



ROK President's State Visit strengthens Brunei – ROK ties



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 with His Excellency Moon Jae-in, President of the Republic of Korea and spouse, Her Excellency Kim Jung-sook during the State Visit.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, March 11 - The relationship between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Korea has been further strengthened with the exchange of State Visit from both countries' leader. Over the past 35 years, the relationship of the two countries has become closer among the people as well as the valuable cooperation in various important fields including energy, infrastructure, education and people-to-people exchanges.

In strengthening the established relationship, 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 consented to welcome His Excellency Moon Jae-in, President of the Republic of Korea and spouse, Her Excellency Kim Jung-sook and delegation for a three-day State Visit.

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Official Opening Ceremony of the First Meeting of the 15th Session of the Legislative Council



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 Official Opening Ceremony of the First Meeting of the 15th Legislative Council Session.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, March 7 - Towards improving the government's policy for the benefit of the nation and the well-being of the people, 15th Session of the Legislative Council (LegCo) meeting is expected to be able to further develop the productivity of the government and strengthen the goal of realising the Brunei Vision 2035.

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 consented to officiate the Official Opening Ceremony of the First Meeting of the 15th Session of the Legislative Council commenced with full tradition at the Dewan Majlis Building.

Also in attendance 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 as Ex-Officio Member; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkhiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien; and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sulfri Bolkhiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien.

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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:



Yang Berbahagia Dato' Sri Haji Syed Zainal Abidin bin Syed Mohamed Tahir, Chairman of the University Technology MARA (UITM)'s Board of Directors on March 12.

His Royal Highness receives audiences



Her Excellency Yu Hong, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam on March 2.



His Excellency Ajaneesh Kumar, High Commissioner of the Republic of India to Brunei Darussalam on March 21.



His Excellency Salah Mubarak Musleh Al-Mutairi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Kuwait to Brunei Darussalam on March 21.

His Majesty sends congratulatory messages

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to send congratulatory messages to:

- His Excellency Dr. Arif Alvi, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, His Excellency Imran Khan, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Government as well as the people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the occasion of Pakistan Day on March 23.

- His Excellency Md. Abdul Hamid, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Government as well as the people of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on the occasion of its Independence Day on March 26.

His Majesty sends condolence 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 has consented to send condolence messages to:

- Her Excellency The Right Honourable Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand, following attacks on the Linwood Mosque and Al-Noor Mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand that claimed invaluable lives of innocent people and injured many others on March 15.

- His Excellency Dato Laila Utama Joko Widodo, President of the Republic of Indonesia, following the recent flash flood in Jayapura, Papua and landslide caused by an earthquake in Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia on March 21.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam during the audience ceremony with the President of the Republic of Korea and spouse.

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The Official Welcoming Ceremony for the President of the Republic of Korea (ROK) took place at Istana Nurul Iman.

From Istana Edinburgh, His Excellency Moon Jae-in and Her Excellency Kim Jung-sook was accompanied by His Majesty's son, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office as the personal representative of His Majesty, and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab Rahaman.

Along the way to Istana Nurul Iman, thousands of schools students waved Brunei Darussalam and Republic of Korea miniature flags to welcome the President of the ROK and spouse.

At Istana Nurul Iman, Their Majesties welcomed the President of the ROK and spouse. Immediately after arrival, His Majesty and His Excellency Moon Jae-in received the Salute of Honour, accompanied with the national anthems of both countries and a 21-gun salute.

Both leaders then inspected the Guard of Honour mounted by personnel of the Royal Brunei Land Forces (RBLF). The President of the ROK and spouse were then introduced to the members of the royal family; Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran-pengiran Cheteria; Speaker of the Legislative Council, Cabinet Ministers; members of the Privy Council, Deputy Ministers, senior officers, Heads Foreign Diplomatic Missions and their respective spouses.

Their Majesties were also introduced to the members of His Excellency Moon Jae-in's delegation. The delegation included

Her Excellency Kang Kyung-wha, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Her Excellency Kim Hyun-mee, Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport; His Excellency Sung Yunmo, Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy; Mr Kim Soo Hyun, Chief of Staff for Policy to the President; and Her Excellency Yoon Hyun Bong, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Brunei Darussalam.

Their Majesties together with the President of the ROK and spouse then proceeded to Cheradi Laila Kenchana for an Audience Ceremony.

Also in attendance at the ceremony were His Majesty's children and siblings, 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; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Raabi'atul 'Adawiyah binti Pengiran Haji Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam, as well as other members of royal family.

Also present was Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong, Minister of Home Affairs, as the Minister-in-Attendance.

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His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; and His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah at the Audience Ceremony.



Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab Rahaman and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Raabi'atul 'Adawiyah binti Pengiran Haji Bolkiah during the ceremony.

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After the Audience Ceremony, His Majesty held a bilateral meeting with the President of the ROK and delegation at Baitul Mesyuarah. Also present at the meeting was His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office.

At the meeting, His Majesty in his *titah* (royal speech) said that the state visit by the President of the ROK was important in conjunction with the 35th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the ROK and Brunei Darussalam and also in conjunction with the Brunei Darussalam's role as the Country Coordinator for the ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations.

His Majesty also touched on the cooperation in various fields including trade and investment; connectivity; and people-to-people exchanges that have been developed since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. His Majesty also welcomed the initiative to enhance cooperation in strategic areas including capacity building; technology; and business development for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) to diversify the economy.

In the *titah*, His Majesty expressed appreciation for the contribution from Republic of Korea companies in the field of infrastructure development; tourism; energy; ICT; and people-to-people exchanges, especially the cooperation between educational institutions, which are important in preparing the country to face the challenges brought about by the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

His Excellency Moon Jae-in in his speech expressed delight to be able to meet His Majesty after their meeting in Republic of Singapore in November last year. He is also pleased with the first visit to Brunei Darussalam this year.

According to the President of the ROK, since the diplomatic relations between the two countries 35 years ago, the relationship has grown and benefits both parties in various fields including infrastructure, energy and people-to-people exchange.

The President of the ROK said that Brunei Darussalam is an important partner for cooperation in terms of government policy carried out by the ROK and expressed appreciation to the country for helping the ROK in developing its capacity as Dialogue Coordinator. The President of the ROK continued to express gratitude to His Majesty for the continuous support to ensure the success of the upcoming ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit.

His Excellency Moon Jae-in further said that ROK will be hosting the 30th anniversary of the establishment of ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations and hoped to receive more response from His Majesty on the direction towards regional peace and prosperity.

His Excellency Moon Jae-in emphasised the ROK's continued



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Excellency Moon Jae-in, the President of the Republic of Korea during the bilateral meeting.

commitment to cooperation with ASEAN, which will be carried out under the spirit of prioritising the 3Ps - People, Prosperity and Peace. His Majesty expressed appreciation for His Excellency's continued commitment to the region, and His Excellency also expressed support for Brunei Darussalam's role as the Country Coordinator for the ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations for 2018-2021. In the year marking the 30th anniversary of the establishment of ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations, His Majesty looked forward to the ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit to be held in November in the ROK, which will provide the ROK and ASEAN with an excellent opportunity to take stock of the past 30 years of ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations.

After the bilateral meeting, His Majesty and His Excellency Moon Jae-in witnessed the signing of three Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Republic of Korea.

The Memorandum of Understanding on the Investment Promotion Cooperation was signed by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohd. Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Finance and Economy on behalf of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, while signing on behalf of the ROK was His Excellency Sung Yunmo, Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy.

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His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam at the ceremony.



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His Excellency Moon Jae-in, the President of the Republic of Korea delivering a speech at the Bilateral Meeting between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Korea.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a *tithah* at the bilateral meeting.

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The Memorandum of Understanding on the Recognition of the Korean Intellectual Property Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority Under the Patent Cooperation Treaty for the Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office was signed by Yang Berhormat

Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mat Suny bin Haji Md. Hussien, Minister of Energy, Manpower and Industry on behalf of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and signing on behalf of the ROK was Mr. Park Won-joo, Commissioner of the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO).



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Signing the Memorandum of Understanding on the Scientific and Technological Cooperation on behalf of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was Dato Seri Paduka Awang Haji Matsatejo bin Sokiaw, Deputy Minister of Energy, Manpower and Industry and signing on behalf of the ROK was Her Excellency Yoon Hyun-bong, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Brunei Darussalam.

Throughout the diplomatic relations, both countries have also reached several MoUs including Air Services, Double Taxation and Tax Exemption of Income Taxes, Agriculture and Defence Cooperation. Also in attendance to witness the signing ceremony was His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office.

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Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha and Her Excellency Kim Jung-sook touring the compound of Istana Nurul Iman.

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Meanwhile, after the audience ceremony, Her Excellency Kim Jung-sook held a separate programme with Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha which began with a visit around the compound of Istana Nurul Iman.

The visit of the President of the ROK to Brunei Darussalam was the first since being appointed as President on 10th of May 2017. His Majesty has also made a State Visit to the ROK in 2014.



Official Opening Ceremony of the First Meeting of the 15th Session of the Legislative Council (continued)



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam inspecting the guard of honour mounted by 108 personnel of the Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPF) at the Official Opening Ceremony of the First Meeting of the 15th Session of the Legislative Council.

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Upon arrival, His Majesty was greeted by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohamed Taib, Speaker of the LegCo.

Shortly after arrival, His Majesty received the royal salute and inspected the guard of honour mounted by 108 personnel of the Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPF) led by Superintendent Haji Azree bin Haji Abdul Manaf/Munap, Parade Commanding Officer.

His Majesty then proceeded to Dewan Persidangan accompanied by the

Speaker of the LegCo, which was led by the procession, bringing in the Ceremonial Mace of the LegCo.

His Majesty consented to deliver a *titah* (royal speech) at the official opening ceremony stressing that this year's LegCo meeting should focus more on strategic matters to strengthen the country's achievements.

His Majesty hoped the LegCo members will be able to present views or suggestions in all areas which are the sole responsibility of the government without being solely a matter of economic affairs.

Touching on the economy, Brunei Darussalam is not left behind to build a conducive environment internationally by joining several Free Trade Agreements with regional and international partners to provide marketing opportunities in the said countries.

In the *titah*, His Majesty also took note of the dialogue session with the ministries, including visits to get a closer look at the projects implemented by the government through Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), Public Private Partnership (PPP), private companies and government-linked companies (GLCs) implemented by the members of the LegCo, especially those appointed.

In this regard, members of the LegCo were advised not to raise questions that have been discussed repeatedly, but to bring forward new matters such as how to boost the economy by intensifying diversification strategies in line with the desire to build the future of younger generation.

To bless the ceremony, a *Doa Selamat* was read by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia (Dr.) Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, the State Mufti.

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The members of Legislative Council comprising of Ex-Officio Member (Prime Minister and Ministers) in a group photo.

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His Majesty together with His Majesty's son and brothers as well as the LegCo members joined for a group photo session.

Prior to the opening ceremony, the first meeting session reviewed and approved the First Meeting of the 14th Legislative Council session that was in session from the 5th until the 20th of March 2018.

The 15th LegCo session is chaired by the Speaker of the LegCo who will be assisted by Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Orang Kaya Pekerma Jaya Dato Paduka Awang Haji Judin bin Haji Asar, Clerk to the LegCo and Rose Aminah binti Haji Ismail, Deputy Clerk to the LegCo.

The session is held in March to deliberate on and adopt the Annual Supply Bill for every ministry and government department before the end of the financial year on 31st of March.

This year's LegCo session will discuss the Supply Bill 2019/2020 which will take effect starting on 1st of April 2019.

Apart from the annual budget, the LegCo session will also discuss the matters raised about the ministries and its departments, including discussing matters that are



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam arriving at the Dewan Majlis Building for the Official Opening Ceremony of the First Meeting of the 15th Session of the Legislative Council.

relevant and significant to the people and the nation in harmony and based on Malay Islamic Monarchy (MIB).

The 36 members of the LegCo comprises of Ex-Officio Member (Prime Minister and Ministers), titles persons, persons who have achieved distinction and district

representatives.

The LegCo was established by Section 23 of the Brunei Constitution 1959 and the members were appointed pursuant to the Section 24. It was dissolved in 1984 and reestablished on 25th of September 2004.



The Official Opening Ceremony of the First Meeting of the 15th Session of the Legislative Council.

22nd Annual Leaders' Consultation



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 Yang Amat Berhormat Tun Dato Laila Utama Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia during the Four-Eye meeting in conjunction with the 22nd Annual Leaders' Consultation between Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam which took place at Putrajaya, Malaysia.

PUTRAJAYA, MALAYSIA, March 5

– 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 22nd Annual Leaders' Consultation between Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam that was held in Putrajaya, Malaysia.

Accompanying His Majesty from the hotel to the Prime Minister's Office in Putrajaya was Yang Berhormat Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin bin Ali, Minister of Economic Affairs of Malaysia as the Minister-in-Attendance.

Upon arrival at the Prime Minister's Office, His Majesty was welcomed by Yang Amat Berhormat Tun Dato Laila Utama Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam proceeded to the Prime Minister's Room to attend a Four-Eye meeting with the Prime Minister of Malaysia.

Prior to the meeting, His Majesty signed

a visitors' book and followed with a photo session with the Prime Minister of Malaysia.

During the meeting, His Majesty and the Prime Minister of Malaysia exchanged views on bilateral, regional and international matters of mutual concern.

Following the meeting, His Majesty proceeded to the Multipurpose Hall together with the Prime Minister of Malaysia to witness the Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Government of Malaysia on Movement of Prisoners.

Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong, Minister of Home Affairs signing the MoU on behalf of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam; while Yang Berhormat Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin bin Mohd. Yassin, Minister of Home Affairs signing on behalf of the Government of Malaysia.

A joint statement was issued in conjunction with the Annual Leaders' Consultation to

reaffirmed their commitment to further enhance cooperation and collaboration in areas of mutual interest for the benefit of the people of both countries.

According to the Joint Statement issued at the consultation, His Majesty and the Prime Minister of Malaysia reaffirmed the importance in further strengthening the relationship by advancing dialogue and mutual understanding between the two countries. They expressed satisfaction on the positive development and agreed that the momentum should be maintained.

Both Leaders were pleased with the continued efforts made since their last meeting during the Official Visit of the Prime Minister of Malaysia to Brunei Darussalam on the 2nd until the 3rd of September 2018.

The Leaders welcomed the latest progress under the Implementation of the Exchange of Letters mechanism and expressed satisfaction at the continued progress made by PETRONAS and PetroleumBRUNEI through the collaboration in the Commercial Arrangement Areas (CAA) and Production Sharing Agreements (PSA).

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The Leaders also welcomed the positive progress made by the joint technical committee on the demarcation and survey of the land boundary between Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam and noted that both sides have agreed not to undertake any activities in areas where joint demarcation and survey has yet to be completed.

Both Leaders noted the ongoing discussions between officials from both countries on the provision of the Exchange of Letters relating to maritime access and also encouraged their officials to explore innovative ways to develop maritime cooperation between the two countries. In this regard, the Leaders welcomed the ongoing discussions between their officials in this field with a view to having a Memorandum of Understanding on Maritime Cooperation.

The Leaders expressed satisfaction at the continued progress in trade and investment cooperation, particularly with the states of Sabah and Sarawak.

The Leaders also urged for more synergy in economic cooperation and promotion in the areas of transport and infocommunications, energy, tourism, agriculture, livestock and fisheries.

The Leaders welcomed the ongoing discussion between Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam on cooperation in several sectors and Brunei Darussalam noted that Malaysia will put forward a proposed MoU relating to fisheries cooperation as well as the engagement between the relevant officials on matters related to immigration cooperation, including the Brunei-Malaysia Frequent Traveller Programme (BMFTP), which has eased travel between both countries and enhanced people-to-people connectivity.

Both Leaders also took note of the ongoing negotiations pertaining to the MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Transport.

The Leaders welcomed the signing of the MoU relating to the transfer, escorting and movement of prisoners from areas between Sabah and Sarawak via Brunei Darussalam and the movement of prisoners within Brunei Darussalam via Sarawak.

Both Leaders agreed that the MoU will facilitate the transfer of prisoners between Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam without compromising the security and safety of the prisoners as well as the public.

The Leaders expressed their satisfaction with the existing bilateral cooperation in defence between the Malaysian Armed



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with Yang Amat Berhormat Tun Dato Laila Utama Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia .

Forces (MAF) and the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) which continues to be strengthened via regular exchanges of visits, official level engagements, training courses and military exercises.

The Leaders also underscored the importance of defence cooperation between the two countries especially in maintaining peace and stability in light of the security challenges and threats in the region.

The Prime Minister of Malaysia looked forward to the participation of high-level officials from Brunei Darussalam in the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 2019 (LIMA '19) on the 26th until the 30th of March 2019.

Both Leaders expressed satisfaction with the active people linkages, particularly among the youths in promoting greater friendship and understanding.

The Leaders welcomed the good relations and encouraged regular engagements between the two civil services. Brunei Darussalam hosted the 16th Malaysia-Brunei Darussalam Public Service Senior Officials' Exchange Programme on 12th to 14th of May 2017. The programme promoted greater interaction and understanding on public service matters between the two countries.

The Leaders looked forward to the 17th Malaysia-Brunei Darussalam Public Service Senior Officials' Exchange Programme to be hosted by Malaysia in 2019.

The Prime Minister of Malaysia

conveyed his congratulations to Brunei Darussalam on the occasion of Brunei Darussalam's 35th National Day on 23rd of February 2019.

His Majesty congratulated Malaysia on the proclamation of inauguration of Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah ibni Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah, His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong XVI, as Malaysia's new King.

Both Leaders were pleased with the outcome of their meeting and looked forward to the implementation of the decisions reached for a much strengthened bilateral relationship and cooperation between Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam.

The Leaders agreed to hold the 23rd Annual Leaders' Consultation in Brunei Darussalam in 2020.

At noon, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam proceeded to the Protocol Hall at Seri Perdana Complex for a Luncheon hosted by the Prime Minister of Malaysia and Yang Amat Berbahagia Tun Datin Dr. Siti Hasmah binti Mohd. Ali.

Prior to the Luncheon, His Majesty signed an official visitors' book at the Gallery followed by a photo session with the Prime Minister of Malaysia and spouse.

Before leaving the Seri Perdana Complex, His Majesty His Majesty was bade farewell by the Prime Minister of Malaysia and his spouse.

Get-Together Ceremony with Citizens and Residents of Brunei Darussalam in Malaysia



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during an Afternoon Tea with the students of Brunei Student Council Malaysia (BSCM).

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, March 5 - 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 graced the Get-Together Ceremony with Citizens and Residents of Brunei Darussalam in Malaysia. The ceremony took place at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

The arrival of His Majesty was welcomed by Datin Seri Paduka Dr. Hajah Romizah binti Haji Mohd. Salleh, Deputy Minister of Education; His Excellency Haji Alaihuddin bin Pehin Orang Kaya Digadong Seri Lela Dato Seri Utama Haji Mohd. Taha, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to Malaysia; and Mohammad Fakhirin bin Dato Paduka

Haji Zainal, President of Brunei Student Council Malaysia (BSCM).

His Majesty was then invited for a group photo session with senior officers from the High Commission of Brunei Darussalam to Malaysia and the students of BSCM and signed a parchment before proceeding to an Afternoon Tea with the students.

His Majesty was then ushered to the Grand Ballroom for the Get-Together Ceremony with Citizens and Residents of Brunei Darussalam in Malaysia.

The arrival of His Majesty was accompanied with a Marhaban presentation by students of Brunei Darussalam from the Darul Quran of the Department of Islamic Development



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in a group photo with the students attending the ceremony.

Malaysia (JAKIM); Selangor International Islamic University College; and International Islamic University Malaysia (UIAM).

The ceremony proceeded with the singing of Brunei Darussalam's national anthem led by students of Brunei Darussalam from the INTI International University followed by the recitation of Al-Quran verses read by Mohammad Wafiy bin Awang Mohamad, a student of UIAM.

To bless the ceremony, a *Doa Selamat* was recited by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia (Dr.) Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, the State Mufti.

The President of BSCM on behalf of the citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam who attended the ceremony conveyed an unwavering loyalty pledge to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

At the ceremony, His Majesty consented to deliver a *titah* (royal speech) which among others outlined the role of youth including students, as the main driving force of strategy and initiative in multiplying efforts towards realising the goals of the of the Brunei Vision 2035, which coincides with the theme of the 35th National Day, 'Menjayakan Wawasan Negara' or 'Accomplishing the National Vision'.

His Majesty then proceeded to mingle with about 1,363 citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam who are in Malaysia, comprising of students and government officials on duty, attending courses and those on vacation with their families.

Conferment of Honorary Doctorate (Islamic Leadership)



His Majesty delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the Conferment of the Honorary Doctorate (Islamic Leadership) in conjunction with the 90th UiTM Convocation Ceremony.

SHAH ALAM, SELANGOR, March 23 - 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 Conferment of the Honorary Doctorate (Islamic Leadership) in conjunction with the 90th Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Convocation Ceremony, which was held at Dewan Agong Tuanku Canselor (DATC), UiTM, Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia.

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

Upon arrival at the grounds of DATC, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was welcomed by Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah ibni Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah, His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong XVI (the 16th) of Malaysia, as Chancellor of UiTM; and Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah binti Al-Marhum Al-Mutawakkil Alallah Sultan Iskandar Al-Haj, Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong.

Also present were Yang Mulia Tengku Muhammad Iskandar Ri'ayatuddin Shah; Yang Mulia Tengku Ahmad Ismail Muadzam Shah; Yang Mulia Tengku Puteri Afzan Aminah Hafizatullah; and Yang Mulia Tengku Puteri Jihan Azizah 'Athiyatullah.

Thereafter, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was introduced to Yang Berhormat the Minister of Education of Malaysia; Yang Berbahagia the Chairman of the UiTM Board of Directors; and Yang Berbahagia the Vice



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 receiving the Honorary Doctorate (Islamic Leadership) from Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah ibni Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah, His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong XVI (the 16th) of Malaysia, as the Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) at the 90th UiTM Convocation Ceremony.

Chancellor of UiTM.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia then proceed to the DATC to attend the 90th UiTM Convocation Ceremony.

The ceremony commenced with the national anthems of both countries and recitation of *Doa Selamat* by Ustaz Mohd. Faizan bin Tajuid, Islamic Affairs Officer of the UiTM.

At the ceremony, His Majesty the Tuanku Chancellor delivered a *titah* (royal speech) for the opening of the 90th UiTM Convocation Ceremony. This was followed with opening remarks by Yang Berbahagia Professor Insignur (Ir.) Dr. Mohd. Azraai bin Kassim, Vice Chancellor of UiTM.

The UiTM Convocation Ceremony was also graced with a video clip presentation that showcased the Islamic leadership of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in leading the nation both domestically and internationally.

His Majesty the Tuanku Chancellor then conferred the Honorary Doctorate (Islamic Leadership) to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, in recognition of the achievements of His Majesty's five decades of reign in successfully instilling Islamic values right to the extent of achieving progress and development in various fields including religion, economy, education and health under the Malay Islamic Monarchy (MIB) philosophy, thus effectively making Brunei Darussalam a safe, prosperous and harmonious country, which is well-recognised and respected throughout the world.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam then delivered a *titah*, whereby His Majesty thanked His Majesty the Tuanku Chancellor for the conferment of the Honorary Doctorate (Islamic Leadership).

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His Majesty's State Visit to Hanoi, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

Wreath-Laying Ceremonies; Official Welcoming Ceremony; Meeting with the President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam; Bilateral Meeting; Signing Ceremony; and a Meeting with the Prime Minister

SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM, March 27 - 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 attended the Official Welcoming Ceremony in honour of His Majesty's State Visit to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, which was held at the Presidential Palace, Hanoi.

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

The State Visit of His Majesty to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam this year is the second visit of its kind to be made since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries on the 29th of February 1992.



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 Monument of National Heroes and Martyrs. Accompanying His Majesty was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

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His Majesty said in the *titah* that the conferment is a great honour and serves as a catalyst in further enhancing the close and special cooperation relationship between Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia in various fields including education.

His Majesty further stated that the bilateral relations are further strengthened with cooperation from the universities of both countries including UiTM, such as cooperation in student mobility between UiTM and universities of Brunei Darussalam; industry training for UiTM students at the Halalan Tayyiban Research Centre of Sultan Sharif Ali Islamic University (UNISSA); and the pilot cooperation between UiTM and UNISSA in several fields which includes organising the Halal International Conference to be held in April.

His Majesty added, to this end, the field of research and student exchanges between the higher education institutions should be strengthened further so as to give greater impact for both countries. In addition, Brunei Darussalam welcomes Malaysians who wish to continue their education in higher education institutions in Brunei Darussalam.

In concluding the *titah*, His Majesty emphasised that both countries hold an importance in history based on Islamic teachings.

In addition, 109 UiTM graduates also received Honorary Doctorates in their respective fields.

This was followed with a *titah* by His Majesty the Tuanku



Present at the 90th Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Convocation Ceremony were Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah, Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

Chancellor, welcoming His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam to UiTM and congratulating His Majesty on the Conferment of the Honorary Doctorate (Islamic Leadership).

At noon, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, together with His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia proceeded to the Perdana Hall, Grand BlueWave Hotel, Shah Alam for a Royal Luncheon in conjunction with the 90th UiTM Convocation Ceremony hosted by His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with His Excellency Nguyen Phu Trong, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam at the Official Welcoming Ceremony in honour of His Majesty's State Visit to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam held at the Presidential Palace, Hanoi.

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Before arriving at the Presidential Palace, His Majesty and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam first attended Wreath-Laying Ceremonies at two monuments in Hanoi.

Upon arrival at the Monument of National Heroes and Martyrs,

His Majesty was greeted by Mr. Pham Hai Trung, Director of the Management Board of the Monument. His Majesty walked past a Static Guard of Honour before laying a wreath at the monument.

After the ceremony at the Monument of National Heroes and Martyrs, His Majesty then proceeded to the Mausoleum of President Ho Chi Minh. Upon arrival, His Majesty was greeted by Mr. Bui Hai Son, Chief of the Mausoleum's Management Board. His Majesty was then invited to lay a wreath at the mausoleum.

His Majesty then proceeded to the Presidential Palace for the Official Welcoming Ceremony of the State Visit.

Upon arrival at the grounds of the Presidential Palace, His Majesty was welcomed by His Excellency Nguyen Phu Trong, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. Shortly after arrival, His Majesty was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

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His Majesty laying a Wreath at the Mausoleum of President Ho Chi Minh (left). The arrival of His Majesty at the grounds of the Presidential Palace was welcomed by His Excellency Nguyen Phu Trong, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (above).

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His Majesty then proceeded to the dais to receive the Official Salute, accompanied with the national anthems of both countries. His Majesty then inspected the Guard of Honour mounted by the People's Army of Viet Nam.

State Dignitaries of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam were then introduced to His Majesty. This was followed by the introduction of the Brunei Darussalam's delegation to the President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

Both leaders then proceeded to the Yellow Room for a meeting.

After the meeting, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam and the President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam proceeded to Hall 'B' for a Bilateral Meeting.

In the meeting, His Majesty and His Excellency Nguyen Phu Trong discussed ways to further enhance bilateral cooperation between the two countries. The two leaders also discussed regional issues and exchanged views on international matters of mutual importance.

After the meeting, His Majesty and His Excellency witnessed the Signing Ceremony of a Memorandum of



His Majesty and His Excellency Nguyen Phu Trong witnessing the Signing Ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

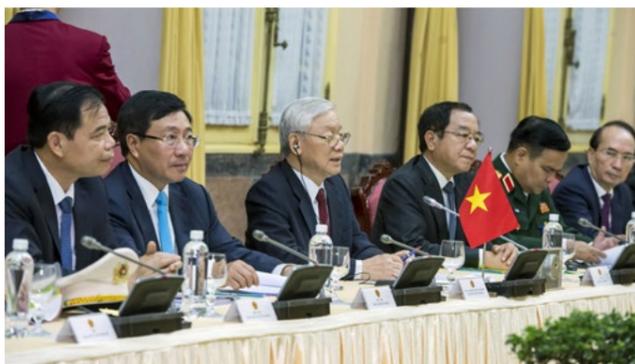
Understanding (MoU) at Hall 'A'.

A MoU was signed by ministers of both countries: The Memorandum of Understanding on the Use of Hotline for Information Exchange to Address Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing was signed by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali bin Haji Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism on behalf of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam; and His Excellency Nguyen Xuan Cuong, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

A Joint Statement between the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and Brunei Darussalam was also issued.

Later in the morning, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam attended a meeting with His Excellency Nguyen Xuan Phuc at the Government Office Headquarters.

At the meeting, His Majesty and His Excellency Nguyen Xuan Phuc discussed bilateral relations between Brunei Darussalam and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and exchanged views on regional and international matters of mutual importance.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during the bilateral meeting with President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.



His Majesty during the bilateral meeting with His Excellency Nguyen Xuan Phuc at the Government Office Headquarters.



State Banquet in honour of His Majesty's State Visit



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam together with His Excellency Nguyen Phu Trong during the State Banquet. Also in attendance was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.



His Majesty delivering a *titah* at the State Banquet hosted by His Excellency Nguyen Phu Trong.

SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM, March 27 - His Majesty attended a State Banquet in honour of His Majesty's State Visit to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. The State Banquet was held at the International Convention Centre, Hanoi and was hosted by His Excellency Nguyen Phu Trong.

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

Upon arrival at the International Convention Centre, His Majesty was welcomed by His Excellency the President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

The State Banquet began with the playing of the national anthems of both countries, which was then followed by a welcoming address from the President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

His Majesty delivered a *titah* (royal speech) during the State Banquet in

which His Majesty expressed the deepest appreciation to His Excellency Nguyen Phu Trong, and to the Government and people of Viet Nam for the generous hospitality and excellent arrangements extended to His Majesty and delegation.

Impressed with the developments achieved since the last State Visit, His Majesty hailed Viet Nam's accomplishments and significant transformation as a testament to the successful implementation of the country's 'Doi Moi' policy.

Citing Viet Nam's current status as the fastest growing economy in ASEAN, His Majesty expressed confidence that under the able leadership of the President, Viet Nam would continue to make further strides towards economic progress and growth.

His Majesty lauded the continued growth in friendship since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. Given that the expansion of cooperation in many areas including

energy, education, agriculture and tourism had built a strong foundation for bilateral relations, His Majesty welcomed the elevation of relations to a 'Comprehensive Partnership.'

His Majesty also added that the close proximity and direct air linkages would further facilitate and enhance trade, tourism and people-to-people exchanges, especially amongst youths and students.

His Majesty underlined the importance of continuing to strengthen their relationship and preserve the principles instrumental to peace and stability towards achieving the ASEAN Community Vision 2025.

His Majesty noted Viet Nam's preparations for the ASEAN Chairmanship in 2020 and assured His Excellency of Brunei Darussalam's full support.

In ending the *titah*, His Majesty looked forward to enhancing their friendship in the years to come, and also extended an invitation to His Excellency and spouse to make a state visit to Brunei Darussalam.

His Majesty visits M113 Commando Brigade

SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM, March 27 - His Majesty visited M113 Commando Brigade in Vinh Phuc Province, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

Accompanying His Majesty during the visit was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

Upon arriving at the M113 Commando Brigade camp, His Majesty was greeted by Major General Ngo Minh Tien, Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the Viet Nam People's Army; and Major General Do Thanh Binh, Commander for Viet Nam's Special Forces.

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His Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen during the visit to M113 Commando Brigade in Vinh Phuc Province, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.



1st Brunei Darussalam International Kite Festival



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam officiating the 1st Brunei Darussalam International Kite Festival 2019.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, March 17 – In conjunction with the 35th National Day celebration, Brunei Darussalam hosted the 1st Brunei Darussalam International Kite Festival. Kites of various shapes and sizes filled the sky above Taman Mahkota Jubli Emas in the capital, Bandar Seri Begawan on the 13th until the 19th of March 2019.

With Kampong Ayer as the background, the Brunei Darussalam International Kite Festival truly reminisces and brings back memories of kite flying in the olden days where Kampong Ayer was one of the places where traditional kite flying first took place in the country.

Being the first of its kind in the country, the kite festival themed 'Strengthening Unity' gathered and united more than 900 kite enthusiasts from overseas representing 25 countries, among them Australia, Austria, Belgium, Cambodia, Canada, Republic of China, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan,



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik at attending the 1st Brunei Darussalam International Kite Festival 2019 held in conjunction with the 35th National Day celebration.

South Korea, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey, United States of America and Malaysia.

Local participation included about 100 participants representing seven kite clubs in the county, among them from Kampung Tanah Jambu, Kampung Mengkubau, Kampung Mentiri, Kampung Rimba and Kampung Tungku.

Differently-abled participants also joined in the festivities and displayed their kite flying skills.

The kite festival was organised by the Brunei Darussalam Kites Association (PEKIKIK), with support from the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports; Ministry

of Home Affairs; Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism as well as other agencies from the government and private sectors.

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 and officiate the 1st Brunei Darussalam International Kite Festival 2019.

Also in attendance were His Majesty's sons, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince

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Shortly on arrival, His Majesty was presented with a bouquet of flowers and was then invited to a designated seating area where His Majesty heard a briefing and witnessed a climbing and rappelling display as well as a hostage rescue demonstration by members of the M113 Commando Brigade.

After the demonstration, His Majesty was invited to view a static display of weapons and military equipment. His Majesty then watched more military demonstrations such as camouflage, shooting, martial arts and armed combat.

During the visit, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen was also invited to shoot from a pistol.

His Majesty concluded the visit with a photograph session with the officials and members of M113 Commando Brigade.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen aiming a pistol during the visit to M113 Commando Brigade.

counter-terrorism training. Since its establishment in 1972, the brigade has been awarded the title 'Hero of the People's Armed Forces' three times.

M113 Commando Brigade serves as a mobile combat unit of the Vietnamese Commando Corps. Among the main tasks of M113 Commando Brigade is to conduct combat readiness and



His Majesty greeting the international participants of the festival.

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and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel.

The arrival of His Majesty at the Taman Mahkota Jubli Emas was greeted by Yang Berhormat Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Aminuddin Ihsan bin Pehin Orang Kaya Saiful Mulok Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports; and Haji Maidin bin Haji Ahmad, President of PEKIKIK, as Chairman of the Festival's Executive Committee as well as members of the festival's Executive Committee.

In his welcoming speech, the President of PEKIKIK stated that the festival that is being held for the very first time is proof that the residents and citizens of Brunei Darussalam as well as international participants do not want to be left behind in ensuring the continuity of the county's tradition and culture in accordance with the festival theme, 'Strengthening Unity'.

The President of PEKIKIK further said that kite playing or flying is unique in comparison to other recreational sports as it creates harmony and solidarity through the sharing of common interest, various nations with different cultures and language throughout the world, and also becomes a family activity that can contribute to the tourism sector.

Haji Maidin expressed gratitude and stated that the attendance of His Majesty at the festival that is being held for the very first time in Brunei Darussalam will certainly be a historical rally as the festival was able to unify the world's kite associations through kite flying, which is not only a legacy of Brunei Darussalam's tradition but has also played in the international arena by showing their brilliance with modern and creative kite performances.

Upon completion of the launch, His Majesty and other members of royal family were then introduced to the international participants and presented souvenirs to the international and national representatives of 25 countries that participated.

His Majesty and sons then consented to fly Brunei Darussalam's traditional kite and subsequently viewed the Kite Exhibition participated by international and national participants, exhibiting their kites.

Visitors who were present to witness the opening of the festival also did not miss the opportunity to mingle and meet-and-greet with His Majesty and other members of the royal family.

Possessing its own unique feature, the festival became a platform which gave the opportunity for thousands of people from all walks of life to witness kite enthusiasts from all around the world with their different styles of magnificent kites



His Majesty flying a traditional kite of Brunei Darussalam at the festival.



His Majesty taking a closer look at one of the kites called Wau at the Kite Exhibition.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel flying a kite.

showcasing their art and creativity as colourful kites of various sizes and shapes fill the sky.

In line with the festival's theme 'Strengthening Unity', the festival is hoped to increase unity and the existing good longstanding relations between Brunei Darussalam and countries around the world.

It is also hoped that the festival did not only attract the interest of the residents and citizens of the country but tourists as well to further raise the country's name in the tourism industry. The festival also aims at appealing the younger generation to take interest and to see the beauty of this traditional game that has existed since long ago in order to preserve kite flying as part of the country's heritage.

Strengthen personality of patriotism



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the Passing Out Parade of the 8th National Service Programme (PKBN) Intake which took place at the PKBN Training Camp in Kampung Batu Apoi.



His Majesty in a group photo with the six best trainees award recipients of the 8th PKBN Intake.

TEMBURONG, March 14 - 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 delivered a *titah* (royal speech) at the Passing Out Parade of the 8th National Service Programme (PKBN) Intake which took place at the PKBN Training Camp in Kampung Batu Apoi.

In the *titah*, His Majesty emphasised that the country places great importance on strong *syashiah* or personality adorned with patriotism because a weak personality is akin to a soulless body which cannot contribute anything to the country.

"Therefore, in order for the youth especially those who attend the PKBN to remain with their excelled personality, the course given are for the strengthening of identity, physical endurance and spiritual purity. Achieving this would be a shared pride," said His Majesty.

Earlier, His Majesty stressed that in the era of globalisation, there is little hope of seeing religious education as the main choice. Therefore, it is not surprising to see if today's world lacks a strongly religious generation. Instead, a generation with weak religion beliefs is very common.

His Majesty added, recognising this, Brunei Darussalam will not allow existing generations to deviate from religion, but to consistently instil Islamic values into their lives either at school, study centres and through courses such as those conducted at the PKBN Training Camp.

"Because of its good effect, the PKBN training is getting a place in the hearts of the people, and it is believed to be a platform capable of character-building and strengthen the personality of patriotism," said His Majesty.

The youth must possess strong-will to serve for the country, instead of being a burden. This is the pledge that should be ingrained in every youth.

His Majesty also explained that the development process of the youth are not easy, but requires solid action from all levels of society whether through programmes run by the government or through programmes runs by non-governmental organisations.

"One example of a programme that promises high expectation is PKBN, because this programme is believed to be capable of

producing good, disciplined and well-educated youth," said His Majesty.

His Majesty also said that the main objective of PKBN programme can be summarised to generate resilience through the empowerment of youth, so that they can be more active and creative in their respective careers.

"We do not want our beloved youths to have fun without thinking about their long-term future which is fraught with challenges. Only conscious and insightful youths are capable to earn the country's trust. Besides that, nothing can be expected," His Majesty added.

Before concluding the *titah*, His Majesty expressed warmest congratulations to the 388 trainees of the 8th PKBN Intake, which is the largest amount of recruitment so far.

His Majesty said that there is no doubt the success of the trainers today is the result of their hard work, in addition to the cooperation of various parties, especially the trainers as well as the blessings of parents and guardians.

The arrival of His Majesty at the Parade Ground of the PKBN Training Camp was greeted by Yang Berhormat Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Aminuddin Ihsan bin Pehin Orang Kaya Saiful Mulok Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports.

Shortly after the arrival, His Majesty inspected the Guard of Honour of the Passing Out Parade of the 8th (PKBN) Intake

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The PKBN trainees during the Passing Out Parade of the 8th PKBN Intake at the Parade Ground of PKBN Training Camp, Kampung Batu Apoi, Temburong District.



His Majesty during the *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet) with the PKBN trainees and their family members.

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comprises of 388 trainees; 246 male and 142 female.

His Majesty then presented awards to the six best trainees of the 8th PKBN Intake before proceeding to Block 1 of the PKBN Training Camp to view an exhibition of Hydroponic Agriculture by PKBN alumni, 11080 Mohamad Akmal Asmaan bin Haji Asmali, 5th PKBN Intake.

Mohamad Akmal Asmaan started his hydroponic agriculture in 2014 and established his own Syarikat Akmal Asmaan Agro Farm, located at Lot A, Agriculture Development Area, Kampung Betumpu Masin, where the company planted various

vegetables through hydroponic and fertigation system.

His Majesty then viewed the exhibition by Bestari Community Centre which featured local products produced by members of the centre such as *parang* (machete), *tongkat* (stick), *madu kelulut* (honey). Bestari Community Centre as a senior citizens activities centre for Temburong which is temporarily located under one roof with the PKBN Training Camp building.

Prior to departure, His Majesty also received a *junjung ziarah* (meet-and-greet) from the 8th PKBN Intake trainees and their families.

YSHHB contributes braille machines for visually impaired students

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, March 4 - One of the foundations of the Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah (YSHHB) is to provide care towards the welfare and well-being of the people and residents of Brunei Darussalam, who are in need of assistance including efforts to improve and expand education through the provision of educational assistance, as well as research and provision of educational infrastructure and services.

A ceremony to present Braille machines (Perkin Brailier) contributed by YSHHB to 42 visually impaired students was held at the Surambi Suluh Hall of the Arts and Handicrafts Training Centre in the capital.

His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah as Chairman of the YSHHB Committee of Governors graced the ceremony to present the Braille machines.

Upon arrival, His Royal Highness was greeted by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yusoff, Second Minister of Defence as Chairman of the Yayasan Board of Directors and Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Haji Awang Othman, Minister of Religious Affairs as a member of the YSHHB Committee of Governors.

The ceremony commenced with the reading of Al-Quran verses by Haji Mohd Khairulzaman bin Haji Mohd Saleh, a visually impaired student from the Institut Tahfiz Al-Quran Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah.

The Second Minister of Defence in his welcoming speech stated that the welfare and well-being of persons with different abilities in Brunei Darussalam are given special attention accordingly by the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah as Chairman of the YSHHB Committee of Governors presenting a Braille machine certificate to one of the recipients.

Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and other relevant agencies.

In response to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's *titah* (royal speech) stating that YSHHB remains proactive and continues to take on various initiatives in providing donations, assistance and support to those in need so that they too can also experience a quality life without being left behind.

The Minister expressed hope that the Braille machines contributed to the students will help them to improve their capabilities and potential, so that they can become successful and independent

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YSHHB contributes braille machines for visually impaired students (continued)



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik touring the exhibition.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik in a group photo with the recipients of Braille machines.

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individuals as well as capable of contributing to the society and the nation as part of the nation's development agents in making the Brunei Vision 2035 a success.

"It is hoped that the students will be grateful for the gift and will be able to fully utilise the gift to achieve more optimal educational development," said the Minister.

The Minister also mentioned that in addition to the contribution of the braille typewriter, YSHHB also contributed two Embosser machines (Braille Printer), which will be used to print the work and learning materials of visually impaired students such as notes, tests and examination papers as well as other printing needs. The machine will be placed at the Special Education Unit, Department of Schools, Ministry of Education and the Special Education Section, Islamic Studies Department, Ministry of Religious Affairs.

The ceremony proceeded with the presentation of Perkins Braille machines to 42 visually impaired students, presented by His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik.

The recipients were 20 visually impaired students from primary

and secondary schools from the Department of Schools, Ministry of Education and 22 students from religious schools and religious institutions from the Islamic Studies Department, Ministry of Religious Affairs. These students have the capability to recognise and use the braille code in order to use Braille machines. The school has identified their need in utilising the Braille machine as a learning tool either in school or at home.

To bless the ceremony, a *Doa Selamat* was read by Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Orang Kaya Paduka Setia Raja Dato Paduka Seri Setia Haji Awang Suhaili bin Haji Mohiddin, Syariah Appeal Court Judge.

His Royal Highness then proceeded to view an exhibition that highlighted government and non-government initiatives in assisting the visually impaired and providing auxiliary equipment for the use of visually impaired students.

The exhibition was participated by the Special Education Unit, Ministry of Education; Special Education Section, Islamic Studies Department, Ministry of Religious Affairs; Community Development Department, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports; as well as the Brunei Darussalam National Association of the Blind (BDNAB).

15th ISB BGIC discusses critical global issues

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, March 9 - The 15th International School Brunei Borneo Global Issues Conference (ISB BGIC) discussed critical global issues, while fostering friendship and strengthening relationships among conference participants.

Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab Rahaman consented to attend the opening ceremony of the 15th ISB BGIC held at the International Convention Centre, as the Royal Patron of the ISB BGIC.

Upon arrival, Her Royal Highness was greeted by Mrs. Laura Thomas, Executive Principal of ISB.

Mrs. Laura Thomas in her welcoming remarks, among others stated that ISB prides itself on providing educational excellence for more than 50 years in this country and expresses gratitude that such conferences provide positive learning opportunities and expands the sense of responsibility among the people in this country and globally.

Two keynote addresses were delivered by Hannah Testa from the United State of America and Rita Kimani from Kenya at the event. The event was further enlivened with two musical performances by vocalist and concert band of the ISB.



Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab Rahaman at the opening ceremony of the 15th International School Brunei Borneo Global Issues Conference (ISB BGIC).

Her Royal Highness also delivered a *sabda* (royal speech) at the event reiterating His Majesty's *titah* (royal speech) at the United Nations (UN) Climate Summit in 2014, noting the extreme weather events and their threats, and that 'failing to act decisively and collectively now may prove to be detrimental to global security, development and prosperity'. Other world leaders have similarly answered the urgent call for 'Climate Action' and signed

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Her Royal Highness presenting the certificates of participation to one of the representatives from 25 schools attending the conference.

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the Paris Agreement in 2016.

Her Royal Highness said that the agreement was significant as it witnessed the largest number of signatories to date on climate change, indicating the seriousness of the issue in different countries around the world.

Her Royal Highness further said that in accordance with the Paris Agreement, the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has embarked on several initiatives in line with the efforts to maintain the Heart of Borneo and as promised in the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC), where Brunei Darussalam increased the country's gazetted forest reserves from 41 per cent to 55 per cent of the total land area.

Moreover, towards reducing the country's energy consumption, initiatives like *Bandarku Ceria* further caps greenhouse emission by ensuring that Bandar Seri Begawan is free of cars every Sunday morning.

Her Royal Highness further added that the Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EEC) Building Guidelines for government and commercial buildings was also adopted to reduce unnecessary waste of electricity.

'Discover Muara' promotes uniqueness of Muara Town

MUARA, March 2 – In order to promote places of interest and tour packages in Brunei Darussalam, the Tourism Development Department of the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism has introduced a new package, 'Discover Muara'.

The new travel product aims to feature Serasa and Muara as a prominent area in promoting tourism as well as attracting locals and tourists to Muara Town.

Present as guest of honour to launch the promotion of 'Discover Muara' was Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali bin Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism. The launching was held at the Cruise Ship Centre in Muara.

The Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT) is committed to ensuring that the tourism services sector becomes a significant contributor to the development and growth of the country's economy particularly in the non-oil and gas sector.

According to the Minister in his opening remarks, MPRT is constantly engaging with stakeholders such as travel agents, airlines, hotels, accommodation providers and the local

"The young leaders of this country further uphold His Majesty's *titah*. Non-governmental organisation (NGOs) such as Green Brunei organised a Climate Camp in Temburong District by educating youth on environment, climate change and sustainable development. The NGOs also produces easy-to-understand guidelines on the installation of solar panels for homeowners, helping the country's transition towards renewable energy sources," Her Royal Highness said.

Her Royal Highness said that the theme, 'Climate Action', was fitting as the countries, continents and communities across the world experience the effects of climate change directly.

"We witness these effects in severe weather conditions, rising sea levels, increased greenhouse gases, heat waves and reduced water supplies that all contribute to irreversible climate change in our planet's climate system," said Her Royal Highness.

Her Royal Highness highlighted that being the future leaders of tomorrow, the participants will also have a part to play in conserving the planet. Therefore Her Royal Highness supports the efforts and commitment of the young delegates, as they emulate the world leaders in meaningful debate and cooperative problem-solving.

Her Royal Highness also urged the participants to be vocal in their opinions, yet be receptive and collaborative during the discussions. Take time to consider the different ideas and circumstances of others in the committees, just as our world leaders wisely consider the perspectives of other countries in order to produce workable solutions.

Her Royal Highness then presented the certificates of participation to representatives from 25 schools attending the conference, as well as certificates of appreciation to the event sponsors and followed with a group photo.

With the theme, 'Climate Action', the conference has brought together more than 300 students from several schools in the country to debate on the serious global problems encountered in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), United Nations.

The conference will end on the 11th of March 2019, debating a resolution to ease and break down the seriousness of the climatic change issue.

communities to actively work together to improve services, quality and infrastructure, and to work together towards potential public private partnership opportunities.

The Minister added that with the increase of airline connectivity by Royal Brunei airline to various countries in the region and more, there will be an increasing demand for local guides in the country, especially those with multi-lingual skills.

The Minister further added that through the Tourism Development Department, we are currently working together with educational institutions, such as Laksamana College of Business, to deliver a series of training programmes this year set for those interested to work as freelance tour guide and for those wanting to enhance their language diversity.

"I am pleased to be here today to promote 'Discover Muara' - a new travel product in the Brunei-Muara District. We would like to introduce Muara as another destination to visit in Brunei Darussalam as part of a variety of offerings to travel agents,

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'Discover Muara' promotes uniqueness of Muara Town (continued)

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tourists, especially for the cruise and ferry passengers, as well as local residents here," said the Minister.

Beyond the historical sites and landmarks in Muara, there are also jungle trekking activities for avid hikers to Bukit Tempayan Pisang. The trek up the hill will reward hikers with splendid view of Brunei Bay, the construction of the Temburong Bridge, Muara Port, Pulau Muara Besar and the residential area of Kampung Perpindahan Serasa. Visitors will be able to see two caves, the Radat Cave and the Harimau Cave along the way.

The Minister highlighted that MPRT hopes to encourage and provide more options for stakeholders to include these activities and more to the existing packages which they already have on offer.

"I wish to also take this opportunity to encourage our travel agents to work closely with the Kapok Village Consultative Council, to promote Muara Town and to include activities such as cultural performances, handicraft and cooking demonstrations, as well as guided tours to the beautiful sites available in and around the village," the Minister said.

For those looking for watersports adventures, Serasa Beach offers facilities for watersports activities. There is also the Marine Biodiversity Centre just 15 minutes away from Muara, where people can learn about the importance of conservation of environment and the local marine life.

Muara Town is well known for its tranquil and clean beaches, and provides for many outdoor activities such as picnics, fishing, bicycle rides, barbeques and various watersport activities.

The Cruise Ship Centre and Serasa Terminal Ferry are also located in Muara – the international seaside route and gateway into Brunei Darussalam.

Apart from the Muara and Serasa beaches, other places of interests available in the area include Kampung Kapok, known for its local bananas; Bukit Tempayan Pisang, for its legend of the Batu Kumala Naga (Dragon Stone); the Marine Biodiversity Centre; and Tanjong Batu, among others.

There are tours readily available to these sites of interests, such as the Kampung Kapok Tour, Sunset Beach Ride and underwater diving tours.

The main objectives of the 'Discover Muara' package are to promote the uniqueness of Muara Town as a tourist attraction, especially for transit tourists from cruise ships and ferries travelling from Kota Kinabalu and Labuan to Brunei Darussalam;



Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali bin Haji Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism during the launching and promotion of the 'Discover Muara' package.



Kapok Village Consultative Council showcasing a cultural performance at the launch of the 'Discover Muara' package.

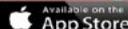
to raise awareness to the local travel agents and guides on realising the potential of Muara Town as a tourist destination; and to promote and encourage local residents to enjoy the tourist spot in their own country during the school holidays and to target foreign residents working in the area to invite others to visit Brunei Darussalam.

The launch also welcomed nearby schools and students in Muara to visit in hopes that it will increase educational awareness of the tourism industry and development in the country.

According to the statistics gathered by the Tourism Development Department, between 2014 until 2018, there have been more than 130,000 arrivals from cruises and ferries into Brunei. Whereas, statistics from the Department of Immigration and Registration have recorded that between 2014 until 2018, more than 264,000 passengers have entered Brunei Darussalam via the Serasa Ferry Terminal.



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