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His Majesty attends Official Opening of the 34th ASEAN Summit



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in a group photo with ASEAN leaders at the Official Opening of the 34th ASEAN Summit.

THE ATHENEE HOTEL, BANGKOK, June 23 - 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 attend the Official Opening of the 34th ASEAN Summit; Retreat Session of the 34th ASEAN Summit; and the Luncheon hosted by the Prime Minister of Thailand.

Accompanying His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

Upon arrival at the Athenee Hotel, His Majesty was first set out with the other ASEAN leaders to attend the Official Opening of the 34th ASEAN Summit held at the Crystal Hall.

The Official Opening Ceremony started with the ASEAN theme song choir, followed by the Opening Message from the Prime Minister of Thailand His Excellency General (Rtd) Prayut Chan-o-cha, as the Chairman of ASEAN.

Heads of State and the Government of ASEAN and delegates then witnessed a cultural show titled 'Vivid ASEAN'.

The ASEAN leaders also witnessed the video clip of 'ASEAN Center of Military Medicine' and 'ASEAN Satellite Warehouse in Chainat Province under the Emergency Logistics System for ASEAN', which was later jointly inaugurated by ASEAN Leaders.

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58th RBAF Anniversary Celebration full of glory

BOLKIAH GARRISON, June 30 - 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, today graced the Grand Parade for the 58th RBAF Anniversary Celebration at the Mini Stadium in Bolkiah Garrison.

Upon arrival at the parade ground, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was received by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd), Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Second Minister of Defence; and Major General Pengiran Dato Paduka Seri Aminan bin Pengiran Haji Mahmud, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces.

Accompanying His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; and His Royal Highness 920 Captain (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

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His Majesty receives audiences

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



His Excellency Vladlen Stanislavovich Semivolov, the outgoing Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to Brunei Darussalam on June 12.



Mrs. Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul, President of the Badminton Association of Thailand Under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King of the Royal Kingdom of Thailand; Member of the Executive Board of the National Olympic Committee of Thailand; Deputy Chair of Women in Badminton Commission; and Deputy President of Badminton World Federation on June 19.

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:

- Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Theresa May, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as well as members of the royal family, the Government and people of Britain on the occasion of the 93rd birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on June 8.
- His Excellency Rodrigo Roa Duterte, President of the Republic of the Philippines, the Government and people of the Republic of the Philippines on the occasion of the 121st Independence Day of the Republic of the Philippines on June 12.
- His Excellency Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation, as well as the Government and people of the Russian Federation on the occasion of Russia Day on June 12.
- His Excellency General (Rtd) Prayut Chan-o-cha on his success of being re-elected as Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand on June 11.



People-centered ASEAN Community essential for sustainable future



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the 34th ASEAN Summit Plenary Session held at The Athenee Hotel, Bangkok.

THE ATHENEH HOTEL, BANGKOK, June 22 - 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, this afternoon also attended the 34th ASEAN Summit Plenary Session, which was held at the Athenee Hotel, Bangkok.

Accompanying His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the Plenary Session was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

The Plenary Session of the 34th ASEAN Summit commenced with an Opening Remarks by His Excellency General (Rtd) Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand and Chairman of ASEAN, to welcome the ASEAN Heads of State and Government. This was followed by the presentation of the ASEAN Progress Report by His Excellency Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi, ASEAN Secretary-General.

During the meeting, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivered a *titah* (royal speech) in which His Majesty firstly congratulated His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn on his splendid Coronation ceremonies. His Majesty also congratulated Their Excellencies the Prime Minister of Thailand and the President of the Republic of Indonesia on their elections.

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His Majesty listening to the ASEAN Progress Report delivered during the 34th ASEAN Summit Plenary Session.



Accompanying His Majesty was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

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His Majesty then stated that Brunei Darussalam fully supports Thailand's Chairmanship and welcomes a sustainable approach towards ensuring the long-term success of the ASEAN Community whereby the work within ASEAN should be inclusive, and the benefits, shared by the people at all levels throughout Southeast Asia.

There are other opportunities to build a more integrated ASEAN Community, including; 1) strengthening cooperation in Education by the facilitation of Student Exchange Programmes between institutions in ASEAN Member States to build friendship other than helping the youth in understanding the diversity within the region; 2) building on initiatives that will prepare ASEAN better for the digital future combined with the enhanced intra-ASEAN travel and connectivity by strengthening telecommunications in the region, especially in the area of mobile data roaming.

His Majesty believes that this would greatly help businesses as well as travellers in ASEAN, and hopes that ASEAN leaders would give the Ministers strong political encouragement for its timely realisation, which would directly benefit the ASEAN community.

Lastly, 3) recognising that addressing collective challenges can unify the ASEAN community, who must be given the opportunity to help one another, especially as the impact of climate change remains a great concern, and given the increased frequency of natural disasters in Southeast Asia.

In concluding the *titah*, His Majesty reiterated that a people-centered ASEAN Community is essential for a sustainable future, with peace, stability and prosperity for all.

After the Plenary Session, His Majesty proceeded for a Gala Dinner with the other ASEAN Heads of State and Government.



His Majesty attends Gala Dinner hosted by Prime Minister of Thailand



His Majesty and His Royal Highness with His Excellency General (Rtd) Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand and Chairman of ASEAN, and his spouse, Mrs. Naraporn Chan-o-cha.

THE ATHENEH TOWER, BANGKOK, June 22 - 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, this evening attended a Gala Dinner hosted by the Prime Minister of Thailand.

Upon arrival at the dinner, His Majesty was greeted by His Excellency General (Rtd) Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand and Chairman of ASEAN, and his spouse, Mrs. Naraporn Chan-o-cha.

His Majesty then joined other ASEAN Heads of State and Government for a group photo session.

Accompanying His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam to the Gala Dinner was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

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Gala Dinner hosted by Prime Minister of Thailand

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During the dinner, the ASEAN leaders and delegates also watched a number of cultural and musical performances.

The event, which took place at Crystal Hall, Athenee Tower, was held in honour of the ASEAN Heads of State and Government and the ASEAN Secretary-General who are currently attending the 34th ASEAN Summit.



His Majesty and His Royal Highness at the Gala Dinner hosted by His Excellency General (Rtd) Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand and Chairman of ASEAN, and his spouse, Mrs. Naraporn Chan-o-cha.



His Majesty and other ASEAN Heads of State and Government in a group photo session at the Gala Dinner.



ASEAN Heads of State and Government watching the cultural and musical performance at the Crystal Hall of the Athenee Tower.

His Majesty attends ASEAN Leaders' Interface with representatives of AIPA; ASEAN Leaders' Interface with representatives of ASEAN Youth; and ASEAN Leaders' Interface with representatives of ABAC



THE ATHENEUE HOTEL, BANGKOK, June 22 - Prior to the 34th ASEAN Summit Plenary Session, His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, attended the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA); ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of ASEAN Youth; and the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC). The interfaces were held at Pimarn Siam Hall, The Atheneue Hotel.

His Majesty first attended the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA).

The meeting began with the opening statement of His Excellency General (Rtd) Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand and Chairman of ASEAN. This was followed by a statement from His Excellency Chuan Leekpai, President of AIPA.

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His Majesty at the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) held at the Pimarn Siam Hall of the The Atheneue Hotel, Bangkok.



His Majesty at the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of ASEAN Youth and the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC).

His Majesty attends ASEAN Leaders' Interface with representatives of AIPA; ASEAN Leaders' Interface with representatives of ASEAN Youth; and ASEAN Leaders' Interface with representatives of ABAC (continued)

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During the Interface, the ASEAN Heads of State and Government and representatives of AIPA raised regional and international issues that can be enhanced and strengthened between ASEAN and AIPA, especially in supporting the development of the ASEAN Socio-cultural Community pillar.

His Majesty then attended the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of ASEAN Youth.

The Meeting began with the opening statement by His Excellency the Prime Minister of Thailand, who then invited a representative of the ASEAN youth to convey her remarks.

At the Meeting, the ASEAN leaders and ASEAN youth representatives exchanged views on the importance of education, the environment and inclusive socio-economic development.

After the Meeting with ASEAN Youth, His Majesty then attended the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC).

Accompanying His Majesty at this Interface was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

The Meeting began with a statement by His Excellency the Prime Minister of Thailand, followed by a statement from His Excellency Arin Jira, Chairman of ABAC.

During the Meeting, ASEAN and ABAC leaders discussed matters on advancing the Economic Community for the well-being of the people. In addition, the Chairman of ABAC also reported on the importance of the digital economy and benefits that can be achieved through the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

The interfaces were also attended by His Excellency Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi, ASEAN Secretary-General.



Accompanying His Majesty at the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC) was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

His Majesty attends Official Opening of the 34th ASEAN Summit; Retreat Session of the 34th ASEAN Summit; and Luncheon hosted by Prime Minister of Thailand (continued)

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At the end of the ceremony, His Majesty also consented to join group photo session with ASEAN leaders and the ASEAN Secretary-General.

After the Official Opening Ceremony, His Majesty consented to attend the 34th ASEAN Summit Retreat Session with other ASEAN leaders, at the Grand Hall of the hotel.

The Retreat Session was chaired by Prime Minister of Thailand, His Excellency General (Rtd) Prayut Chan-o-cha as the Chairman of ASEAN. Also present was ASEAN Secretary-General, His Excellency Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi.

During the Retreat Session, the leaders discussed and exchanged views on current issues at regional and international levels.



His Majesty and His Royal Highness at the Official Opening Ceremony of the 34th ASEAN Summit.

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After attending the Retreat Session, His Majesty then consented to join the Heads of State and other ASEAN Governments for the Banquet Ceremony hosted by Prime Minister of Thailand.



His Majesty at the Retreat Session of the 34th ASEAN Summit.



His Majesty and His Royal Highness at the Official Opening Ceremony of the 34th ASEAN Summit.



Some of the cultural performances showcasing the various cultures of ASEAN member states.



His Excellency General (Rtd) Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand and Chairman of ASEAN delivering his Opening Statement at the Official Opening of the 34th ASEAN Summit.

His Majesty chairs 13th BIMP-EAGA Summit



THE ATHENEE HOTEL, BANGKOK, June 23 - 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, this afternoon chaired the 13th Brunei-Indonesia-

Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Summit.

Accompanying His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

Upon arrival, His Majesty proceeded to Pimarn Siam Hall, where the 13th BIMP-EAGA Summit was held with the Heads of State and Government of the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia and the Republic of the Philippines as member countries of BIMP-EAGA.

Before the Summit began, His Majesty and the other leaders of BIMP-EAGA took a group photograph.

The 13th BIMP-EAGA Summit commenced with the Opening *Titah* (royal speech) by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam as Chairman of the BIMP-EAGA Summit.

In the Opening *Titah*, His Majesty firstly welcomed leaders of BIMP-EAGA to the Summit. This year marked the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of



Some of the Heads of State and Government of ASEAN present at the 13th Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Summit.

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BIMP-EAGA, and since then leaders have seen the resilience of the cooperation between BIMP-EAGA member states to ensure work continues to be pursued in advancing the sub-region amidst the different economic challenges.

Leaders have also seen the impact of the initiatives undertaken that have benefited the people in the sub-region and on the wider ASEAN level.

However, the integrity of BIMP-EAGA's collaboration is called upon once again, with the reality of today's changing economic landscape. This includes the threats on growth prospects due to protectionist, economic nationalist and inward-looking stance by countries who were once global champions of economic openness.

In that regard, His Majesty welcomed BIMP-EAGA's continued collaboration, which serves to create a more robust cooperation and to better equip the sub-region in absorbing global economic impacts.

His Majesty also touched on BIMP-EAGA Vision 2025, which laid out sector-based development strategies for



His Majesty chairing the 13th Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Summit held at The Athenee Hotel, Bangkok. Accompanying His Majesty was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

the sub-region, and His Majesty believed that much progress have been made in the last two years.

Excellency Takahiko Nakao, President of the Asia Development Bank (ADB).

Also attending the Summit was His Excellency Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN, and His

At the end of the Summit, a Joint Statement was adopted. The conclusion of the 13th BIMP-EAGA Summit marked the end of the two-day 34th ASEAN Summit.



Some of the Heads of State and Government of ASEAN present at the 13th Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Summit.

58th RBAF Anniversary Celebration full of glory (continued)

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His Majesty then proceeded to the Dais for the Royal Salute and afterwards, inspected the parade contingents consisting of 1,058 RBAF personnel from the Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF); Royal Brunei Navy (RBN); Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF); Training Institute RBAF (TI RBAF); the Special Forces Regiment (SFR); and Women Military Personnel led by 632 Lieutenant Colonel Amirul Adly bin Haji Ali as the Parade Commander. After the inspection, His Majesty delivered a *titah* (royal speech).

In the *titah*, His Majesty stated that peace is a great blessing from Allah, and that the country is very fortunate to be blessed with peace. With peace, it allows the country to develop at ease, where without it, all efforts of development would be difficult to be carried out.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the Grand Parade for the 58th RBAF Anniversary Celebration.



His Majesty inspecting the parade contingents consisting of 1,058 RBAF personnel from the Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF); Royal Brunei Navy (RBN); Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF); Training Institute RBAF (TI RBAF); the Special Forces Regiment (SFR); and Women Military Personnel led by 632 Lieutenant Colonel Amirul Adly bin Haji Ali as the Parade Commander.

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Afterwards, a prayer to bless the event was read by the Head of RBAF Religious Department, Commander Haji Ainolnizam bin Haji Ibrahim, RBN. His Majesty then once again received the Royal Salute followed by a fly-past by RBAirF's aircrafts.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam proceeded to witness the arena performance which showcased the SFR capability demonstrating direct vehicle ambush and interdiction.

This was followed by the consent of His Majesty to award the honorary membership in the SFR to His Royal Highness 920 Captain (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

His Majesty was then ushered to view the static exhibitions of the different units under the Ministry of Defence and RBAF, including the new installation of the RBAF Recruitment Office.

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His Majesty awarding the honorary membership in the Special Forces Regiment (SFR) to His Royal Highness 920 Captain (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen.



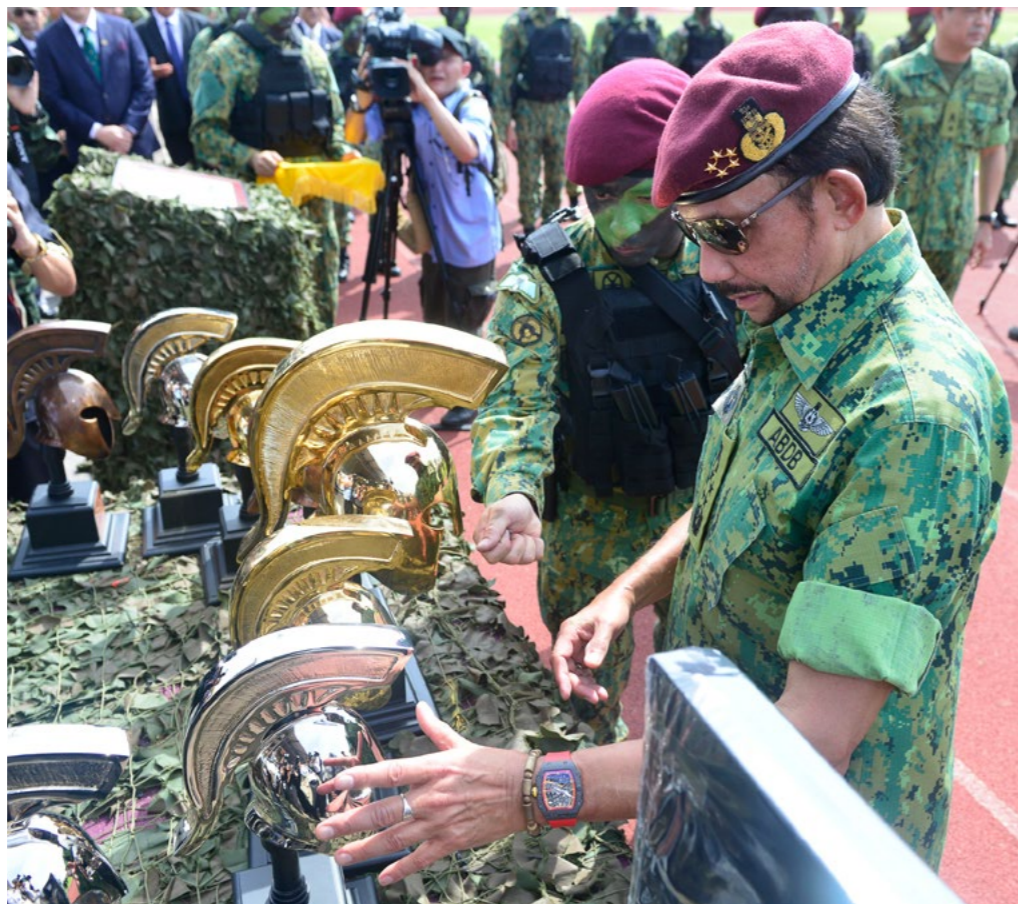
His Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office in a group photo during the awarding of honorary membership in the SFR to His Royal Highness 920 Captain (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

58th RBAF Anniversary Celebration full of glory (continued)

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His Majesty then proceeded to the Bolkih Garrison Officers' Mess where His Majesty consented to a group photograph session with members of the Defence Executive Committee; Service Commanders; RBAF Chief of Staff; RBAF Head of Inspectorate; former Deputy Ministers of Defence; former Commanders of RBAF; military and civilian directors as well as Commandants.

Afterwards, His Majesty was presented with a *pesambah* (souvenir) from the RBAF officers in the form of an abstract art called Difa' Al-Amni which translates to 'Maintaining Peace', and two *pesambah* from the RBAF Senior and Junior Non-Commissioned Officers, a Garmin D2 Delta Px Pilot watch and a Garmin Foretex 701 Ballistic Edition Military-Grade GPS Navigator which were inspired by operational futuristic technologies.



His Majesty being briefed on the prize won by the SFR representing RBAF at the 11th Annual Warrior Competition 2019 (AWC) in Amman, Jordan in April 2019.

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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 at the Grand Parade for the 58th RBAF Anniversary Celebration.

58th RBAF Anniversary Celebration full of glory (continued)

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His Majesty then signed the Royal Parchment and consented to a cake-cutting ceremony for the 58th RBAF Anniversary, followed by a Luncheon. The ceremony concluded with a *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet) with RBAF officers and also, former RBAF officers and personnel.

This year's theme 'Together in Accomplishing the National Vision' underlines the continuous commitment of the RBAF, as the key security institution, in contributing to the nation's progress and development by ensuring a safe and peaceful environment through the steady provision of defence and security.

This event, traditionally held every 31st of May, was brought to a later date out of respect for the holy month of Ramadhan.



His Majesty during the *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet) with officers and personnel from other countries (top).

His Majesty viewing the static exhibition by the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) (right).



An arena performance showcasing the SFR capability demonstrating direct vehicle ambush and interdiction.

Brunei - China to strengthen cooperation in the field of fisheries



Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali bin Haji Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism signing the protocol on behalf of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Zou Zhiwu, Deputy Minister of General Administration of Customs of the Peoples Republic of China (GACC) signing on behalf of the People's Republic of China.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 25 - Brunei Darussalam and the People's Republic of China has further strengthened cooperation in the field of fisheries by the signing of protocol as a requirement for facilitators and to enable the export of marine fishing to the People's Republic of China.

The Protocol on 'Inspection, Quarantine and Veterinary Sanitary Requirements for Wild Aquatic Products to be Exported from Brunei Darussalam to the People's Republic of China' between the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was represented by the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT) and the People's Republic of China. The signing took place at MPRT.

Signing the protocol 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 Ali bin Haji Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism while signing on behalf of the People's Republic of China was Zou Zhiwu, Deputy Minister of General Administration of Customs of the Peoples Republic of China (GACC).

According to statistics by the Department of Fisheries, the rate

of exports of marine fish has increased in 2018 by 1,763 tonnes valued at BND10.53 million compared to 2017 amounting to 1,209 tonnes and of which 34 per cent were exported to the People's Republic of China.

Hence, the signing of the protocol aims to strengthen cooperation in biosecurity inspection, quarantine, hygiene and health requirements on the catch of marine fish to be exported to the People's Republic of China.

Meanwhile, a number of Foreign Direct Investment companies from the People's Republic of China also invest and collaborate with local investors in the fisheries sector in the country.

Also present at the signing ceremony were Mrs. Yu Hong, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China; Pengiran Haji Kamarudzaman bin Pengiran Haji Mohd Ishak, Permanent Secretary of MPRT; and Awang Abdul Halidi bin Mohd Salleh, Deputy Permanent Secretary of MPRT together with Head of Department of MPRT, delegates from China and local companies who have exported to the People's Republic of China and who have the potential to export.

Discussion on various regional security issues



Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Second Minister of Defence during the courtesy call to His Excellency Teo Chee Hean, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security of the Republic of Singapore.

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, June 2 - Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Second Minister of Defence attended the 18th Shangri-La IISS Dialogue held at Shangri-La Hotel, Republic of Singapore from the 31st of May until the 2nd of June 2019.

This year's conference addressed various regional security issues such as the United States' vision for the Indo-Pacific region, the progress in the Korean Peninsula, security development in the growing Southeast Asian region and its challenges and China's role in international cooperation.

The Second Minister of Defence attended the Shangri-La Dialogue Opening Ceremony which began with a keynote address from His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore who emphasised the importance of relations between the People's Republic of China and the United States, particularly in addressing more effective global issues.

In addition to the Shangri-La Dialogue, the Minister also held several separate Bilateral Meetings with the Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security of the Republic of Singapore, His Excellency Teo Chee Hean and Defence Minister of the Republic of Singapore, His Excellency Dr. Ng Eng Hen.

Both sides expressed their satisfaction that both countries maintain good and close friendships and confirmed their commitment to strengthen existing defence and military cooperation.

The Minister also attended the reception and dinner at the palace hosted by Her Excellency Halimah Jacob, President of the Republic of Singapore.

In addition, the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting and United States was held before the Shangri-La IISS Dialogue. During the meeting, US Acting Secretary of Defense, His Excellency Patrick M. Shanahan outlined the United States' vision for the Indo-Pacific region. The next meeting exchanged views openly on regional security issues.

Accompanying the Second Minister of Defence to the 18th Shangri-La Dialogue IISS was Major General Pengiran Dato Paduka Seri Aminan bin Pengiran Haji Mahmud, the Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF); Brigadier General (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Shahril Anwar bin Haji Ma'awiah, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defence; Brigadier General (U) Mohammad Sharif bin Dato Paduka Haji Ibrahim, Joint Force Commander; Haji Adi Ihram Dato Paduka Haji Mahmud, Director of Defence Policy and Muhammad Shahrul Nizzam Umar, Director of Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies.

7th Brunei - Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue



Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Second Minister of Defence with Mr. Chan Yeng Kit, Permanent Secretary (Defence), Ministry of Defence, Republic of Singapore during the courtesy call.

BOLKIAH GARRISON, June 26 - The 7th Defence Policy Dialogue between Brunei Darussalam and Republic of Singapore took place at Rizqun International Hotel.

The dialogue was co-chaired by Brigadier General (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Shahril Anwar bin Haji Ma'awiah, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Brunei Darussalam, and Mr. Chan Yeng Kit, Permanent Secretary (Defence), Ministry of Defence, Republic of Singapore. The dialogue was also attended by military and civilian officials from both sides.

The two co-chairs reaffirmed the special and long-standing bilateral defence ties between Brunei Darussalam and Republic of Singapore. Besides discussing a wide range of regional and security issues, both co-chairs made affirmation to their commitment to further enhance bilateral defence cooperation.

In the afternoon, Mr. Chan Yeng Kit had a courtesy call with Yang

Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Second Minister of Defence. Also present during the call was His Excellency Lim Hong Huai, Singapore's High Commissioner in Brunei Darussalam. During the call, the Second Minister of Defence commended the Dialogue as an excellent avenue to promote bilateral defence relationship between Brunei Darussalam and Republic of Singapore.

As part of Mr. Chan Yeng Kit's visit to Brunei Darussalam, he also toured the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) Defence Academy in Kampong Tanah Jambu. At the Defence Academy, Mr. Chan was welcomed by Colonel Haji Muhd. Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan, Commandant Defence Academy RBAF.

Initiated in 2009, the Defence Policy Dialogue between Brunei Darussalam and Republic of Singapore is aimed at fostering defence cooperation through discussion and information sharing, as well as exploring new areas of practical cooperation.

Brunei - Russia signs MoU on security

UFA, REPUBLIC OF BASHKORTOSTAN, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, June 18 - The relations between Brunei Darussalam and the Russian Federation was further strengthened by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the National Security Committee of Brunei Darussalam and the Russian Federal Security Council, particularly in the field of security.

The MoU was signed by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji

Mohd. Yussof, Second Minister of Defence as the Chairman of the National Security Committee and the Secretary of the Russian Federal Security Council, His Excellency Nikolai Patrushev.

Prior to the signing ceremony, the Second Minister of Defence held a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Nikolai Patrushev and discussed security matters between the two countries, regional and global. His Excellency's previous official visit to Brunei Darussalam was on the 1st of October 2018.

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This bilateral meeting comes as a follow-up to His Excellency's official visit to Brunei Darussalam on 1st of October 2018, and took place at the sidelines of the 10th International Meeting of High-Ranking Officials Responsible for Security Matters which is being held at Ufa, Republic of Bashkortostan, the Russian Federation on 17th to 20th June 2019.

The meeting is being attended by Ministers, Deputy Ministers, and Senior Officers responsible for security issues from 119 countries and from the United Nations.

The Minister will also deliver a statement on international cooperation in addressing extremist ideology and the issue of 'self-radicalisation', as part of Brunei Darussalam's commitment towards strengthening our efforts to combat propaganda that advocate extremist violence.

Present at the meeting were His Excellency Dato Paduka Haji Hashim bin Haji Haini, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to the Russian Federation; Lieutenant Colonel (Rtd) Pengiran Haji Muhamad Sazali bin Pengiran Haji Yakob, Permanent Secretary (Security and Enforcement) at Prime Minister's Office, and Senior Officers from the Prime Minister's Office.

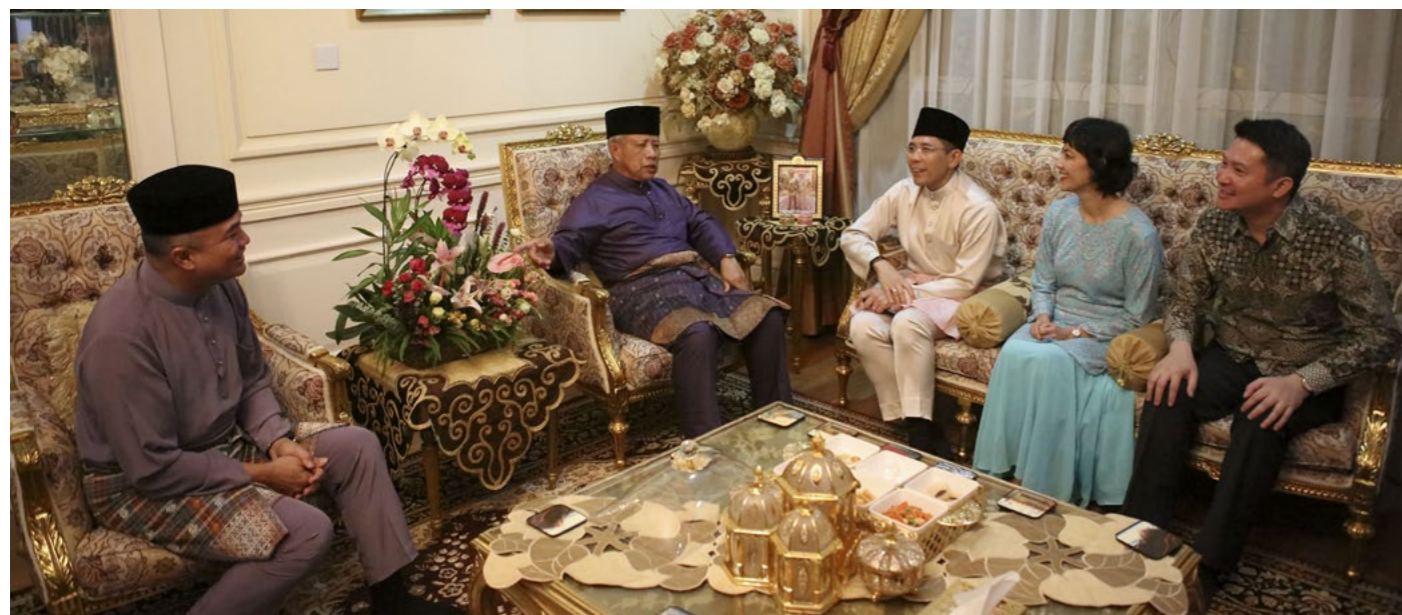


Exchange of document between Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof and His Excellency Nikolai Patrushev.



Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Second Minister of Defence during the bilateral meeting with His Excellency Nikolai Patrushev.

Goodwill visit by the Republic of Singapore's delegation



Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Second Minister of Defence with the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Singapore, His Excellency Dr. Mohamad Maliki bin Osman and spouse, Mrs. Sadiyah Shahal.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 7 - Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Singapore, His Excellency Dr. Mohamad Maliki bin Osman and spouse, Mrs. Sadiyah Shahal are in the country to celebrate the 'Hari Raya Aidilfitri' celebration with Ministers and Senior Officials of Brunei Darussalam.

As part of the programme, His Excellency and spouse attended the 'Majlis Rumah Terbuka Hari Raya Aidilfitri' at the residence of Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Second Minister of Defence.

His Excellency was accompanied by the High Commissioner of the Republic of Singapore to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Lim Hong Huai; members of parliament, Mrs. Joan

Chen Sim Pereira and Raymond Chow Hee Chung; Deputy High Commissioner and Senior Officials of the Republic of Singapore.

Also present were the spouse of the Second Minister of Defence, Datin Hajah Kalshom binti Haji Suhaili; Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defence, Brigadier General (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Shahril Anwar bin Haji Ma'awiah and spouse, Datin Maria Eliza binti Carlos Abdullah.

Marking the end of the holy month of Ramadhan, visiting each other during the Hari Raya celebration is a good opportunity to strengthen the relationship and unity among each other.

The goodwill visit of the delegation of the Republic of Singapore reflects the friendship and warm relations between the two countries.

Three transformation opportunities to catalyse economic growth

TOKYO, JAPAN, June 2 - 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 attended the 25th Nikkei International Conference on the Asian Future in Tokyo, Japan.

With the theme 'In Search of the New Global Order - Overcoming the Chaos', the conference held on the 30th of May was attended by leaders, ministers, leading speakers and international companies from across the region.

During the conference, the Minister delivered a speech highlighting three immediate transformation opportunities that could catalyse Asia's regional economic growth and development.

These opportunities can take advantage of the access of the Asian market which is rapidly growing; and can align the region with the opportunities brought by innovation and technology which can increase productivity as well as competitiveness.

The Minister also shared the initiatives of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in promoting the country as an investment destination.



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 at the 25th Nikkei International Conference on the Asian Future in Tokyo, Japan.

UNISSA Rector attends ICCS 2019



Members of Legislative Council, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Pendikar Alam Dato Paduka Seri Awang Haji Hasrin bin Dato Paduka Awang Haji Sabtu and Yang Berhormat Dayang Nik Hafimi binti Abdul Haadi representing the country at the 10th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly CAUCUS Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

MALAYSIA, June 18 - The 10th Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) CAUCUS meeting is taking place from 16th to 19th of June 2019, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Representing Brunei Darussalam at the meeting are members of the Legislative Council, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Pendikar Alam Dato Paduka Seri Awang Haji Hasrin bin Dato Paduka Awang Haji Sabtu as head of delegation; Yang Behormat Dayang Nik Hafimi binti Abdul Haadi and Yang Berhormat Dayang Khairunnisa binti Awang Haji Ash'ari as well as two officers from the Department of State Council (JMM).

The AUCA CAUCUS meeting was also attended by eight ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Members. Several organisations such as Southeast Asia Regional Centre for Counter Terrorism (SEARCTT), Segi Enam Advisors Pte. Ltd., Malaysian Council for Child Welfare and ECPAT International are also invited to share information on the agendas discussed in the working groups at the meeting.

AIPA Caucus as a Committee under the auspices of the AIPA Organisation serves as a committee that monitors the implementation and updating of the status of the resolutions discussed and approved at each of the AIPA General Assembly held annually.

The 10th AIPA CAUCUS this year discussed and reported the status of implementation of resolutions passed during the 38th AIPA General Assembly held in 2017 in the Republic of the Philippines; and the 39th AIPA General Assembly, held in 2018 in the Republic of Singapore.

In general, AIPA member states reported that the implementation of numerous resolutions is held through various effective means, including but not limited to through legal frameworks, institutional development, information sharing, capacity building and programme development, including into the country's socio-economic development plan.

Apart from discussions on the status of implementation of the AIPA General Assembly resolutions, this year's CAIPUS AIPA Meeting also highlighted several other agendas in three working groups: (1) The Rise of Terrorism, Extermism, and Radicalisation : A Parliamentary Perspective; (2) Enhancing Cooperation on Climate Action in ASEAN; and (3) Strengthening Legal Frameworks to Protect Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism.

Among the issues discussed in the working group are the initiatives and mechanisms for addressing the growing terrorist terrorism.

One working group agreed on terrorist, extremism, and radicalization issues as an important issue to be dealt together as the issue continues to challenge security and safety of countries in the ASEAN region.

Participants in a working group were also briefed on the initiatives adopted by SEARCTT during a brief visit to the centre.

At a working group discussion, AIPA parliamentarians agreed that an increase in climate-related cooperation from inside and outside the region enabled the region to contribute to global efforts to address climate change and achieve carbon neutrality in the long term.

While in the three working group discussions, the topics discussed include ways to share information among ASEAN countries on existing legal frameworks, identifying gaps and discussing important and common laws to be implemented in the region to ensure that the criminal is punished, thus protecting the child SECTT.

The meeting will conclude with the signing of an Official Report of the 10th AIPA CAUCUS Meeting by the Leaders of Representatives from AIPA Member States who attended the meeting.

UTB achieves the top 400 ranking

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, June 19 - Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB) has achieved a spot in the Top 400 and it is now in 379th place in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings (QSWUR). It has risen by an astounding 63 places from its first appearance in the QSWUR last year at 442, showing that it is an important milestone for a new university.

Other universities which are also in the Top 400 include University of Kent, University of Essex and Oxford Brookes University in the United Kingdom; University of Kansas, and University of Massachusetts Amherst in the United States; Lincoln University in New Zealand; Hiroshima University in Japan; Mahidol University in Thailand; and others.

The QSWUR assessments are based on the participating institutions' Academic Reputation, Employer Reputation, Faculty-Student Ratio, Citations per Faculty, International Faculty Ratio, and International Students Ratio.

For the QSWUR 2020 Edition, UTB was screened and evaluated against other prestigious international institutions worldwide.

A total of 1,620 institutions from 82

countries met the criteria and qualified to be in the ranking, however, only 1001 institutions were published in the QSWUR 2020 this year.

From the overall results, it shows that UTB performed among the top 36 per cent in the QSWUR.

The results indicator also shows that UTB performed particularly well in the 'Faculty-Student Ratio' which shows an improvement of 50 places at 108.

At 77 globally, the 'International Faculty' remains the strongest indicator for UTB.

These show the University's continuous commitment towards providing high-quality teaching with international dimension.

Other major improved indicators for UTB this year include 'Academic Reputation' and the 'Citations per Faculty' ratio where both reported significant increase in terms of volume.

In Asia, UTB is among the top 200 universities. In the 2019 edition of QS Asia University Rankings, UTB ranked at 181, the top 36 per cent among over 500 institutions evaluated across the continent.



UTB is also the only university in the country rated Five Star by the QS.

Even though UTB has proven its mettle, UTB will continue to maintain the momentum and strive towards accomplishing its vision to become 'A Global University Impacting Society'.

With UTB's noteworthy performance in the latest edition of the QS World University Rankings, UTB is on track in positioning itself as a university of global caliber and attract talented students and scholars from the country and internationally.

QS World Ranking is an annual publication of university rankings by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) and is viewed as one of the three most widely-read university ranking together with Academic Ranking of World Universities and Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

ICCS, platform to build stronger interfaith understanding

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, June 21 - The Rector of Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), Dr. Haji Norarfan bin Haji Zainal recently attended the first International Conference on Cohesive Societies (ICCS) at the Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore.

ICCS which focuses on the theme 'Many Communities, One Shared Future' was organised by S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore with the support of Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, Singapore as well as Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS) and was held from the 19th until the 21st of June 2019.

The ICCS is intended to provide a platform for conversations to building stronger interfaith understanding, as well as fostering greater harmony in societies through the development of new ideas, especially in religiously and culturally diverse countries.

The Conference commenced with an Opening Dinner and an Opening Address by the President of the Republic of Singapore, Her Excellency Madam Halimah Yacob on the 19th of June 2019. This was followed by the Conference proceedings on the 20th and 21st of June, highlighting a Keynote Address by His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al-Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan with several Plenary Sessions, Breakout Sessions, and Community Experience.

Prior to the Conference programme, a Young Leaders' Programme was also conducted from the 18th until the 19th of June 2019.

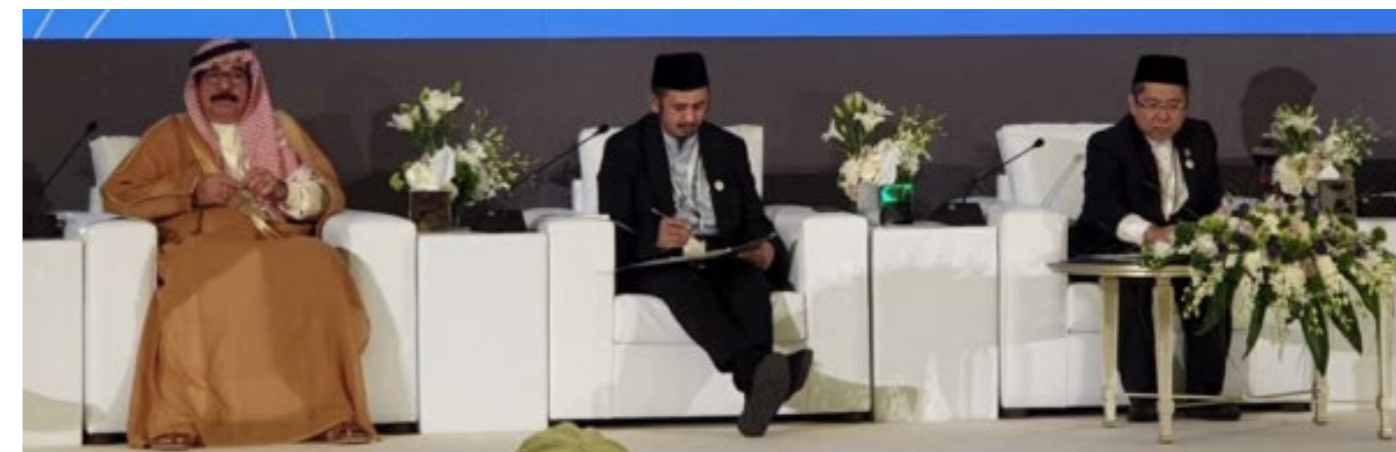


The Rector of Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), Dr. Haji Norarfan bin Haji Zainal (middle) at the first International Conference on Cohesive Societies (ICCS) held at the Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore. Also attending the ICCS was Dr. Haji Mohammed Hussain bin Pehin Penyurat Haji Ahmad, Deputy Rector UNISSA and Khairul Nazif bin Haji Awang Damit, Assistant Lecturer at Faculty of Usuluddin, UNISSA.

The Conference was attended by more than 1,000 participants representing more than 40 countries.

Also attending the ICCS was Dr. Haji Mohammed Hussain bin Pehin Penyurat Haji Ahmad, Deputy Rector UNISSA and Khairul Nazif bin Haji Awang Damit, Assistant Lecturer at Faculty of Usuluddin, UNISSA.

Modest Islamic teachings important in preventing acts of violence



The Rector of Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), Dr. Haji Norarfan bin Haji Zainal was honoured to chair the fourth session of the conference entitled 'Empowering Wasatiyyah and Simplicity in Muslim Communities.'

SAUDI ARABIA, June 2 - The Rector of Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), Dr. Haji Norarfan bin Haji Zainal attended the International Conference on Wasatiyyah Values and Moderation in Al-Quran and As-Sunnah which took place in the Holy City of Makkah.

The conference, organised by the Muslim World League (MWL) under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, His Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud was held for three days from the 27th until the 29th of May 2019 at the Makkah Hilton Convention Hotel.

The conference was attended by 1,300 participants comprising state leaders, ministers, Muslim scholars, and academics from 137 countries.

Also present at the opening of the conference was Prince Khalid bin Faisal Al Saud, Governor of Holy City of Makkah and Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, as the personal representative of His Majesty the King Salman.

A total of 27 papers were presented at a conference which concluded with the declaration of the *Wathiqah* (Document) of Makkah Al-Mukarramah which emphasised the importance of modest Islamic teachings by Islamic preachers. This is to prevent the seeds of violence in religious doctrines and acts of violence linked to some Muslim youths lately.

The Rector of UNISSA was honoured to chair the fourth session of the conference titled 'Empowering Wasatiyyah and Simplicity in Muslim Communities.'

International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) April 2019



- Total trade for the month of April 2019 was BND1,170.0 million, comprising of exports amounting to BND748.5 million and imports valued at BND421.5 million.
- This represented an increase of 15.1 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) from BND1,016.9 million in April 2018. Meanwhile, the trade balance also recorded an increase from BND190.5 million in April 2018 to BND327.0 million (April 2019).
- On a month-on-month (m-o-m) basis, total trade decreased by 9.3 per cent compared to March 2019 due to decrease in exports by 15.0 per cent.

Two youths attend ASEAN Youth Leader's Preparation Meeting in Bangkok



Pengiran Mohammad Amirrizal bin Pengiran Haji Mahmud, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports (middle) and Colonel (Rtd) Pengiran Haji Maiddin bin Pengiran Haji Said, Deputy Permanent Secretary as well as senior officers from the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports (second, right), present to bid farewell to participants of ASEAN Youth Leader's Preparation Meeting in Bangkok.

BERAKAS, June 20 - Two youths, Haji Abdul Mateen Bolkini bin Haji Ahmad, Deputy Treasury Supreme from the Brunei Youth Council and Siti Julaiha binti Puasa, Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) graduate and Kampung Sengkurong Mosque Youth, have been selected to participate in the ASEAN Youth Leaders' Preparatory Meeting for the 2019 Youth Interface with the ASEAN Leaders in Bangkok, Thailand starting today, the 20th of June and runs until the 24th of June 2019.

Present at the Brunei International Airport to bid farewell was Pengiran Mohammad Amirrizal bin Pengiran Haji Mahmud, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports.

Also present was Colonel (Rtd) Pengiran Haji Maiddin bin Pengiran Haji Said, Deputy Permanent Secretary as well as senior officers from the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports.

The five-day ASEAN Youth Leaders' Preparatory Meeting for the 2019 Youth Interface with the ASEAN Leaders will take place in conjunction with the 34th ASEAN Summit 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Youth interface with ASEAN Leaders will serve as a platform for ASEAN Young Leaders to share and exchange views on the crucial issues relating to their community, society

and country as well as to ensure the awareness on collaboration on youth development. The forum is also initiated to boost up and promote the understanding of cultural differences among ASEAN Young Leaders which will eventually lead to strong and sustained partnership. Activities of the forum include preparatory meeting (lectures and discussion) and youth interface with ASEAN leaders where ASEAN youth statements will be presented.

The objectives of the forum are to provide a platform for ASEAN youth leaders to discuss and exchange views about issues which relate to youth development. Also, this forum aims to encourage youth leaders to promote the partnership for sustainability. Besides that, it is also to encourage the mutual understanding among ASEAN Youth about the cultural and regional beliefs which lead to strong harmony and to give the opportunity for Youth Leaders to interface with the ASEAN Leaders.

During the programme, the participants will be attending the opening ceremony, workshops to prepare ASEAN Youth Statement, preparatory session (lectures and discussion) for youth leaders, youth interface with ASEAN leaders and study visits.



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