



Make Islamic History a compulsory subject



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) during the Audience and Investiture Ceremony held in conjunction with the Monarch's 72nd Birthday Celebration at Balai Singgahsana Indera Buana of Istana Nurul Iman.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 15 - 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 stressed that all relevant parties should make Islamic History a compulsory subject at schools and studies centre under the related ministries and in the private sector.

His Majesty stated the matter in a *titah* (royal speech) delivered during the Audience and Investiture Ceremony held in conjunction with the Monarch's 72nd birthday celebration at Balai Singgahsana Indera Buana of Istana Nurul Iman.

His Majesty also said that government of Brunei Darussalam has never looked lightly towards education as it is lifeblood and functions to shape humanity. Hence, His Majesty emphasised that the National Educational System should not be 'zero religion' or devoid of religious subjects.

"Understand our religion well so as to grow love towards it. The way to understand it is of course by studying, especially studying its history," said His Majesty.

In the *titah*, the Monarch also highlighted measures towards economic growth. One of the steps towards economic growth is to explore the agricultural sector.

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His Majesty receives Golden Medal of I-SESCO award

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 10 - 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 was awarded the Golden Medal of I-SESCO by His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajiri, Director-General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (I-SESCO), in recognition of the support and commitment from His Majesty and Brunei Darussalam towards I-SESCO in the advancement of education, science and culture in Islamic nations.

The Golden Medal of I-SESCO is the highest honour awarded by I-SESCO to head of states.

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The event was held at Istana Nurul Iman.



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Their Majesties receive in audience President-Elect UICC

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 3 - 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 Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam, received in audience Her Royal Highness Princess Dina Mired, President-Elect, Union for International Cancer Control, UICC. The audience ceremony took place at Istana Nurul Iman.



UICC is a Non-Government Organisation and the largest cancer fighting organisation. Her Royal Highness is in the country for a working visit.

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:

1. His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director-General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (I-SESCO) on July 10.
2. His Excellency Ra'afat Abdullah Al-Sabbagh, Special Advisor at the Royal Court, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Special Envoy of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on July 23.



His Majesty receives Letters of Credence

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 7 - 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 Letters of Credence from newly-appointed foreign envoys to Brunei Darussalam. The ceremony took place at Istana Nurul Iman.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam received Letters of Credence from:

1. His Excellency Dr. Sujatmiko, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to Brunei Darussalam.
2. His Excellency Phonethavy Boutdara, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to Brunei Darussalam.
3. Her Excellency Yoon Hyun-bong, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Brunei Darussalam.
4. His Excellency U Htin Lynn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Brunei Darussalam.

His Majesty then received in separate audiences the newly-appointed foreign envoys to Brunei Darussalam who have just presented their Letters of Credence.



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:

1. Her Excellency, Yoon Hyun-bong, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Brunei Darussalam on July 23.
2. Madame Bounheuang Boutdara, the spouse of the Ambassador of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Phonethavy Boutdara on July 23.
3. Puan Sri Haryani TR Sujatmiko, the spouse of the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia Dr. Sujatmiko on July 23.



His Royal Highness the Crown Prince received in 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 from:

1. His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director-General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (I-SESCO) on July 10.
2. His Excellency Phonetavy Boutdara, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to Brunei Darussalam on July 17.
3. Her Excellency Yoon Hyun-bong, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Brunei Darussalam on July 17.
4. His Excellency U Htin Lynn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Brunei Darussalam on July 17.
5. His Excellency Dr. Sujatmiko, newly-appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to Brunei Darussalam on July 30.



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This sector is very important for life and plays a major role in the construction of civilisation. When agriculture increases, as a result of new technology, it is considered that an agricultural evolution has taken place and significantly brought an increase in agricultural produce in the early 20th century

For a country that has rain and lands that have not yet been explored, His Majesty said it is not practical to continue importing basic food ingredients without self-striving to fulfil requirements.

By that, His Majesty urged all parties, especially government agencies, not to delay the fulfilment of this obligation, and to strengthen determination to achieve the aspired target.

It is well known that the oil and gas sector is the major contributor to Brunei's economy. But it is not wise to simply depend on this sector alone, because the economy is dynamic and capable of growing in more ways.

His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah received outgoing envoys

His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah received outgoing envoys at the Balai Penghadapan, Bukit Kayangan from:

1. His Excellency Craig Boyd Allen, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Brunei Darussalam on July 12.
2. His Excellency Phonethavy Boutdara, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to Brunei Darussalam on July 12.



His Majesty stressed that the growth of our economy for the short and medium term is predicted to be more vibrant. However, this cannot make us complacent or satisfied because the economy is an element that never ceases to create challenges.

His Majesty noted that a number of initiatives have been implemented through the Ministry of Finance such as organising entrepreneurship training programmes and workshops related to the keeping of business records as well as basic knowledge of accounting and others. It is important to make it easier for entrepreneurs to develop their companies. Furthermore, in responding to economic challenges, government of Brunei Darussalam is also looking at enhancing telecommunications infrastructure that is believed to be able to facilitate business, cost of doing business, and thus increase productivity.

On the environment, His Majesty said 'Build an Environmentally Friendly Country'. In this sense, we not only want our city to be clean but the whole of Brunei Darussalam should be clean.

His Majesty sends congratulatory messages

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 consented to send congratulatory messages to:

- His Excellency Donald J. Trump, President of The United States of America, as well as to the government and people of the United States of America on the occasion of their Independence Day on July 3.
- His Excellency Emmanuel Macron, President of Republic of France, as well as to the government and people of the Republic of France on the occasion of Bastille Day on July 13.
- His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun, The King of Thailand on the occasion of His Majesty's 66th Birthday Anniversary on July 28.

His Majesty sends messages of condolences

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 has consented to send messages of condolences to:

- His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan and to the government and people of Japan following the recent disaster caused by the heavy rains and devastating floods in Western Japan on July 11.
- His Excellency Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, to the government as well as the people of the Lao People's Democratic Republic following a collapsed dam in Attapeu Province on July 25.

His Majesty's 72nd Birthday Celebration

Grand Royal Birthday Parade



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah receiving the Royal Salute.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 15 - The 72nd Birthday Celebrations 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 commenced with the traditional Grand Royal Birthday Parade or Guard of Honour at Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien.

Also attending the ceremony were His Majesty's son 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 Mohamed Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

The proud and joyful waving of miniature Brunei Darussalam national flags and beating of the *hadrah* by thousands of students lined up along the route as His Majesty and members of royal family made their way to the Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien.

Shortly after the arrival, His Majesty consented to receive the Royal Salute with the National Anthem accompanied by a 21-gun salute.

His Majesty then consented to inspect the Guard of Honour mounted by personnel of the Royal Brunei Land Force, Royal Brunei Navy, Royal Brunei Air Force, Royal Brunei Police Force, the government departments and other uniformed organisations.

The combined bands of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) and the Royal Brunei Police Force accompanied the parade and march past in front of the Royal dais. The marching personnel's three chants of *Daulat Kebawah Duli Tuan Patik* with the fly-past of a RBAF fleet over the Taman.



His Majesty inspecting the Guard of Honour mounted by personnel of the Royal Brunei Land Force, Royal Brunei Navy, Royal Brunei Air Force, Royal Brunei Police Force, the government departments and other uniformed organisations.

His Majesty's 72nd Birthday Celebration

Audience and Investiture Ceremony

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 15 - The Grand Parade at Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien was followed by the Audience and Investiture Ceremony held at the Balai Singgahsana Indera Buana, Istana Nurul Iman. His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, 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 Mohammed Alam attended the ceremony.

Also present were His Majesty's sons and daughters as well as brothers and sisters, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and 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 and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Bini Hajah Faizah; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

Also in attendance were Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Muta-Wakkilah Hayatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafzah Sururul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Fadzilah Lubatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Ameerah Wardatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam as well as other members of the royal family.

Also present were His Majesty's special guests. Among them were Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd Shafie bin Haji Apdal, the Chief Minister of Sabah and wife; Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah bin Ali Hassan, Deputy Chief Minister, Minister of Industrial and Entrepreneur Development and Second Minister for Urban Development and Natural Resources of Sarawak as representative of Sarawak Chief Minister; The Honourable Secretary Carlos Garcia Domingues III, Philippine's Secretary of Finance and spouse; His Excellency Dr. H. Wiranto, Indonesia's Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs and spouse, His Excellency Desmond Lee, Singapore's Minister for Social and Family Development and the Second Minister in the Ministry of National Development and spouse; His Excellency General Tarnchaiyan Srisuwan, Chief of Defence, Royal Thai Armed Forces and spouse; His Excellency Air Chief Marshal TNI Hadi Tjahjanto, the Commander of the Indonesian National Armed Forces and spouse.

The ceremony began a *titah* (royal speech) by His Majesty, followed by the presentation of state decorations.

His Majesty first conferred The Most Exalted Order of Paduka Keberanian Laila Terbilang, First Class (D.P.K.T.) that carries the title Dato Paduka Seri to three recipients. They were His Excellency Air Chief Marshal TNI Hadi Tjahjanto, the Commander of the Indonesian National Armed Forces; Major General Pengiran Dato Seri Pahlawan Aminan bin Pengiran Haji Mahmud, the Commander of the RBAF, and His Excellency General Tarnchaiyan Srisuwan, the Chief of Defence of the Royal Thai Armed Forces.

The Most Gallant Order of Pahlawan Negara Brunei First Class (P.S.P.N.B.) that carries the title Dato Seri Pahlawan were conferred to Dato Paduka Awang Haji Mohammad Irwan bin Haji Hambali, the Deputy Commander of Police and Brigadier General Awang Khairul Hamed bin Awang Haji Lampoh, the Commander of the Royal Brunei Land Force.

Eight were conferred The Most Blessed Order of Setia Negara Brunei, First Class (P.S.N.B.) that carries the title Dato Seri Setia. They were Yang Berhormat Dato Paduka Dr. Haji Mohd Isham bin Haji Jaafar, the Minister of Health; Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Paduka Haji Awang Abdul Mokti bin Haji Mohd Daud, the Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Paduka Dr. Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah, the Second Minister of Finance; Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Paduka Awang Haji Erywan bin Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Haji Mohd Yusof, the Second Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Paduka Awang Haji Suhaimi bin Haji Gafar, the Minister of Development; Yang Berhormat Dato Paduka Dr. Awang Haji Mat Suny bin Haji Md Hussein, the Minister of Energy and Industry; Yang Berhormat Dato Paduka Awang Haji Hamzah bin Haji Sulaiman, the Minister of Education; and Yang Berhormat Awang Abdul Mutalib bin Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Setia Dato Paduka Haji Mohammad Yusof, the Minister of Communications.

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His Majesty conferring The Most Exalted Order of Paduka Keberanian Laila Terbilang, First Class (D.P.K.T.) to His Excellency Air Chief Marshal TNI Hadi Tjahjanto, the Commander of the Indonesian National Armed Forces.



His Majesty conferring The Most Exalted Order of Paduka Keberanian Laila Terbilang, First Class (D.P.K.T.) to Major General Pengiran Dato Seri Pahlawan Aminan bin Pengiran Haji Mahmud, the Commander of the RBAF.

His Majesty's 72nd Birthday Celebration

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Meanwhile, five recipients were conferred The Most Honourable Order of Seri Paduka Mahkota Brunei, First Class (S.P.M.B.) that carries the title Dato Seri Paduka. The recipients including four Deputy Ministers were The Honourable Justice Awang John Barry Mortimer, President of the Court of Appeal; Dato Paduka Awang Ahmaddin bin Haji Abdul Rahman, the Deputy Minister of Finance; Dato Paduka Awang Haji Matsatejo bin Sokiaw, the Deputy Minister of Energy and Industry; Datin Dayang Hajah Elinda binti Haji C.A. Mohammad, the Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; and, Datin Paduka Dr. Hajah Romaizah binti Haji Mohd Salleh, the Deputy Minister of Education.

One recipient was conferred The Most Distinguished Order of Paduka Seri Laila Jasa, Second Class (D.S.L.J.) that carries the title Dato Seri Laila Jasa. The recipient was Justice Awang James Kerr Findlay, the Commissioner of the Supreme Court.

The Most Honourable Order of Seri Paduka Mahkota Brunei, Second Class (D.P.M.B) that carries the title Dato Paduka were conferred to three recipients. They were Assistant Commissioner of Police, Pengiran Mohd Haji Jefri bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Hamid, the Acting Director of the Criminal Intelligence Department, Royal Brunei Police Force; Assistant Commissioner of Police Awang Haji Mohd Hassan bin Pehin Penyurat Haji Ahmad, the Acting Director of the Criminal Investigation Department, Royal Brunei

Police Force, and Pengiran Haji Mohd Yussof bin Pengiran Haji Bahar.

The Most Blessed Order of Setia Negara Brunei, Third Class (S.N.B.) were conferred to Senior Police Superintendent Awang Husaini bin Haji Matzin: and, Senior Superintendent of Police, Awang Haji Zaini bin Haji Abdul Rahim.



His Majesty conferring The Most Gallant Order of Pahlawan Negara Brunei First Class (P.S.P.N.B.) to Brigadier General Awang Khairul Hamed bin Awang Haji Lampoh, the Commander of the Royal Brunei Land Force.



His Majesty conferring The Most Exalted Order of Paduka Keberanian Laila Terbilang, First Class (D.P.K.T.) to His Excellency General Tarnchaiyan Srisuwan, the Chief of Defence of the Royal Thai Armed Forces.



His Majesty conferring The Most Blessed Order of Setia Negara Brunei, First Class (P.S.N.B.) to Yang Berhormat Awang Abdul Mutalib bin Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Setia Dato Paduka Haji Mohammad Yusof, the Minister of Communications.



His Majesty conferring The Most Gallant Order of Pahlawan Negara Brunei First Class (P.S.P.N.B.) to Dato Paduka Awang Haji Mohammad Irwan bin Haji Hambali, the Deputy Commander of Police.



His Majesty conferring The Most Honourable Order of Seri Paduka Mahkota Brunei, First Class (S.P.M.B.) Datin Dayang Hajah Elinda binti Haji C.A. Mohammad, the Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office.

His Majesty's 72nd Birthday Celebration

Audience Ceremony

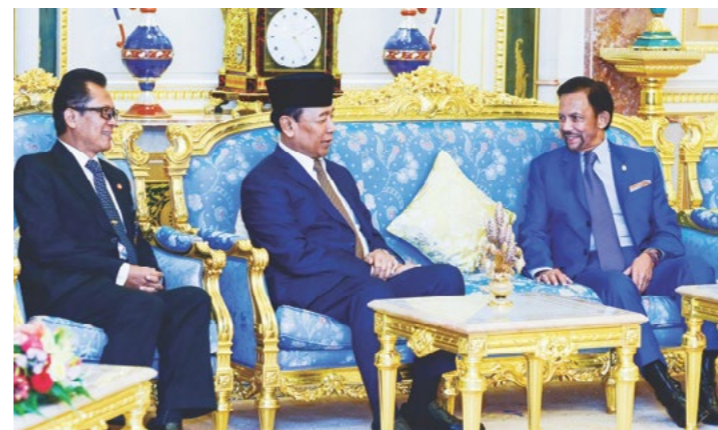
BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 15 - In the afternoon, His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohammed Alam received in audience His Majesty's special guests who were in the country to attend the Monarch's Birthday Celebration. The audience ceremony took place at Istana Nurul Iman.



Their Majesties with His Excellency Tun Dato Laila Utama Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, the Yang Di-Pertua of Negeri Sarawak and spouse, Yang Amat Berbahagia Toh Puan Datuk Patinggi Hajjah Raghad Kurdi Taib. Also present was Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah bin Ali Hasan, the Deputy Chief Minister, who is also the Minister for Industrial and Entrepreneur Development and the Second Minister for Urban Development and Natural Resources of Sarawak.



Their Majesties with The Honourable Secretary Carlos Garcia Domingues III, the Secretary of Finance of the Republic of the Philippines and spouse, Mrs. Cynthia Andrews.



Their Majesties with His Excellency Dr. H. Wiranto, the Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia and spouse, Ibu Rughaya Usman Wiranto.

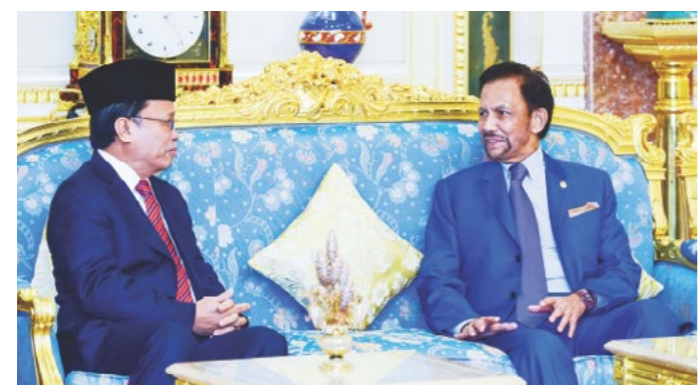
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Their Majesties with His Excellency Desmond Lee, the Minister for Social and Family Development and the Second Minister at the Ministry of National Development of the Republic of Singapore and spouse, Mrs. Lee Yuen Fei.



Their Majesties with Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd Shafie bin Haji Apdal, the Chief Minister of Sabah and spouse, Yang Amat Berbahagia Datin Seri Shuryani binti Shuaib.



Their Majesties with His Excellency Air Chief Marshal TNI Hadi Tjahjanto, the Commander of the Indonesian National Armed Forces and spouse, Ibu Nanik Istumawati.



His Majesty with His Excellency Dato Paduka Seri General Tarnchaiyan Srisuwan, the Chief of Defence of the Royal Thai Armed Forces and spouse, Mrs. Jiraporn Srisuwan.

His Majesty's 72nd Birthday Celebration Royal Banquet



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 and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam during the Royal Banquet.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 15 - 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 and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam, graced a Royal Banquet in conjunction with His Majesty's 72nd Birthday Celebration. The ceremony took place at the Banquet Hall of Istana Nurul Iman.

Accompanying Their Majesties at the event were 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; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Raabi'atul 'Adawiyah binti Pengiran Haji Bolkhiah; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkhiah and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkhiah and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Bini Hajah Faizah binti Dato Haji Nasir; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkhiah and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Norhayati binti Pengiran Jaya Negara Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman.

Also present were Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkhiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkhiah; Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkhiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Fadzilah Lubabul Bolkhiah; Her Royal Highness Princess 'Ameerah Wardatul Bolkhiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam; and other members of the royal family.

Meanwhile, among the special foreign guests attending the banquet were His Excellency Tun Dato Laila Utama Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, the Yang Di-Pertua of Negeri Sarawak; Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Mohd Shafie bin Haji Apdal, Chief Minister of Sabah; Yang Berhormat

Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah bin Ali Hasan, Deputy Chief Minister, who is also the Minister for Industrial and Entrepreneur Development and Second Minister for Urban Development and Natural Resources II of Sarawak; The Honourable Secretary Carlos Garcia Domingues III, the Secretary of Finance of the Republic of the Philippines; His Excellency Desmond Lee, Singapore's Minister for Social and Family Development and the Second Minister in the Ministry of National Development; His Excellency Dato Paduka Seri General Tarnchaiyan Srisuwan, the Chief of Defence of the Royal Thai Armed Forces; and Yang Terhormat Dato Paduka Seri Air Chief Marshal TNI Hadi Tjahjanto, the Commander of the Indonesian National Armed Forces.

At the event, Their Majesties consented to receive *Junjung Ziarah* and greetings from His Majesty's special guests. A fireworks display in the vicinity of Istana Nurul Iman towards the end of the banquet also enlivened the atmosphere of the night.

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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 and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha, proceeding to the Royal Banquet in conjunction with His Majesty's 72nd Birthday Celebration.

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Accompanying Their Majesties at the event were 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.



Also present were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and 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 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; Her Royal Highness Princess 'Ameerah Wardatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam; and other members of the royal family.



Among the special guests attending the banquet.

Royal Banquet for Brunei's uniformed personnel

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 17 - 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 graced the Royal Banquet for security forces, uniformed officers as well as uniformed civilian organisations in conjunction with His Majesty's 72nd Birthday Celebration held at Istana Nurul Iman.

Accompanying Their Majesties were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and 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 and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Norhayati.

Also present were Her Royal Highness Princess Ameerah Wardatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam; and other members of the royal family.

At the banquet, His Majesty mingled and received *Junjung Ziarah* from officers and personnel of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF), Royal Brunei Police Force, Royal Customs and Excise Department, Fire and Rescue Department, Marine Department, the Department of Immigration and National Registration and Prisons Department.

His Majesty also received *Junjung Ziarah* from Uniformed Volunteer Organisations such as the forces cadets, police, fire and rescue, Red Crescent, Scout and Girl Guide Associations, and National Service Programme (PKBN).

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The annual Royal Banquet for uniformed personnel signifies His Majesty's appreciation for their continuing efforts and dedication in promoting peace, security and stability for the development of the country.



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; Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam; 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 binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah during the Royal Banquet for uniformed personnel at the Istana Nurul Iman.



His Majesty mingled and received *Junjung Ziarah* from the personnel attending the banquet.

Get-Together and Junjung Ziarah Ceremony Tutong District

TUTONG, July 19 - This year, Tutong was the first district to welcome 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 for the Get-Together and *Junjung Ziarah* Ceremony (meet and greet) with citizens and residents in conjunction with His Majesty's 72nd birthday.

Hundreds of students lined up the streets leading up to the dais, waving mini flags, waiting to greet the arrival His Majesty and members of the royal family.



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 members of the royal family being greeted by the people of Tutong District.

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Accompanying His Majesty were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah, as well as other members of the royal family.

An array of colourful performances by the youth in the district further enlivened the event. Carrying the theme 'Raja Unggul Negara Gemilang' or 'Noble Ruler, Prosperous Nation', the performances involved more than 272 participants comprising civil servants, primary and secondary school students, individuals from various levels of the society, Mukim and Village



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

Consultative Councils, as well as youth and volunteers in the Tutong District. Majesty received Junjung Ziarah from the participants, committee and citizens and residents in Tutong District.

At the end of the ceremony, His



Students lining up the streets leading to the dais, waving mini flags.



One of the performances by the youth in the district further enlivened the event.

Belait District

KUALA BELAIT, July 21 - Held at the Municipal Field in Kuala Belait, Belait District was the second district to host the Get-Together and Junjung Ziarah Ceremony.

Accompanying 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 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 Mohamed Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

The ceremony commenced with the

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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 Mohamed Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah at the royal Get-Together ceremony in the Belait District.

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singing of the national anthem by a choir led by the performers of the celebration, followed by three loud cheers of 'Daulat Kebawah Duli Tuan Patik' by Penghulu and Village Heads in the Belait District as well as the performers.

Performances was conducted by 472 participants from various primary and secondary schools in the district as well as government and private sectors.

The joy of the people and their gratitude towards the Monarch were reflected in the performances that carried the theme 'Kasih Rakyat Untuk Raja Yang Berkat' or 'People's Love for the Blessed Sultan' and manifested the love and loyalty of the people and residents of the Belait District towards His Majesty.

After watching the performances,



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam greeting people at the Get-Together ceremony in Belait District.

His Majesty and members of the royal family proceeded down to the field to congratulate the performers as well as to greet the citizens and residents of the Belait District.



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office during the Get-Together ceremony in Belait District.



Performances carrying the the theme 'Kasih Rakyat Untuk Raja Yang Berkat'.

Temburong District

TEMBURONG, July 24 - Temburong District was the third district to welcome 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 for Get-Together and Junjung Ziarah Ceremony.

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 Mohamed Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, is 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 Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah at the Get-Together ceremony in Temburong District.

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The event commenced with three cheers of 'Daulat Kebawah Duli Tuan Patik' from the *Penghulu Mukim*, Village Chiefs, Heads of Branches, Committee Members and the communities in the Temburong District.

The special performance with its theme 'Raja Prihatin, Mahkota Rakyat' (Concerned Monarch, Crown of the People) was presented by more than 300 students from primary, secondary and Arabic schools as well as members of the Brunei



Special performance by more than 300 students from primary, secondary and Arabic schools as well as members of the Brunei Darussalam National Martial Arts Association (PERSIB).

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The performance portrayed a manifestation of strong cooperation and unity of the citizens and residents in the Temburong District in together developing the country under the His Majesty's leadership.

After the performance, His Majesty, accompanied by members of the royal family, went around the field for the Get-Together and *Junjung Ziarah*.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and members of the royal family receiving a *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet).

Brunei-Muara District

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 29 - Thousands of Brunei-Muara residents gathered at the Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin to meet up close 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.

Brunei-Muara District is the last district for the Get-Together and *Junjung Ziarah* Ceremony this year.

Accompanying His Majesty 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 Mohamed



His Majesty the 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 Mohamed Bolkiah; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah in a group photo with the performers.

Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

Hundreds of primary and secondary students lined up the streets in the capital and waved miniature national flags as they welcomed His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and members of royal family.

Shortly after arrival, the national anthem officially began the event and the cheers of 'Daulat Kebawah Duli Tuan Patik' from *Penghulu Mukim*, Village Chiefs, members of the Executive Committee of Governors for His Majesty's 72nd Birthday Celebration, representatives of non-government organisations, as well as various communities echoed in the air.

With the theme 'Raja Berdaulat Rakyat Bahagia' which translates to 'great sovereign, happiness for the people', the special performance carried a concept that showed the citizens' love towards the Monarch in achieving a progressive development for the nation. The performance involved 60 primary school students and 70 youths as well as secondary schools students.

His Majesty then received *Junjung Ziarah* from members of the Executive Committee of Governors, Celebration Committees, *Penghulu Mukim*, Village Chiefs, non-government organisations, the private sector as well as citizens and residents in the Brunei-Muara District.

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office mingling with the public.



Performers during the event at the Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin.

His Majesty joins Royal Birthday Cycling Recreation



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 Mateen; and His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah during the cycling event.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 22 - The joyous early morning atmosphere enlivened the capital, with all levels of the community joining 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 the Royal Birthday Cycling Recreation 2018.

Also in attendance were His Majesty's sons, brother and daughter, 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 Mohamed Bolkiah; and Her Royal Highness Princess Ameerah Wardatul Bolkiah.

The event commenced with the singing of the Royal Birthday

Song performed by a group of alumni of the Ship for South East Asia and Japan Youth Programme as well as children with special needs from the Special Olympics Brunei Darussalam (SOBD), accompanied by the waving of hand flappers by 72 youth from the Youth Community Transformation Club (KKBT).

This was followed by the sound of a horn to signal the start the cycle, accompanied by the playing of band music by the *Serunai* and *Tambur* Band of the Prisons Department.

His Majesty led the Royal Birthday Cycling Recreation through the 11.49 kilometre bike route.

Following the cycling event, His Majesty and members of the royal family witnessed the march past of 72 cyclists from all four

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districts who completed a 72 km cycle which began earlier in the morning at 6.15 a.m.

Apart from the Royal Birthday Cycling Recreation, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam took a closer look at the *Bandarku Ceria* activities, such as, the Special Olympics Brunei Darussalam exhibition; the 'First Aid Responding to an Emergency' Aid Showcase by the Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society; Talent Identification Program (TID) exhibition; a health and activeness programme, B-FIT4LIFE; cycling polo sport; an exhibition by the Department of Environment, Parks and Recreation, Department of Water Services and the Survey Department; archery activity organised by Al-Rafi Archery Brunei and a Paintball activity conducted by Paintball Arena Jerudong;



His Majesty with children of the Special Olympics Brunei Darussalam.

Special Religious Education Unit exhibition; exhibition by the National Road Safety Council and the Brunei Automobile Traders Association.

RBAF 57th Anniversary: Spiritual strength equally important

TUTONG, July 1 - The Ministry of Defence and the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) need to show the seriousness and the beauty of the military career as an exciting and convincing career, which will attract the youth because it is one of the ways to build a nation.

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, the Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the RBAF highlighted the matter in a *titah* (royal speech) at the Grand Parade of the 57th RBAF Anniversary at the Penanjong Garrison.

His Majesty stressed on the main task of the RBAF; to protect the country, as it is an obligation and trust, which must be implemented prudently.

"The country is not seeking for anything more except only this not simply ask what the country wants, but to ask ourselves what we have done for our country," His Majesty said in his *titah*.

His Majesty emphasised that the RBAF should realise that the country cannot afford to fall behind in terms of rapid developments. Hence, it is not only the physical capabilities that should be focused on but spiritual strength as well.

"We must have strong willpower to



His Majesty in a group photograph session with members of the Defence Executive Committee, service commanders, commandants, former deputy ministers of defence and former commanders of the RBAF, as well as military and civilian directors and heads of units.

resist and avoid temptation by staying away from harmful and destructive activities," said His Majesty.

His Majesty also encouraged the RBAF to continue its involvement in any beneficial activity such as the participation in regional, bilateral or multilateral military training because it is not only beneficial for training but can also optimise operational capabilities.

Accompanying His Majesty at the event were His Royal Highness Prince General Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, and General of the RBAF and His Royal Highness Captain (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

Shortly after arriving at the Parade Ground, His Majesty received the Royal Salute and inspected the parade contingents featuring 1,157 personnel from the Royal Brunei Land Force (RBLF), the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN), the Royal Brunei Air Force (RBAirF), the Training Institute RBAF (TI RBAF), the Special Force Regiment (SFR), the Women Military Personnel and the RBAF Band led by the Parade Commander, Lieutenant Colonel (U) Haji Haszahaidi bin Haji Ahmad Daud.

From the parade ground, His Majesty and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince proceeded to tour various static exhibitions from the different units under the Ministry of Defence and the RBAF.

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His Majesty and His Royal Highness then joined former RBAF officers and personnel for an interactive session, before viewing the arena performance at the Penanjong Garrison Mini Stadium.

His Majesty and His Royal Highness later proceeded to the Dining Hall in Penanjong Garrison, for a meeting with the RBAF junior non-commissioned officers.

After the meeting, His Majesty and His Royal Highness proceeded to the Penanjong Garrison's Officer Mess for celebratory luncheon, during which His Majesty awarded the Air Wing Badge to His Royal Highness Captain (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

The ceremony concluded with the signing of the royal parchment, followed by a group photograph session with members of the Defence Executive Committee, service commanders, commandants, former deputy ministers of defence and former commanders of



His Majesty awarding the Air Wing Badge to His Royal Highness Captain (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

the RBAF, as well as military and civilian directors and heads of units. carries the theme '*Bersama Menjayakan Wawasan Negara*' or 'Together in Accomplishing the National Vision'.

This year's RBAF Anniversary

Audience and *Junjung Ziarah* for Intending Haj Pilgrims

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 18 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha, this afternoon received in audiences separately, a *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet) from the country's intending Haj Pilgrims. The audiences took place at Istana Nurul Iman.

During the event, His Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, received 485 the intending male pilgrims.

Meanwhile, Her Majesty, accompanied by Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman received 515 the intending female pilgrims.

Prior to the *junjung ziarah*, the intending pilgrims were treated to a meal and performed a mass *Zohor* prayer at the palace and were later presented with a *Kumia* (personal gift) from His Majesty. The male pilgrims were each presented with a set of *ihram* garments (Haj attire) while the female pilgrims received a *telekung* (prayer robe).



His Majesty accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, receiving a *junjung ziarah* from intending male pilgrims.



Her Majesty was accompanied by Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman receiving a *junjung ziarah* from intending female pilgrims.

Yayasan Hari Raya celebration: Private sector, graduates give meaningful contribution to nation.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 5 – The private sector has long been known as a driving force of economic growth. In our country, many resilient businesses have long been in existence, facing the challenge of building the economy. This machine of course requires fuel for it to work. Such fuel is none other than the quality of its manpower.

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 stated this matter in a *titah* (royal speech) delivered during the Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration organised by Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah at the International Convention Centre (ICC).

Touching on the data provided by JobCentre Brunei, His Majesty understands that there are 1,800 graduates who have the potential to help the private sector in achieving their business targets, while over 200 companies require the services of graduates.

In line with the theme of the celebration, 'Developing the National Economy By Empowering the Private Sector', His Majesty hopes that both the private sector and the graduates will use the golden opportunity to foster relations and get to know each other because the establish relations of private sector and graduates can contribute to efforts towards realising the country's economic development.

His Majesty believes the private sector is prepared to accept the locals, especially graduates who are seeking or waiting for jobs. If this responsibility is successfully

carried out, it will give a meaningful contribution to the nation.

The Monarch also urge graduates to avoid being too selective because whatever the job is, it is still a source of income. It is not just working in the government sector that is considered a good fortune, but working in the private sector as well. In fact, engaging in business, farming and fishing is also a good fortune. If all these are done with patience and perseverance, it will reap multiple rewards.

Highlighting the Hari Raya festival, His Majesty said in Brunei Darussalam, Hari Raya spirit is not only visible among families, relatives and friends, but also shared by people from all walks of life. This good tradition needs to be continued as a means of nourishing relations and respect.

Also present at the Hari Raya Aidilfitri Celebration were Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam; 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 binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik, Chairman of the Board of Governors of Yayasan; Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Raabi'atul 'Adawiyah binti Pengiran Haji Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry 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 delivering a *titah* (royal speech) during the Yayasan Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration.

Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam.

Special stage performances by Taman Asuhan Kanak-Kanak (TASKA), primary and secondary students of the Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah School further enlivened the celebration.

The event also saw a *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet) with participants by Their Majesties and members of the royal family. Later, His Majesty toured an exhibition featuring 24 private sector companies that offer job placement for local jobseekers.

Brunei Polo Team wins Polo Tournament

JERUDONG, July 13 - 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 Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam consented to attend the finals of the Polo Tournament in conjunction with His Majesty's 72nd Birthday Celebration at the Royal Brunei Polo and Riding Club.

Joining the tournament for the team representing Brunei Darussalam were the son and daughter of His Majesty; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah.

Also in attendance were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah and



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen holds the trophy for winning the tournament.

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Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Ameerah Wardatul Bolkiah and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and other members of royal family.

During the tournament, the Brunei Darussalam team won with a score of 9 - 7 against the Singapore team.

His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen scored two goals in the sixth chukka.

Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Muda Bahar ibni His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah also joined the Brunei Darussalam team.

After the end of the match, His Majesty consented to present trophies to both teams.

The tournament, which began from July 10 to 13, was organised by the Royal Brunei Polo Association (RBPA). Among the teams that participated in the tournament were Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Singapore, Pakistan and Brunei Darussalam.

His Majesty officiates naming of Empangan Jubli Emas Tutong

TUTONG, July 19 - The Ulu Tutong Dam, known as Empangan Jubli Emas Ulu Tutong is the largest water supply project in Brunei Darussalam, at an approximate cost of BND85.4 million, which commenced on February 1, 2010, and was completed on June 25, 2017.

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 officiated the ceremony to name the Ulu Tutong Dam as Empangan Jubli Emas Ulu Tutong during His Majesty's *Junjung Ziarah* Ceremony in Tutong District, held in conjunction with the Monarch's 72nd birthday celebration.

Accompanying His Majesty were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

During the official naming ceremony, His Majesty also signed the name plaque of Empangan Jubli Emas Ulu Tutong.

The main function of the dam is to supplement the water supply at Brunei-Muara District / Tutong especially during the dry season.

The Tutong dam reservoir is designed to operate as a regulating reservoir and will release water into the Tutong River when the natural flow is insufficient to meet the required demand. Its operation will be integrated with the existing Benutan Dam and the gated Tutong downstream barrage of water supply intakes at Kuala Abang and Layong.



His Majesty signing the name plaque of the Empangan Jubli Emas Ulu Tutong.



Name plaque of Empangan Jubli Emas Ulu Tutong.

LegCo receives courtesy call from MPR-RI

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 17 - A delegation from the Majelis Permusyawaratan Rakyat of the Republic of Indonesia (MPR-RI) paid a courtesy call to the Department of State Councils.

The delegation, led by Yang Berhormat Dr. H. M. Hidayat Nur Wahid, Vice President of MPR-RI, was greeted by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohamed Taib, Speaker

of the Legislative Council.

The courtesy call among other things further enhanced bilateral relations between both parties in the exchange of ideas and in providing opportunities to learn matters that can be made as best practices.

Following the courtesy call was a bilateral meeting between MPR-RI and LegCo members chaired by Yang Berhormat

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Pehin Orang Kaya Putera Maharaja Dato Paduka Awang Haji Abdul Ghani bin Pehin Datu Pekerma Dewa Dato Paduka Awang Haji Abdul Rahim, Member of the Legislative Council.

Both delegations discussed various issues of mutual interests and ways to further strengthen relations between Brunei and Indonesia.



Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohamed Taib, Speaker of the Legislative Council with the delegation of the Majelis Permusyawaratan Rakyat of the Republic of Indonesia (MPR-RI).

Courtesy call from the Australian Parliament delegation

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 23 - The Department of Councils of State received a courtesy call from the Australian Parliament delegation at the Legislative Council Building in Jalan Menteri Besar.

The delegation led by Mr. Rowan Ramsey, Member of Parliament of Australia paid a courtesy call to Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohammed Taib, Speaker of the Legislative Council.

The courtesy call aimed to further strengthen bilateral relations between the Councils of State and the Australian Parliament in exchanging ideas as well as the opportunity to study matters that can be made as best practices.

The Australian Parliament delegation stated that they greatly appreciate the reception given and hoped to further strengthen existing relations.



Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohammed Taib, Speaker of the Legislative Council with Mr. Rowan Ramsey, Member of Parliament of Australia.

A bilateral meeting was held after the courtesy call led by Yang Berhormat Dayang Siti Rozaimeryanti binti Dato Seri Lela Jasa Haji Abdul Rahman, Member of the Legislative Council.

The bilateral meeting discussed various issues of mutual interest as well as ways to further strengthen relations between the two countries.

Second Minister of Defence receives courtesy call

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 11 - Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, the Second Minister of Defence received a courtesy call from Dr. Joseph H. Felter, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia at the US Department of Defense, held at the Ministry of Defence (MinDef).

During the courtesy call, the Second Minister of Defence congratulated Dr. Felter on his appointment which took effect last year.

Brunei Darussalam and the United States (US) reaffirmed the warm defence relations between both countries.

The Second Minister of Defence also extended his appreciation towards the US for the active role it takes in the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) regional grouping.

Early last month, the US held a sideline meeting with ASEAN Defence Ministers, which the Second Minister of Defence attended as part of his programme during the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore.



Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, the Second Minister of Defence and Dr. Joseph H. Felter, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia at the US Department of Defense during the courtesy call.

The meeting that was chaired by His Excellency James Mattis, US Secretary of Defense was an avenue for both the US and ASEAN to discuss issues of priorities in the Asia-Pacific as well as issues of common concern.

Dr. Joseph H. Felter is currently in the region to attend the ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting-Plus (ADSOM-Plus) which took place on July 12-13 in Singapore.

Courtesy call from Australian Parliament delegation



Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, the Second Minister of Defence and Mr. Rowan Ramsey, Member of Parliament of Australia during the courtesy call.

BOLKIAH GARISON, July 25 - Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, the Second Minister of Defence received a courtesy call from an Australian Parliament delegation led by Mr. Rowan Ramsey, Member of Parliament of Australia.

The courtesy call aimed to reaffirm the close and long-standing bilateral defence relationship between the two countries.

Both sides expressed at how pleased they were with the progress of the defence cooperation achieved through exchanges of visits, policy meetings, exercises, trainings and courses for defence and military personnel.

The Minister and Mr. Rowan Ramsey exchanged views on regional and global security issues, which included the growing threat of terrorism in the region. Both sides also acknowledged the need to work closer together in addressing the issues.

In the wake of increasing threats of terrorism in the region, Australia hosted the Sub-Regional Defence Ministers' Meeting on Counter Terrorism held in Perth in February, followed by a Senior Officials' Meeting on the sidelines of the IISS Shangri-La Dialogue June.

These meetings bolstered regional initiatives through sharing and exchanging of views and by stepping up practical defence cooperation.

Minister of Development attends SIWW

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, July 10 - Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Paduka Awang Haji Suhaimi bin Haji Gafar, the Minister of Development accompanied by Awang Haji Marzuke bin Haji Mohsin, the Permanent Secretary (Technical and Professional) the Ministry of Development, and Awang Haji Amer Hishamuddin bin Pehin Orang Kaya Amar Pahlawan Haji Zakaria, Director General of Public Works Department, with officers from the Department of Water Services and Department of Drainage and Sewerage, were in Singapore on July 8 - 12, 2018 to attend the Singapore International Water Week (SIWW).

Prior to the opening of SIWW, on July 8, 2018, the Minister of Development separately called on His Excellency Lawrence Wong, the Minister of National Development of Singapore, and His Excellency Masagos Zulkifli, the Minister of Environment and Water Resources of Singapore.

During the bilateral meeting with His Excellency Lawrence Wong and the Minister discussed on the issues of national



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development, public housing development and land use matters, and discussed the intention for exchange programmes in the near future.

In 2015, the Ministry of Development of Brunei and the Ministry of National Development Singapore signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote exchanges of information and cooperation between the two Government agencies.

During the bilateral meeting with His Excellency Masagos Zulkifli, both ministers discussed views on environmental and water issues of mutual interest and also updated on the progress in areas of collaboration and joint activities such as air quality monitoring, water resources management and environmental youth exchange. Under the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Bilateral Partnership in Environmental Affairs between Brunei and Singapore, meetings and exchanges on environmental programmes ranging from solid waste management, air quality, water resources management and environmental education are held annually.



The Minister of Development and His Excellency Lawrence Wong, the Minister of National Development of Singapore.

ASEAN - together in tackling climate change



Yang Berhormat Dato Paduka Dr. Awang Haji Mat Suny bin Haji Mohd. Hussein, Minister of Energy and Industry and His Excellency Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore with ministers from ASEAN and Plus Three Partners, ASEAN Secretary-General, COP23 Presidency representative, COP24 Presidency and the UNFCCC Executive Secretary.

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, July 10 - The ASEAN Member States' Ministers in charge of climate change gathered in Singapore to convene the Special ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Climate Action (SAMCA).

This meeting is followed by the Expanded SAMCA (E-SAMCA) session with the presence of Ministers from Plus Three countries; the presidencies of the 23rd and 24th Session of Conference of Parties (COP); and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Executive Secretary.

The meetings were inaugurated by His Excellency Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, and chaired by His Excellency Masagos Zulkifli, the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources of the Republic of Singapore.

The SAMCA discussed ASEAN's concerted efforts in addressing climate change given that it is one of the most

vulnerable regions to the impact of climate change. ASEAN Member States shared their respective climate action commitments while addressing the three Talanoa Dialogue questions namely 'Where are we?', 'Where do we want to go?' and 'How do we get there?' There was a strong sentiment across ASEAN Member States on commitments to fulfil the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Representing Brunei Darussalam at the meeting was Yang Berhormat Dato Paduka Dr. Awang Haji Mat Suny bin Haji Mohd. Hussein, the Minister of Energy and Industry. In his national statement, the Minister shared the importance and urgency of climate action for an effective implementation of the Paris Agreement.

The Minister further highlighted that although Brunei Darussalam's greenhouse gas emissions are small, it is ready to raise its climate ambition, which have prompted Brunei Darussalam to revise its Nationally Determined

Contributions that outlines plans and actions for the implementation of the Paris Agreement. The revision aims to shift the Nationally Determined Contributions from sectoral targets to a more action-oriented and long-term strategic trajectory for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The E-SAMCA discussed current cooperation and future opportunities between ASEAN and Plus Three partners to support the implementation of the Paris Agreement. Both COP Presidencies and UNFCCC emphasised the importance of negotiation and completion of the Paris Agreement Work Programme so as to operationalise the Paris Agreement in a timely manner.

The meetings were hosted and organised by Singapore in support of its Year of Climate Action as part of Singapore's ASEAN Chairmanship focus on resilience and innovation.

Minister of Education receives courtesy call

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 10 - Yang Berhormat Dato Paduka Awang Haji Hamzah bin Haji Sulaiman, the Minister of Education, received a courtesy call from His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajiri, Director-General of Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (I-SESCO) based in Rabat, Morocco, who is on a working visit to Brunei Darussalam.

Through this visit, His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz aims to strengthen the existing and future partnership between ISESCO and Brunei Darussalam.

His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz highlighted the strong relationship

between I-SESCO and Brunei Darussalam through the Ministry of Education as the focal of I-SESCO in Brunei Darussalam. Potential areas of cooperation to be explored between I-SESCO and Brunei

Darussalam through science and technology, halal industry, renewable energy and 21st century education focusing on school leaders and quality teachers were also discussed.



Yang Berhormat Dato Paduka Awang Haji Hamzah bin Haji Sulaiman, Minister of Education received a courtesy call from His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajiri, Director-General of I-SESCO.