : 5765 sq. km
Population : 260,000 (1991)
Official Language : Malay
Official Religion : Islam
September rainfall : 177.8mm
(annual 2,818mm)

PRIME LENDING RATE

September 5.75%

(quoted by Bankers' Association)

Brunei Malay in a minute

Each fortnightly we introduce our readers to a new Brunei Malay word. As the name suggests, the word is only exclusively used in Brunei Darussalam.

We now introduce the word **dangan**. **Dangan** is a person with whom one goes somewhere or spends time with, either be-

cause of friendship or by chance.

In standard Malay **dangan** is teman, and companion in English.

In a sentence: Ahmad berjalan ke sekolah **dangan** Ali.

Ahmad walked to school with his companion Ali.

**THE TRAFFICKING IN AND THE ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF
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