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## Redouble efforts for country's development

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, February 22** – Touching on this year's National Day Celebration theme, 'Menjayakan Wawasan Negara' or 'Accomplishing the National Vision', 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 reminds the country's citizens and residents of their duty and role in realising the National Vision.

His Majesty stated the matter in a *titah* (royal speech) in conjunction with Brunei Darussalam's 35<sup>th</sup> National Day.

In previous years, added His Majesty, the nation has placed high hopes on the young generation to lead the country's development in a pro-active way. Little by little, these hopes were fulfilled, with the youth showing encouraging accomplishments in entrepreneurship, economy and community.

In this regard, His Majesty stressed the need for government agencies to reinforce their role as facilitators by providing strong infrastructure, transparency and simpler regulations as well as a firm support and cooperation from all stake holder agencies in providing assistance and guidance.

"While the youth are being focussed upon, the welfare of senior citizen should not be neglected, as they need vital support and care," added His Majesty.

His Majesty in the *titah* also stressed the need for the government sector to implement and diversify efforts to generate the economy through efficient and good management in accordance with the theme of this year's National Day.

His Majesty highlighted that the government should also focus on all development activities including current and future investment activities and is also obliged to facilitate a business



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 35<sup>th</sup> National Day of Brunei Darussalam.

environment and to generate human resources that are competent and employable, beside the reinforcement of a social safety net.

His Majesty also said that in this digital era, we must be aware of the rapid technological development brought about by the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution.

"As a nation with a vision, we must not be out of step in exploring digital economy. However, cybersecurity should be given specific attention. Our nation should address the issue of cyber security, as the negative effects could overwhelm the country, society and families," said His Majesty.

Touching on the international arena, His Majesty in the *titah* said that Brunei Darussalam will continue to practise mutual respect and maintain close and transparent relations with other nations and further enhance regional economic integration as well as participation in the global economy network.

Brunei Darussalam will also continue to intensify efforts for regional and international security and stability, according to existing capabilities including channelling assistance to those in need by means of humanitarian operations or mitigation assistance in times of disaster, as well as peace-keeping and monitoring missions.

His Majesty then expressed appreciation and heartfelt thanks to all those involved in making the 35<sup>th</sup> National Day celebration a success.

His Majesty also thanked all the citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam as well as those in the public services sector, including those carrying out their duties abroad, the country's security forces and those working in the private sector.

In concluding the *titah*, His Majesty prayed that all the citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam will always be under the protection and care of Allah the Almighty.





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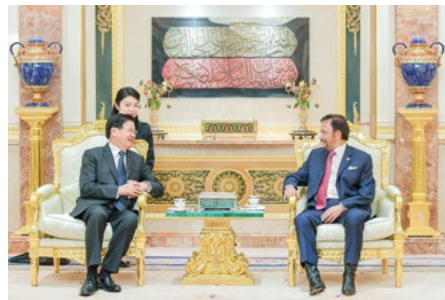
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6. 35<sup>th</sup> National Day Grand Assembly



9. Courtesy visit from His Majesty the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong XVI



11. Lao Prime Minister's Official Visit



16. Brunei Darussalam celebrates 35<sup>th</sup> National Day with national hobby



18. His Majesty's care for the people's well-being



20. His Majesty harvests first crop of High Yielding Hybrid Sembada 188 Paddy Variety



22. His Majesty tours Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE) Agro-Technology Campus (ATC)



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## His Majesty receives audiences

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam received in audience at the Istana Nurul Iman:



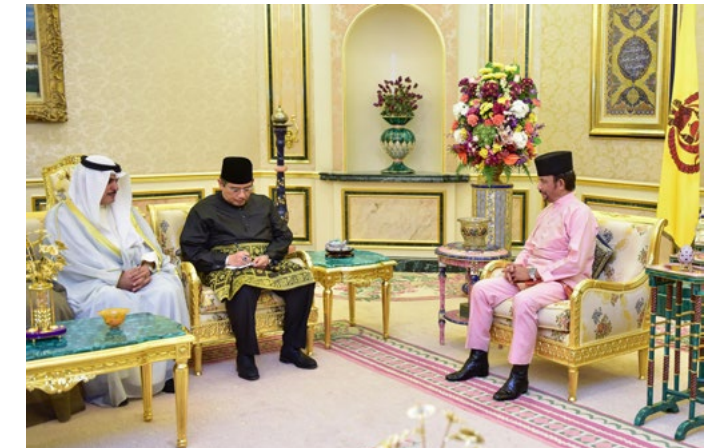
Her Excellency Valentina Matvienko, Chairperson of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on February 19.



Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Dr. Wan Azizah Dr. Wan Ismail, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia and the Minister of Women, Family and Community Development on February 26.



Newly appointed Brunei Darussalam envoys, His Excellency Mohamed Bahrin bin Dato Paduka Haji Abu Bakar, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to the State of Qatar; and Her Excellency Hajah Kasmalati binti Dato Seri Laila Jasa Haji Mohamad Kassim, Permanent Representative of Brunei Darussalam to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia on February 4.



His Excellency Salah Mubarak Musleh Al-Mutairi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Kuwait to Brunei Darussalam on February 4.



Her Excellency Yu Hong, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam on February 4.



Her Excellency Wanthanee Viputwongsakul, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Thailand to Brunei Darussalam on February 4.



## Her Majesty receives audiences

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



Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Dr. Wan Azizah Dr. Wan Ismail, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia and the Minister of Women, Family and Community Development on February 26.



Her Excellency Yu Hong, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam on February 14.



Her Excellency Dayang Hajah Kasmalati binti Dato Seri Laila Jasa Haji Mohamad Kassim, Permanent Representative of Brunei Darussalam to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia and Dayang Hajah Farhanah binti Pehin Orang Kaya Paduka Setia Raja Dato Paduka Seri Setia Haji Awang Suhaili, spouse of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to the State of Qatar on February 14.



Yang Amat Mulia Tengku Puteri Seri Teja Pahang Puan Sri Hajjah Tengku Muhaini binti Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah, spouse of the Chief of the Royal Malaysian Air Force on February 9.

## His Royal Highness the Crown Prince receives audiences



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

Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Dr. Wan Azizah Dr. Wan Ismail, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia and the Minister of Women, Family and Community Development on February 27.

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His Excellency Awang Mohamed Bahrin bin Dato Paduka Haji Abu Bakar, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to the State of Qatar; and Her Excellency Dayang Hajah Kasmalati binti Dato Seri Laila Jasa Haji Mohamad Kassim, Permanent Representative of Brunei Darussalam to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia on February 6.



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## 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 Dr. Hassan Rouhani, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Government and the people of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the occasion of its National Day on February 11.
- His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait and His Highness Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait as well as the Government and people of the State of Kuwait on the occasion of its National Day on February 25.



# 35<sup>th</sup> National Day Grand Assembly

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, February 23** - People from all walks of life in the country gathered at Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin to witness and celebrate the Grand Assembly of the 35<sup>th</sup> National Day of Brunei Darussalam.

The Grand Assembly was attended by 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.

Also in attendance were His Majesty's sons and brothers, 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 'Abdul Wakeel who also participated in the march-past; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

His Majesty consented to inspect the royal guard of honour mounted by personnel from the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) and Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPF).



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 in a group photo with some of the participants of 35<sup>th</sup> National Day march-past.

The Grand Assembly began with a march-past passing the Royal Dais by more than 25 thousand participants comprising 147 teams led by the giant-sized National Flag bearer's team.

This was followed by a performance highlighting Visionary Generation Synergy with 1,035 participants showcasing their

performances, including the combined band from the Fire and Rescue Department, Prisons Department, RBAF Cadet and RBPF Cadet, youths, primary and secondary school students and trainees of the National Service Programme (PKBN).

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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; 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 'Abdul Wakeel; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah at the 35<sup>th</sup> National Day Grand Assembly held at Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin.



His Majesty inspecting the royal guard of honour mounted by personnel from the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) and Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPF).

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The reading of the National Day Oath was led Dr. Muhammad Nuriskandar bin Mohammad Hasnan, President of the Universiti Brunei Darussalam's Guild of Graduates while the resounding call of Allahu Akbar was led by Muhammad Yadiy bin Haji Mat Yassin, a PhD student in Arabic Language, Sultan Sharif Ali Islamic University. The oath reading team included participants with different abilities who used sign language to deliver the oath.

The highlight of the 35<sup>th</sup> National Day celebration was the field performance with the theme 'Accomplishing the National

Vision' by 7,335 participants from various sectors and national development agencies including youths represented by students from secondary, post-secondary schools, colleges and higher learning institutions.

The performance brings the people to assimilate the true meaning of independence and sovereignty of a nation. It also reinforced the role of a visionary generation in upholding the national philosophy Malay Islamic Monarchy, Zikir Nation and together in achieving the progressive Brunei vision.

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An aerial view of the field performance showing the participants forming this year's National Day logo.

Photo by: Radio Television Brunei





His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel participating in the march-past.



One of the teams during the march-past passing the royal dais.



Dr. Muhammad Nuriskandar bin Mohammad Hasnan, President of the Universiti Brunei Darussalam's Guild of Graduates leading the National Day Oath.



Cheerful students lined up waving the national flag to welcome the arrival of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

## Courtesy visit from His Majesty the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong XVI



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 and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam with His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong XVI (the 16<sup>th</sup>) of Malaysia, Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah ibni Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah and Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong, Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah binti Al-Marhum Al-Mutawakkil Alallah Sultan Iskandar Al-Haj during the courtesy visit, held at Istana Nurul Iman.

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN February 10** - 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, and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam received a courtesy visit from His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong XVI (the 16<sup>th</sup>) of Malaysia, Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah ibni Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah and Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong, Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah binti Al-Marhum Al-Mutawakkil Alallah Sultan Iskandar Al-Haj, which was held at Cheradi Laila Kenchana, Istana Nurul Iman.



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; and His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong XVI (the 16<sup>th</sup>) of Malaysia, Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah ibni Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah during the Royal Luncheon.

Present at the Ceremony were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Raabi'atul 'Adawiyah; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Bini Hajah Faizah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah; Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Norhayati; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Fadzilah Lubabul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Ameerah Wardatul Bolkiah; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Accompanying His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong were Yang Mulia Tengku Amir Nasser Ibrahim; Yang Mulia Tengku Suraiya Afzan; and Yang Mulia Tengku Puteri Jihan Azizah 'Athiyatullah.



Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam and Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong, Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah binti Al-Marhum Al-Mutawakkil Alallah Sultan Iskandar Al-Haj during the Royal Luncheon.

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## Courtesy visit from His Majesty the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong XVI (continued)

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His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, 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; Yang Mulia Tengku Amir Nasser Ibrahim; and Yang Mulia Tengku Suraiya Afzan during the Royal Luncheon.

The Ceremony was followed by a Royal Luncheon at Baitul Rahmah.

Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah ibni Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah was sworn in as the 16<sup>th</sup> Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2019 at Balairung Seri, Istana Negara in Kuala Lumpur.

Earlier, present at the Brunei International Airport to welcome His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong on arrival His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office as Personal Representative of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam; Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab Rahaman; and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

Prior to leaving the airport, His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong walked past the Static Guard of Honour mounted by members of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel.



His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Norhayati.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Bini Hajah Faizah binti Dato Haji Nasir.

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## Lao Prime Minister's Official Visit

### Audience Ceremony

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, February 16** - 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 Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. The Audience Ceremony took place at Cheradi Laila Kenchana, Istana Nurul Iman.

Prior to the Audience Ceremony, His Majesty welcomed His Excellency the Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on arrival at Istana Nurul Iman, and subsequently introduced His Excellency to members of the royal family.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Excellency Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

## Courtesy visit from His Majesty the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong XVI (continued)

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Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Yang Mulia Tengku Puteri Jihan Azizah 'Athiyatullah.



Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah, Her Royal Highness Princess Fadzilah Lubabul Bolkiah and Her Royal Highness Princess Ameerah Wardatul Bolkiah.



## Lao Prime Minister's Official Visit Bilateral Meeting and Brunei - Lao Joint Statement



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Excellency Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic during the bilateral meeting.

After the Audience Ceremony, His Majesty held a Bilateral Meeting with His Excellency Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, which was held at Baitul Mesyuarah.

At the Bilateral Meeting, His Majesty and His Excellency exchanged views on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual concern. His Majesty welcomed the official visit of His Excellency on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Brunei Darussalam and the Lao People's Democratic Republic. Both leaders acknowledged the existing close and friendly ties enjoyed by Brunei Darussalam and Lao People's Democratic Republic; reiterated their commitment to further enhance the two countries' friendship for their mutual benefit; and acknowledged that efforts are ongoing to strengthen and diversify existing cooperation.

Both leaders welcomed efforts towards enhancing bilateral trade and economic activities that will bring benefit to

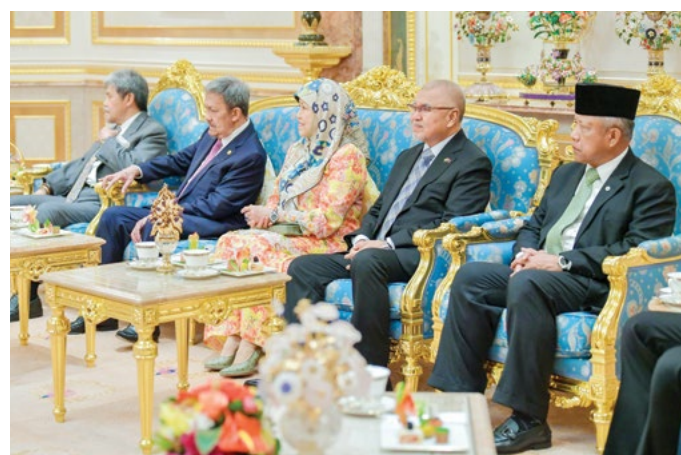
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## Lao Prime Minister's Official Visit Audience Ceremony (continued)

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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 Mohamed Bolkih; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkih; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Second Minister of Defence as the Minister-in-Attendance.



His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkih; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkih; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Second Minister of Defence as the Minister-in-Attendance.

Present at the Audience Ceremony 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 'Abdul Wakeel; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkih; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkih; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Accompanying His Excellency the Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic were His Excellency Saleumxay Kommasith, Minister of Foreign Affairs; His Excellency Dr. Phet Phomphiphak, Minister, Head of the Prime Minister's Office; Her Excellency Sengdeuane Lachanthaboune, Minister of Education and Sports; Her Excellency Khemmani Pholsena, Minister of Industry and Commerce; and His Excellency Alounkeo Kittikhoun, Minister to the Prime Minister's Office.

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both countries; the strengthening of cooperation in the field of education; and exchanged views on ASEAN and regional matters. To this end, both Leaders encouraged bilateral exchanges carried out under the Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation, which was established in 1999.

During the meeting between 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 and His Excellency Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, a Joint Statement between both countries was also issued, in which they acknowledged the existing close and friendly ties enjoyed by Brunei Darussalam and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

The leaders reiterated their commitment to further enhance the two countries' friendship for their mutual benefit and acknowledged that continuous efforts are ongoing to strengthen and diversify existing cooperation.

The leaders agreed to encourage frequent high-level exchanges and will make good use of bilateral mechanisms to coordinate and enhance bilateral cooperation in various areas. In this regard, both leaders welcomed the convening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brunei Darussalam – Lao People's Democratic Republic Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation which was held in Luang Prabang, Lao PDR on June 6, 2018 and look forward to the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in Brunei Darussalam in the near future.

The leaders welcomed the efforts to enhance bilateral trade and encourage their business people to actively engage for business opportunities. In this regard, they welcomed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in information sharing between the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Brunei Darussalam and the Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, as an initiative to facilitate information sharing and explore potential collaborations between business communities of the two countries. The two countries looked forward to exploring collaboration in the areas of agriculture, energy, petroleum, tourism and industries.

The leaders also agreed to strengthen cooperation in sports and education



Also in attendance during the bilateral meeting was His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office.



Delegates from the Lao People's Democratic Republic during the bilateral meeting.

and welcomed the signing of the MoU in the field of Education which will serve to encourage academic exchanges and promote collaboration in areas of mutual interest.

His Excellency Thongloun Sisoulith expressed his sincere gratitude to the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam for the continued support and assistance in their human resource capacity building and infrastructure development as well

as humanitarian assistance including the financial assistance rendered following the recent extensive flooding in the Southern Part of Laos.

The leaders exchanged views and agreed to enhance cooperation on regional and international issues of mutual concern. Both leaders acknowledged the importance of upholding ASEAN centrality towards safeguarding and securing ASEAN's interests particularly the peace, stability and prosperity of the region.



## Lao Prime Minister's Official Visit Signing of MoU

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, February 16** - After the Bilateral Meeting, His Majesty and His Excellency witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, in the field of education.

Signing on behalf of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Hamzah bin Haji Sulaiman, Minister of Education, while signing on behalf of the Lao People's Democratic Republic was Her Excellency Sengdeuane Lachanthaboune, Minister of Education and Sports.

Also present to witness the Signing Ceremony was His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office.



Signing of Memorandum of Understanding in the field of Education on behalf of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Hamzah bin Haji Sulaiman, Minister of Education of Brunei; while signing on behalf of the Lao People's Democratic Republic was Her Excellency Sengdeuane Lachanthaboune, Minister of Education and Sports of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

## Lao Prime Minister's Official Visit Official Banquet

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, February 16** - In honour of His Excellency and delegation, His Majesty hosted an Official Banquet at Istana Nurul Iman.

Present at the Official Banquet 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 'Abdul Wakeel; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkia; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

His Majesty in a *titah* (royal speech) appreciates His Excellency's contributions to the enhancement of both countries. His Excellency's visit on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Brunei

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Excellency the Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic during the Official Banquet at Istana Nurul Iman.

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



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkia; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and member of the delegation from Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Darussalam – Lao People's Democratic Republic diplomatic relation is meaningful in further solidifying much-valued relationship.

His Majesty looks forward to continue working closely with the Lao People's Democratic Republic in exploring opportunities that would bring mutual benefits and prosperity towards achieving respective national visions.

The aspiration and effort of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to establish land linkages will not only enhance connectivity but also further create opportunities in improving the livelihood of Lao People's Democratic Republic's people and economic development.

His Majesty welcomed the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the National Chambers of commerce and hope that this MoU will encourage exchanges and understanding

between them.

His Majesty was also pleased that Brunei and Lao People's Democratic Republic have signed the MoU on education which will pave the way of exchanges and promote collaboration in this area and hope this will help towards strengthening the human capacity-building of Lao People's Democratic Republic.

This was followed by a speech by His Excellency, where His Excellency expressed his highest gratitude to His Majesty for a very warm welcome.

The Lao People's Democratic Republic and Brunei Darussalam have always enjoyed traditional friendly relations. This is reflected in long standing mutual supports at bilateral, regional and international levels.

His Excellency was impressed by the great

achievement of Brunei's development under the wise leadership of His Majesty and strongly believes that the Brunei Vision 2035 will be realised under His Majesty's visionary, capable and insightful leadership.

"I highly value the outcome of our bilateral meeting today in which we share views on many important matters with a view to achieving a more enhanced friendship between our nations," said His Excellency.

His Excellency and delegation are on a two-day Official Visit to Brunei Darussalam.

Diplomatic relation between the two countries was established on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 1993. Since then, the two countries have been cooperating in various fields including education, technical assistance, and culture, youth and sports.



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 Mateen; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel; and His Excellency Saleumxay Kommasith, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.



## Brunei Darussalam celebrates 35<sup>th</sup> National Day with national hobby



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel during the 'Semangat Kebangsaan 2019' Cycling Recreation.

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, February 24** - In conjunction with the 35<sup>th</sup> National Day celebration of Brunei Darussalam, the 'Semangat Kebangsaan 2019' (National Spirit) Cycling Recreation was held, simultaneously with the 'Bandarku Ceria' programme. As the declared national hobby, the cycling recreation attracted the participation of all walks of life.

The capital was further enlivened by the presence of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

His Majesty was accompanied by His Majesty's sons and daughter, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel and Her Royal Highness Princess Ameerah Wardatul Bolkihah.

The arrival of His Majesty and royal family members at Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien was greeted by Yang Berhormat Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Aminuddin Ihsan bin Pehin Orang Kaya Saiful Mulok Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin, as Chairman of the 35<sup>th</sup> National Day Celebration Executive Committee as well as other Cabinet Ministers.

Shortly after arrival, His Majesty launched the 'Semangat Kebangsaan 2019' Cycling Recreation, and signed the frame of the special shirt in commemoration of His Majesty's presence at the event.

The launch was accompanied by a choir performance by about 70 students from Sultan Sharif Ali Secondary School.

Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Permanent Secretaries, Deputy Permanent Secretaries as well as foreign nationals also joined members of the public in the 11.50 kilometre cycling event led by His Majesty.

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Her Royal Highness Princess Ameerah Wardatul Bolkihah taking part in the cycling event.



His Majesty listening to a briefing by a local heart expert at one of the exhibitions.

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Soon after the cycling recreation was completed, His Majesty and members of the royal family viewed the march-past by the participants led by the 35 cyclists for the 35km event comprising from 13 ministries and youth of various age groups.

His Majesty and members of the royal family then took a closer look at the activities held during 'Bandarku Ceria' as well as the exhibits showcased by government ministries, national sporting associations and private agencies such as the 'Mind Our Children Programme' and Drug Prevention Education Programme by the Department of Information and Narcotics Control Bureau; Bicycle Polo; Financial Literacy Game; the sale of products made by inmates at the Prisons Department; MEGA Heart interactive exhibition; Reading and Writing Jawi competition; Kite competition and many more.

The warmth between the Monarch and the people can be seen through the recreational event, where His Majesty mingled and spent time with the cyclists, visitors and people of all walks of life during the event, which will definitely be reminisced.

The 'Semangat Kebangsaan 2019' Cycling Recreation was organised by the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports with the collaboration of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications as well as the involvement of all other Ministries and the Brunei Darussalam Cycling Association.

The success of the event is definitely more meaningful with the active involvement of all agencies through the 'Whole of Nation approach' which involved all levels of society including non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to carry out their roles and responsibilities to make the cycling event a success.



His Majesty signing the frame of the special shirt commissioned for the 'Semangat Kebangsaan 2019' Cycling Recreation.



His Majesty taking a closer look at a booth by the Department of Electrical Services of the Ministry of Energy, Manpower and Industry.



His Majesty being greeted by trainees of the National Service Programme (PKBN).



Some of the cyclists that took part in the cycling event.



## His Majesty's care for the people's well-being

**TUNGKU LINK, February 18** - 545 recipients were awarded house keys by 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, under the National Housing Scheme (RPN), and Terrace Houses under the Kampung Lugu Indigenous Citizens Housing Land Scheme (STKRJ) for the Brunei Muara District. The ceremony was held at the Chancellor Hall of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD).

Of the 545 recipients, 489 received keys to cluster houses at RPN Lugu, 24 received keys to terrace houses under RPN Panchor (Mengkubau), 10 under RPN Meragang, three received keys to terrace houses under RPN Tanah Jambu and 19 received keys to terrace houses under the Kampung Lugu STKRJ.

With a total of 130 square meters, each cluster house unit in the RPN Lugu area has four bedrooms, a bathroom and a kitchen. Overall, housing in the Lugu RPN area has 1,000 units of cluster type houses. This residential area is a comprehensive housing development concept complete with ample land for future public facilities such as schools, mosques, recreation areas such as parks and playgrounds.

On the occasion of the key handover ceremony, His Majesty visited two Higher Education Institutions in the area namely Institute of Health Sciences Pengiran Anak Puteri Rashidah Sa'adatulkhalkiah (PAPRSB IHS), UBD and Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB).

Upon arrival at the PAPRSB IHS Simulation Centre (SimCentre), His Majesty consented to make a trip to the Division of Medical Surgery, where he witnessed a demonstration of trauma



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 awarding one of the recipients a house key under the National Housing Scheme (RPN), and Terrace Houses under the Kampung Lugu Indigenous Citizens Housing Land Scheme (STKRJ) for the Brunei Muara District.

management skills using a high fidelity mannequin and simulated patients.

His Majesty later proceeded to the control room and watched a demonstration of the exercises that are provided in the control facility and Moulage demonstration.

From the control room, His Majesty then visited the Operation Theatre, where he witnessed a demonstration of surgical training done by a nurse, then to the Pediatrics Division, where he witnessed a demonstration of a pediatrician nursing a child suffering an asthma attack.

His Majesty then consented to make a trip to the Maternity Bay and witnessed a training demonstration for midwives using a scenario of a woman who is about to give birth.

After, His Majesty was presented with three research projects, titled 'Germline

Mutations OF BRCA1, BRCA2, TP53 and PALB2 Genes in Brunei Breast Cancer Patients' by Dayang Siti Nur Idayu binti Haji Matusin; followed by a research project titled 'Internet of Things in Hydroponic Farming' presented by Dr. Muhammad Saifullah bin Abu Bakar; and 'Using Living Snail Shells to Biomonitor Marine Acidification' presented by Dr. David John Marshall.

During a visit to the American Heart Association (AHA) International Training Centre, His Majesty witnessed Basic Life Support and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training, followed by a visit to Simulation Ward, where His Majesty witnessed a patient care demonstration in the ward.

His Majesty later proceeded to the Biomedical Research Laboratories

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Some of the recipients who received house keys.



His Majesty during the visit to Institute of Health Sciences Pengiran Anak Puteri Rashidah Sa'adatulkhalkiah (PAPRSB IHS).

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and was briefed on ongoing research projects and witnessed several demonstrations in the manufacturing of drugs in the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Laboratory.

His Majesty later visited the Clinical Simulation Skill Labs, where he witnessed a demonstration stations clinical skills of medical students of UBD, nursing Polytechnic Brunei and Institute Brunei of Technical Education (IBTE).

Before ending the visit, His Majesty consented to receive a *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet) from the officers and staff as well as students of PAPRSB IHS.

PAPRSB IHS trainings are conducted throughout the year with the aim of successfully producing high quality health professionals to meet the needs of Brunei Darussalam. PAPRSB IHS also recorded a new milestone when accredited by the American Heart Association as one of its International Training Centre. From UBD, His Majesty proceeded to visit UTB.

While at UTB His Majesty visited the Materials Testing Centre (MTC), which is the core academic facilities of the Faculty of Engineering to provide materials testing services to local industry simultaneously; the Mechanical and Civil Engineering Laboratory, whose laboratory is designed to meet the needs of human technology; the Laboratory of Science and Technology Innovation Eco-Marathon, where students create a design, development, building energy-efficient vehicles in the laboratory.

The School of Design's Gallery and Studio also attracted the attention of His Majesty, where it is one of the new schools in the university offering Master's Degree in Architecture and Product Design.

His Majesty concluded the visit to UTB by visiting the Food Science and Technology Laboratory where it is an application of science and technology principles to deliver safe, attractive and convenient food products from raw materials to consumers.

After completing the visits to the Higher Education Institutions, His Majesty visited Head of Kampung Jerudong who is also the Acting Head of Kampung Jerudong 'B' (Peninjau), Haji Mohammad Rais bin Haji Ishak.

Immediately after, His Majesty paid a visit to more than 10 house key recipients under RPN Lugu, Mukim Sengkurong, reflecting the Monarch's attentiveness, care and concern for the quality of life of the people. The visit also gave the opportunity for the house key recipients to meet and interact with the Monarch in their homes.



His Majesty during the visit to PAPRSB IHS.



His Majesty touring the Food Science and Technology Laboratory at UTB.



His Majesty taking a closer look at one of the demonstrations at the School of Design at UTB.



His Majesty interacting with house key recipients at their homes.





## His Majesty harvests first crop of High Yielding Hybrid Sembada 188 Paddy Variety



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 harvesting the Sembada 188 paddy.



His Majesty taking a closer look and being briefed on the Sembada 188 Paddy Variety.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office joining His Majesty in harvesting the Sembada 188 paddy.

**MUKIM PENGKALAN BATU, February 12** - 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 officiate the Harvest of the High Yielding Hybrid Sembada 188 Paddy Variety at the Wasan Agricultural Development Area in Mukim Pengkalan Batu.

Accompanying His Majesty were His Majesty'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 and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen. Shortly after arriving at the Wasan Agricultural Development Area paddy plantation, His Majesty was briefed on the development of the planting of Sembada 188 Paddy Variety and the Agriculture and Agrifood Incentive Scheme by Khairunissa binti Haji Omar Ali, Head of Paddy and Crop Protection Division.

His Majesty also listened to a briefing on the progress of the Deepening and Upgrading of the Imang Dam, Underground Water Exploration and the Opening of the Kandol Area for a commercial paddy planting project on 500 hectares of land in the Belait District. The briefing was delivered by Saidin bin Namit, Head of Agricultural Engineering Service Division.

Later, the briefing on the development of the Commercial Paddy Production Project on 110 hectares in the Panchor Murai Agricultural Development Area was delivered by Ezwyn bin Haji Bakar, Manager of Yaz & Wyn Enterprise.

His Majesty then consented to receive a *pesambah* (souvenir) from Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali bin Haji Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism.

The ceremony began with the reading of Surah Al-Fatihah and *Doa Selamat* by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia (Dr.) Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, the State Mufti.

His Majesty then delivered a brief *titah* (royal speech) to officiate the Harvest of the High Yielding Hybrid Sembada 188 Paddy Variety.

The Monarch was then invited to lead the harvesting of the paddy at the Setia Kawan Cooperative Plantation (KOSEKA) using a 'Jentuai' or combined harvester. Joining His Majesty was His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah.

The harvesting of the paddy was accompanied by a *Tausyeh Syukur* performed by students of Seri Begawan Religious Teachers University College (KUPU SB).

His Majesty then consented to receive a *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet) from KOSEKA members and management of Yaz & Wyn Enterprise.

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After officiating the Sembada 188 Hybrid Paddy Harvest at Agriculture Development Area, His Majesty proceeded to the Paddy Processing Centre at the Wasan Agricultural Development Area.

During the visit, His Majesty viewed the operation of pouring the paddy into the threshing machine at the Control Room and then visited the Packing Section, where His Majesty packed a bag of rice.

The threshing machine can produce 3.5 metric tonnes of rice per hour and is expected to accommodate a production of 5,800 metric tonnes of rice per year.

The paddy thresher can thresh locally produced paddy in a quicker and more efficient manner as well as help to control the quality after harvest. Currently, the thresher service is operated by Syarikat Pertanian Tropikal Utama. Meanwhile, the operation of receiving and pouring paddy into the threshing machine, the packaging and sales as well as maintenance of the thresher are being handled by the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood.

Due to the low level of local paddy production, the thresher is not yet used optimally.

The Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism is currently collaborating with the Ministry of Finance and Economy in the privatisation of the Wasan Paddy and Rice Processing Complex to government linked companies.

Among the objectives is to ensure that the paddy factory is operating more efficiently and at the same time to enhance threshing capacity as well as quality of threshed rice.

Prior to visiting the Wasan Agricultural Development Area in Mukim Pengkalan Batu, His Majesty and Their Royal Highnesses visited Ideal Multifeed Farm (IMF) Sdn. Bhd., a farm that supplies local products and operates on an 89-hectare farm for egg production and broiler chicken, located in Kampung Bengkurong Masin.

Upon arrival, His Majesty and Their Royal Highnesses toured the viewing room of the slaughtering house, IMF's retail shop, and viewed an exhibition on the company's achievements since it was established around 1992 up to now.

IMF Sdn. Bhd. is the first commercial chicken processing factory to use closed and conventional coops, equipped with an abattoir. Ideal Affiliated Group of Companies covers IMF Sdn. Bhd., Ideal Hatchery Sdn. Bhd., Ideal Marketing Sdn. Bhd., Ideal Food Industries Sdn. Bhd., Ideal Feed Mills Sdn. Bhd., Ideal Pharma and Constructions Sdn. Bhd.

From Ideal Multifeed Farm Sdn. Bhd., His Majesty and Their Royal Highnesses took a closer look at the vegetable crops of Perusahaan Haji Mohd. Salleh bin Haji Ludin dan Anak-Anak at Batumpu Agriculture Development Area.

During the visit, His Majesty and Their Royal Highnesses were briefed on the company and viewed an exhibition on the production of the farm.

Perusahaan Haji Mohd. Salleh bin Haji Ludin dan Anak-Anak practises conventional systems on a seven hectare plot, which cultivates vegetables and fruits, among them water spinach, cucumber and bitter gourd.

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His Majesty packing a bag of rice at the Packing Section at the Paddy Process Centre.



His Majesty during his visit to Ideal Multifeed Farm (IMF) Sdn. Bhd.



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It supplies produce to buyers such as supermarkets as well as restaurants and private consumers.

The farm produced 463.72 metric tonnes of produce worth BND1.19 million last year.

Owner and manager of the farm, Haji Mohd. Salleh bin Haji Ludin, has been active in agricultural activities since 2004, assisted by his son, Muhd. Huzaimi, who is the Assistant Manager. The farm has about 14 employees.

Haji Mohd. Salleh is determined and willing to do his part to develop the farming industry further if financial assistance and land are availed to him by the government.

His Majesty taking a closer look at the vegetable produce at Perusahaan Haji Mohd. Salleh bin Haji Ludin dan Anak-Anak.

## His Majesty tours Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE) Agro-Technology Campus (ATC)

**WASAN**, February 12 - 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 visit the Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE) Agro-Technology Campus (ATC), to take a closer look at the learning sites of the IBTE students.

The Monarch first visited the Food Technology Unit, which houses the production process of foods and drinks produced by the students, such as Roselle Biscuit, lekor crackers and prawn crackers.

His Majesty then stopped by at the Crop Production Unit to take a closer look at the herbs grown by students and the campus' greenhouse to see the planting of cucumbers and watermelons using the Fertigation and Hydroponics system.

The Agrobusiness exhibition, a collaborative initiative between IBTE and Livewire Brunei also attracted the Monarch's attention. The project began on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January, through a Memorandum of Understanding aimed to revive the young farmers' programme by adopting a new approach especially in producing agropreneurs in agrotechnology.

His Majesty then proceeded to visit the Veterinary Clinic which provides the opportunity for students to learn all types of treatment and operations for livestock.

His Majesty also took a closer look at several hydroponics systems produced by Agrometro which is managed by four IBTE graduates. Establish in 2017, Agrometro has successfully sold over 100 hydroponics systems.

Before leaving the IBTE Wasan Agro-Technology Campus, His Majesty interacted with IBTE graduates who have successfully opened up their own business and concluded his visit with a group photo.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen at the Crop Production Unit to take a closer look at Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE) Agro-Technology Campus' (ATC) greenhouse.



His Majesty during the visit to the Veterinary Clinic.

## Temburong Bridge Project, to be completed by end of year

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN**, February 14 - A series of visits to project sites and agencies were made by 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 Patron of the Temburong District Development Authority (AKDT).

Using a special boat, His Royal Highness first visited the construction sites of the Temburong Bridge Project starting with the single tower cable-stayed bridge and the connecting bridge that links the northern and southern ramps of Kampung Kota Batu.

While cruising along Brunei Bay, His Royal Highness was briefed on the progress of the Temburong Bridge Project by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Suhaimi bin Haji Gafar, Minister of Development, on the available facilities to be installed along the Temburong Bridge.

Upon reaching the pier deck near the twin tower cable-stayed bridge, His Royal Highness was then escorted up the pier deck of the marine bridge to have closer view of the construction activities and was briefed by two junior site engineers Mohammad Izz Rafiuddin bin Amer Hishamuddin and Matus Anak Belayan.

His Royal Highness also viewed the construction activities at the Pier Deck 167 before signing a commemorative parchment.

His Royal Highness then proceed to construction site at Jalan Labu and was escorted to Pier 1000 and was briefed on the status and ongoing activities at the site by Haji Abd. Hamid bin Haji Matussin, the Project Engineer.



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 Patron of the Temburong District Development Authority (AKDT) at one of the construction sites of the Temburong Bridge.

The Temburong Bridge Project is the largest national project that will connect the Brunei-Muara and Temburong district via the Brunei Bay, which is expected to be completed at the end of this year.

After the working visit to the Temburong Bridge construction sites, His Royal Highness visited several agencies in the Temburong District.

His Royal Highness visited the Labu Control Post to take a closer look at several agencies including the Immigration Control Post where His Royal Highness was briefed on the Brunei-Malaysia Frequent Travel Programme (BMFTP), a collaboration between His Majesty's Government and the Government of Malaysia; the X-Ray Room that scans heavy vehicles to track any merchandise or control items; the Health Control Post, which acts as a filtering point in the case of an epidemic;

and the Labu Police Control Post.

His Royal Highness then proceeded to Bukit Patoi Recreational Park, where His Royal Highness was briefed on the background of the recreational park, and the luxury eco-tourism project in Kampung Perdayan, Mukim Labu.

The next destination was the National Service Programme (PKBN) Training Camp at Mukim Bato Apoi. Shortly after arriving, His Royal Highness viewed a mini-exhibition of the economic activities and development plans intended for Temburong District.

His Royal Highness then proceeded to the meeting room at the PKBN building for a briefing session by the Temburong District

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His Royal Highness being briefed by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Suhaimi bin Haji Gafar, Minister of Development, on the construction activities of the Temburong Bridge.



His Royal Highness signing a commemorative parchment.



## Temburong Bridge Project, to be completed by end of year (continued)

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Development Authority (AKDT) on the planned economic activities for the Temburong District.

The final stop was at the Bumiputera Complex in Bangar Town, where His Royal Highness toured the One Village One Product (1K1P) exhibition.

To conclude the visit, His Royal Highness boarded a helicopter for an aerial view of the construction progress of the Temburong Bridge, Pulau Muara Besar, Serasa Casting Yard and several identified development sites.

During the visits, His Royal Highness was accompanied by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Mokti bin Haji Mohd. Daud, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; 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 as the co-chairman of the Temburong District Development Authority; Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Suhaimi bin Haji Gafar, Minister of Development and Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mat Suny bin Haji Mohd. Hussein, Minister of Energy, Manpower and Industry.

The visits made by His Royal Highness reflect the leadership and attentiveness of His Royal Highness in ensuring the progress of projects meets the aims towards achieving the Brunei Vision 2035.



His Royal Highness during the visit to the Immigration Control Post (right).



His Royal Highness being briefed on the background of the Bukit Patoi Recreational Park.



His Royal Highness during the briefing session by the Temburong District Development Authority (AKDT) on the planned economic activities for the Temburong District.



His Royal Highness taking a closer look at the products displayed at the One Village One Product (1K1P) exhibition.



An aerial view of the construction progress of the Temburong Bridge.