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## His Majesty attends 2018 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting



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**PORT MORESBY, November 17–18** - 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 arrived in Port Moresby, the Independent State of Papua New Guinea to attend the 2018 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (AELM).

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## State Visit from the President of the People's Republic of China

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, November 19** - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam received in audience His Excellency Xi Jinping, the President of the People's Republic of China and delegates. The audience ceremony was held at Istana Nurul Iman.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Excellency Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China during the audience ceremony at Istana Nurul Iman.



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19. 233 graduates celebrated at 8<sup>th</sup> KUPU SB Convocation Ceremony



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## His Majesty receives audiences

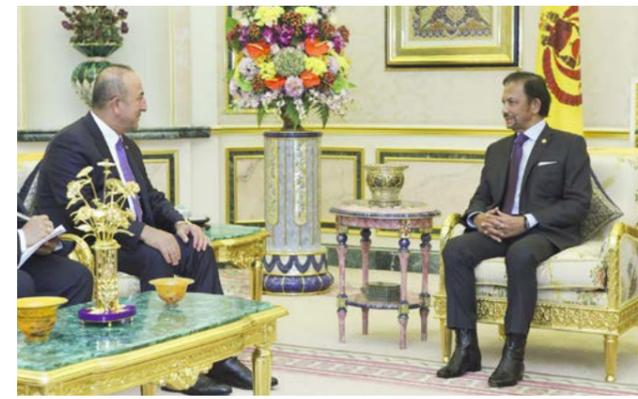
His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) received in audience at the Istana Nurul Iman:



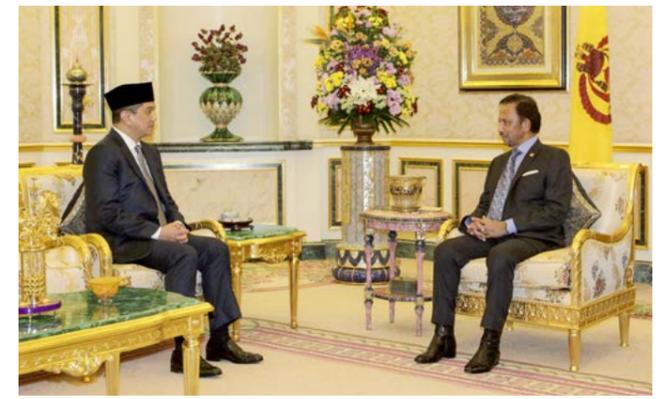
Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, Princess Royal of Thailand on November 1.



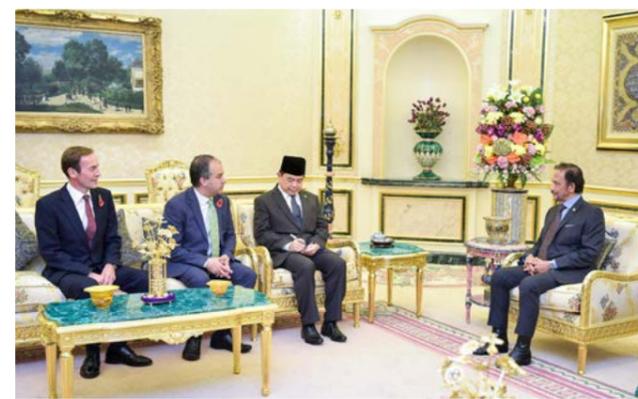
His Excellency Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China on November 19.



His Excellency Mevlut Cavusoglu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey on November 7.



Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Mohamed Azmin bin Ali, Minister of Economic Affairs of Malaysia on November 26.



Mr. Paul Scully MP, United Kingdom Trade Envoy to Brunei Darussalam on November 6.



His Excellency General Ponpipat Benyasri, Chief of Defence Force, Royal Thai Armed Forces on November 22.



Head of delegations from ASEAN Member States and Japan; as well as the Ship Administrator for the 45<sup>th</sup> Ship for Southeast Asian Youth Programme on November 12.

## 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:



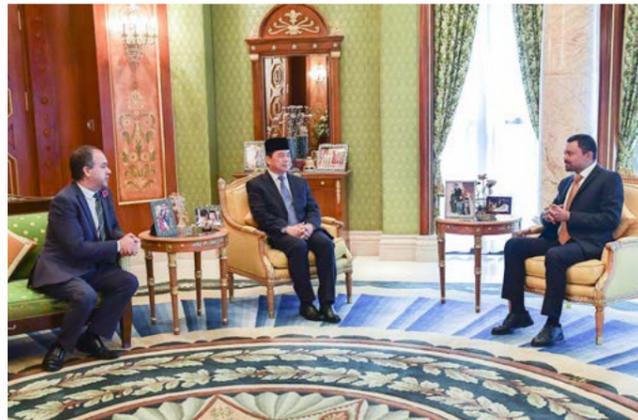
Mrs. Chirapun Benyasri, the spouse of the Chief of Defence Force, Royal Thai Armed Forces on November 22.



Her Excellency Nagma Mohamed Mallick, the outgoing High Commissioner of the Republic of India to Brunei Darussalam on November 24.

## His Royal Highness receives audiences

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



Mr. Paul Scully MP, United Kingdom Trade Envoy to Brunei Darussalam on November 7.



Her Excellency Nagma Mohamed Mallick, the outgoing High Commissioner of the Republic of India to Brunei Darussalam on November 10.



The delegation of Ministers of Religious Affairs from Brunei Darussalam, Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia and the Republic of Singapore (MABIMS) on November 15.



Her Excellency Yang Jian, the outgoing Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam on November 29.

## 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 Majesty King Norodom Sihamoni, King of the Kingdom of Cambodia and His Excellency Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia as well to the Government and people of the Kingdom of Cambodia on the occasion of its 65<sup>th</sup> Independence Day on November 9.
- His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al-Said, Sultan of the Sultanate of Oman, Government and people of Sultanate of Oman on the occasion of its National Day on November 18.

## State Visit from the President of the People's Republic of China

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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 together with His Excellency Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China inspecting the Guard of Honour mounted by personnel of the Royal Brunei Land Force of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces.



Students waving miniature flags of Brunei Darussalam and the People's Republic of China to welcome His Excellency Xi Jinping and delegation.

Along the route leading to Istana Nurul Iman, thousands of students waved miniature national flags of Brunei Darussalam and the People's Republic of China to welcome His Excellency Xi Jinping and delegation.

His Excellency 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 the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam from the Empire Hotel and Country Club, the place of stay of His Excellency, to Istana Nurul Iman.

At Istana Nurul Iman, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam welcomed the President of the People's Republic of China and then proceeded to the Royal Dais to receive the Royal Salute, followed by the national anthem of both countries and a 21-gun salute.

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## Signing of three Memorandums of Understanding

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, November 19** - 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 held a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China and delegation. The ceremony took place at the Baitul Mesyuarah, Istana Nurul Iman.

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

Also in attendance were Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Isa bin Pehin Dato Perdana Menteri Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Ibrahim, Special Advisor and the Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong, Minister of Home Affairs; Yang Berhormat Pehin Dato Lailaraja (Rtd) Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yusof, Second Minister of Defence as the Minister-in-attendance; Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Haji Erywan bin Pehin Dato Pekerma Jaya Haji Mohd. Yusof, Second Minister of Foreign Affairs; and Yang Mulia Datin Seri Paduka Hajah Elinda bin Haji C.A. Mohamed, Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office.

During the meeting, His Majesty in his *titah* (royal speech) firstly welcomed His Excellency Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China on the occasion of His Excellency's State Visit to Brunei Darussalam.

His Majesty added that this visit will give



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 during the bilateral meeting.

both countries the opportunity to renew friendships and relations that can be traced as far back as the 15<sup>th</sup> century, in trade, culture and people and is also significant in expanding and strengthening the historical ties underpinned by strong friendship, trust and goodwill towards one another.

This was followed with a statement by His Excellency the President of the People's Republic of China in which His Excellency expressed appreciation for the warm reception and hospitality provided by His Majesty and the Government of Brunei Darussalam.

His Excellency commended His Majesty for his leadership in making Brunei Darussalam a modern city, with a beautiful environment and high standard of living.

Highlighting the friendship shared since first meeting His Majesty in

Xiamen and when His Majesty was the first state guest in 2013, His Excellency stated that the friendship shared will continue for generations to come.

His Majesty and His Excellency then discussed bilateral relations between Brunei Darussalam and the People's Republic of China and exchanged views on regional and international matters of mutual concern such as trade and investment, agriculture, fisheries and connectivity.

After the bilateral meeting, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Excellency the President of the People's Republic of China witnessed the signing of three Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Government of the People's Republic of China.

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The President of the People's Republic of China with delegation (left) and Brunei Darussalam delegation (right) during the bilateral meeting held at Baitul Mesyuarah, Istana Nurul Iman.



## State Visit from the President of the People's Republic of China (continued)

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Both leaders then inspected the Guard of Honour mounted by personnel of the Royal Brunei Land Force, Royal Brunei Armed Force.

His Majesty and the President of the People's Republic of China then proceeded to Cheradi Laila Kenchana for the audience ceremony.

Also present during the audience ceremony were His Majesty's sons and His Majesty's brother and sister, 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 Haji Sufri Bolkiah; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as other members of the royal family.

His Excellency President of the People's Republic of China and delegates were in the country for a three-day State Visit and it was His Excellency's first visit after being reappointed as the President of the People's Republic of China on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2013.



Also present at the ceremony were Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other member of the royal family (right), as well as the Second Minister of Defence as the Minister-in-attendance and delegations from the People's Republic of China (left).



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



## Signing of three Memorandums of Understanding

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Signing the Memorandum of Understanding on 'Bilateral Cooperation Plan on Jointly Promoting Cooperation within the Framework of the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Maritime Silk Road Initiative' on behalf of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was 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; while signing on behalf of the People's Republic of China was His Excellency He Lifeng, Minister of National Development and Reform Commission.

Signing the Memorandum of Understanding on 'Establishing a Joint Steering Committee' on behalf of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Haji Erywan bin Pehin Dato Pekerma Jaya Haji Mohd. Yusof, Second Minister of Foreign Affairs; while signing on behalf of the People's Republic

of China was His Excellency Wang Yi, State Counsellor and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Signing the Memorandum of Understanding on 'Protocol to Extend' on behalf of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong, Minister of Home Affairs; while signing on behalf of the People's Republic of China was His Excellency Zhang Jinghua, Member of the Standing Committee of CPC Jiangsu Provincial Committee and Party Secretary of CPC Nanjing Municipal Committee.

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

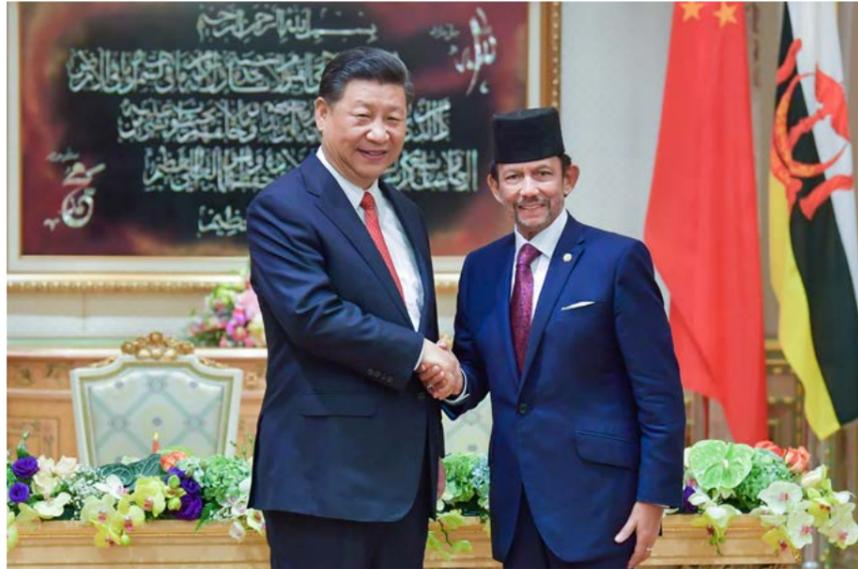
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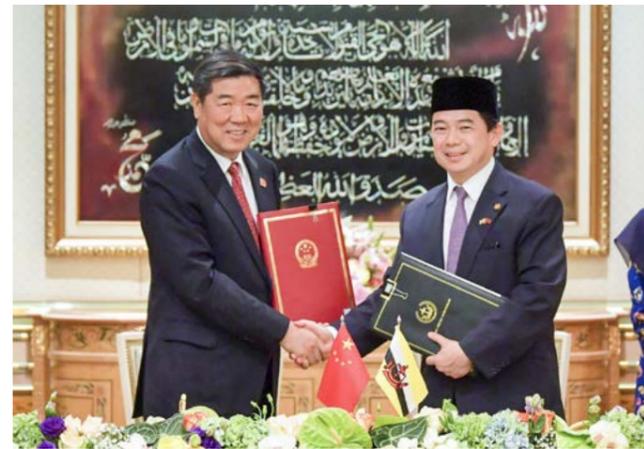
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After the bilateral meeting, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, together with His Excellency the President of the People's Republic of China, proceeded to Baitur Rahmah to attend the State Luncheon in honour of the State Visit of the President of the People's Republic of China and delegation to the country.

Also present at the State Luncheon were His Majesty's sons and His Majesty's brother and sister, 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 Haji Sufri Bolkiah; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



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 Excellency Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China.



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## Retreat Session of the 2018 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting

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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 delivering a *titah* (royal speech) during the Retreat Session of the 2018 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting.



His Excellency The Honourable Peter O'Neill, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea as Chairman of the 2018 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting welcoming the arrival of His Majesty at the APEC Haus.

**PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, November 18** - 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 Retreat Session of the 2018 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting, which was held at APEC Haus in Port Moresby, the Independent State of Papua New Guinea.

Upon arrival at the APEC Haus, His Majesty was greeted by His Excellency The Honourable Peter O'Neill, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea as Chairman of the 2018 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting.

His Majesty then joined the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea and other APEC Economic Leaders for a group photograph session.

His Majesty then proceeded to attend the Retreat Session along with other APEC Economic Leaders. The session began with welcoming remarks by the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea. The Retreat Session carried the theme, 'Connecting for Inclusive Growth Through Digital Future'.

During the Retreat Session, His Majesty and other APEC Economic Leaders discussed issues on cooperation and exchanged views on regional and

international issues of common concern, as well as on APEC's external relations and its future direction.

His Majesty delivered a *titah* (royal speech) during the session, in which His Majesty hailed notable albeit irregular improvements in global trade despite today's geopolitical and economic uncertainties. With a view of maintaining such continued economic resilience, His Majesty called on the APEC Economies to work together to increase trade and investment by upholding the principle of multilateralism.

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## 2018 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting Gala Dinner

**PORT MORESBY, November 17** - 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 a Gala Dinner hosted by His Excellency The Honourable Peter O'Neill, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea as Chairman of the 2018 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting.

The event was held at Hilton Hotel, Port Moresby, the Independent State of Papua New Guinea.

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

Upon arrival, His Majesty was welcomed by the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea and spouse.



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 Gala Dinner hosted by the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea as Chairman of the 2018 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting.

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Describing the principle as the platform on which APEC was built when His Majesty and other APEC Economic Leaders met in 1993, where the leaders agreed to uphold the spirit of openness and partnership based on the open multilateral trading system.

His Majesty believes that to this day, support for the World Trade Organization (WTO) that ensures free, open, transparent and inclusive trade rules remains vital. His Majesty underlined the need for the organisation to be strengthened to meet not just current but also future challenges. His Majesty cited the need to address new and complex issues brought about by the development in technology especially as economies look towards the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific.

His Majesty, in the *titah*, said APEC should continue to provide its leadership in demonstrating that economic integration benefits the people and businesses.

His Majesty further said APEC had, over the years, also proved to be successful in implementing some of the new areas of the WTO, adding that APEC's principles of non-binding and voluntarism had created the environment for its members to advance those new initiatives. Cooperation between its economies in structural reform, including on the Ease of Doing Business, had also helped APEC close its development gaps.

His Majesty thereby called on the APEC Economies to continue based on these principles and to intensify their efforts towards achieving the Bogor Goals. Nevertheless, APEC needs to ensure that its focus remains relevant in order to address any challenges that could arise in the future. His Majesty said this was pertinent so that the economies could take strategic steps in unlocking their full potential in the digital era.

In reference to certain sectors and global value chains already being affected by technology disruptions; small businesses struggling to compete; and fewer employment opportunities in traditional fields of work, His Majesty urged APEC to continue



His Majesty with The Right Honourable Justin P.J. Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada.

with reforms to assist those who were left behind with initiatives that were inclusive and sustainable.

On APEC's future direction, His Majesty underlined the importance of ensuring that the Post-2020 Vision would be bold yet pragmatic like the Bogor Goals in 1994; and of preparing the youth with the right skills for new jobs by improving education and training policies. The APEC Economies also needs to provide and facilitate adequate infrastructure for businesses to flourish in cross-border e-commerce.

In this regard, His Majesty said that Brunei Darussalam welcomes the APEC Action Agenda on the Digital Economy in order to carry out the Roadmap that the leaders endorsed in 2017.

In ending the *titah*, His Majesty called on APEC to continue to work on the basis of its key principles as it looks beyond the Bogor Goals, adding that its economies have achieved so much along the way and could accomplish even more if they built on their strength through APEC's pillar of economic and technical cooperation.



## 2018 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting Gala Dinner (continued)

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His Majesty then joined the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea and other APEC Economic Leaders for a group photograph session before proceeding to the Kutubu Banquet Hall together with other APEC Economic Leaders for the Gala Dinner.

The Gala Dinner commenced with a welcoming speech from the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea for all the leaders and delegates attending the 2018 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting.

The Gala Dinner also featured a number of cultural performances.



His Majesty with other APEC Economic Leaders.



## 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Summits Opening Ceremony of the 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Summits; the Presentation by ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC); and Working Dinner for ASEAN

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, November 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 attended the Opening Ceremony of the 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Summits; the Presentation by ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC); and Working Dinner for ASEAN leaders hosted by His Excellency Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore; and the 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit Plenary Session.

The arrival of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the Suntec Convention Centre was officially welcomed by His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, and wife, Madam Ho Ching.

The Opening Ceremony of the 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Summits began with a choir performance of the ASEAN Anthem followed by the Opening Statement of the Chairman of ASEAN, His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore.

The Opening Ceremony then continued with the inaugural presentation of the 'ASEAN Prize' which was held for the first



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in a group photo with ASEAN Heads of State and Government at the Opening Ceremony of the 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Summit.

time at the ASEAN Summit this year.

The ASEAN Prize that was launched on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2018 is an award that recognises the contributions and support of individuals or organisation towards promoting intra-ASEAN collaboration as well as between ASEAN and the whole world. The ASEAN Prize was presented by His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of

Singapore and Chairman of ASEAN to Ms. Erlinda Uy Koe, Chair Emeritus of Autism Society Philippines, a leader of one of the most vibrant disability organisations in the Republic of the Philippines.

At the end of the Opening Ceremony, His Majesty joined other leaders of ASEAN and the Secretary General of ASEAN for a group photograph.



## Presentation by ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC)

Soon after the Opening Ceremony, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam together with other ASEAN leaders attended the Presentation by ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC).

At the ABAC Session, His Majesty firstly congratulated the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore on the successful chairmanship of ASEAN this year. His Majesty then congratulated Dr. Robert Yap, Chairman of ABAC for his presentation and stated that Brunei Darussalam is pleased with the initiatives carried out by ABAC especially on this year's project, Smart Growth Connect, which was timely introduced as ASEAN works to capitalise on the Fourth Industrial Revolution and to further integrate and connect.

ABAC's active role as the voice of the region's private sector, especially for the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) is important and therefore, His Majesty hopes that ABAC will carry on their good work as ASEAN undertake efforts to realise the ASEAN Community Vision 2025.

His Majesty then attended the Working Dinner hosted for ASEAN Heads of State and Government by His Excellency the Prime Minister of Singapore in conjunction with the 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Summits, before attending the 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit Plenary.



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 Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, and spouse, Madam Ho Ching.



## The 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit Plenary Session

The ASEAN Summit Plenary began with a Welcoming Remarks by His Excellency the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore as the Chairman of the 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Summits.

This was followed by the ASEAN progress report presented by His Excellency Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN.

During the Summit Plenary Session, His Majesty is heartened that ASEAN has continued to promote regional peace, stability and economic prosperity. ASEAN also has pursued an inclusive regional architecture, which has benefitted ASEAN and its partners, and enabled positive engagement across the region.

His Majesty further stated that ASEAN must continue to take the lead in shaping the future of the region and in addressing issues of common concerns such as the peace and security in the region and the Korean Peninsula, and the promotion of Free and Open trade which is in the face of rising protectionism and anti-globalisation sentiments. In this regard, His Majesty emphasised the importance of concluding the RCEP negotiations.

His Majesty then commended Singapore for hosting the historic Summit between President Donald J. Trump and Chairman Kim Jong-un this year and hopes the Commemorative Summit of



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit Plenary Session.

ASEAN-Republic of Korea next year would provide opportunity for ASEAN and the Republic of Korea to further discuss peace and security in the region and also for the Korean Peninsula. His Majesty also stated that this would benefit ASEAN's strategic value in term of building trust and confidence amongst countries.

His Majesty also believes that the most important aspect for ASEAN to lead is in upholding the collective efforts approach which should bring tangible benefits to the people. Cooperation under ASEAN and its processes can build bridges of understanding and foster mutual trust among the people which is vital for the region's long term success.

His Majesty is also grateful with the Guidelines on Third Country Consular Assistance, which will be adopted in the Declaration of the meeting.

His Majesty believes the efforts like this will bring meaningful benefits to the people of ASEAN and is the key to ensuring ASEAN's long term success.

Brunei Darussalam remains committed to working with ASEAN partners towards realising common goals and His Majesty offers full support to His Excellency Prayut Chan-o-cha, the Prime Minister of Thailand, on Thailand's Chairmanship next year.



## Informal ASEAN-Australia Breakfast Summit; the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN-China Summit; the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Republic of Korea Summit; and Working Lunch



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN-China Summit.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Republic of Korea Summit.



## Bilateral Meeting with the President of the Republic of Korea



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



## Informal ASEAN-Australia Breakfast Summit; the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN-China Summit; the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Republic of Korea Summit; and Working Lunch

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, November 14 - His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam attended the Informal ASEAN-Australia Breakfast Summit; the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN-China Summit; the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Republic of Korea Summit; and a Working Lunch hosted by His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, which was held at the Suntec Convention Centre, Singapore.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam together with The Honourable Prime Minister of Australia as well as other ASEAN Leaders at the Informal ASEAN-Australia Breakfast Summit.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN-Russia Summit; Signing Ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding between ASEAN and the Eurasian Economic Commission on Economic Cooperation; and the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Summit

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, November 14 - His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam continued to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN-Russia Summit; Signing Ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding between ASEAN and the Eurasian Economic Commission on Economic Cooperation; and the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Summit.

These Summits were held at the Suntec Convention Centre, Singapore.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN-Russia Summit and Signing Ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding between ASEAN and the Eurasian Economic Commission on Economic Cooperation.





## Signing Ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding between ASEAN and the Eurasian Economic Commission on Economic Cooperation

After the ASEAN-Russia Summit, His Majesty and the other ASEAN Heads of State and Government and other leaders attended the Signing Ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding between ASEAN and the Eurasian Economic Commission on Economic Cooperation.

Signing on behalf of the ASEAN Member States was His Excellency Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN. Whereas, signing on behalf of the Eurasian Economic Commission was His Excellency Tigran Sargsyan, Chairman of the Eurasian Economic Commission.

His Majesty then proceeded to the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Summit.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam joining the leaders of ASEAN and the Prime Minister of Japan for a group photo session during the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Summit.



## Gala Dinner hosted by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore

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 a Gala Dinner hosted by His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, as the Chairman of ASEAN.



## The Informal ASEAN-India Breakfast Summit; the 6<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-US Summit; and the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Summit

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, November 15 - His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam this morning attended the Informal ASEAN-India Breakfast Summit; the 6<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-US Summit; and the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during the Informal ASEAN-India Breakfast Summit.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during the 6<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-United States of America (ASEAN-US) Summit.



## The 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit

After the ASEAN-US Summit, His Majesty and other ASEAN Heads of State and Government then proceeded to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit.

The ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit began with an Opening Statement from the Chairman of ASEAN, who welcomed the Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, President of the Republic of Korea and Prime Minister of Japan to the Summit.

The Chairman of ASEAN then invited His Excellency Li Keqiang, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China; His Excellency Moon Jae-In, President of the Republic of Korea; followed by His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan to convey their respective statements.

The Chairman of ASEAN then invited His Excellency Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN to present the ASEAN Plus Three cooperation progress report.

His Majesty, in this Summit, stated that over the years, ASEAN Plus Three process has become the main vehicle for promoting economic integration and cooperation in East Asia. His Majesty also stated that it is imperative to strengthen the cooperation by capitalising on opportunities and collectively addressing common challenges.

In this regard, His Majesty stated there are some areas where ASEAN can focus on in the near future. Firstly, as all



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with other ASEAN Heads of State and Government in a group photo for the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit.

the economies have greatly benefitted from free and open trade, ASEAN should collectively uphold the rules-based multilateral trading system. This includes stepping-up efforts to conclude the RCEP agreement as well as resisting anti-globalisation forces. As such, ASEAN looks forward to working closely with the Plus Three countries to enhance the region's economic prosperity.

Secondly, with the onset of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, His Majesty added that ASEAN must also focus on innovation to ensure the region to be more competitive. His Majesty thereby encourages greater cooperation on e-commerce and digital trade, which is transforming the way business people and consumers interact.

His Majesty also added that in order to facilitate a faster and more reliable movement of goods and services in the region, ASEAN should also enhance connectivity by developing the necessary infrastructure. One way of achieving this is by complementing the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 (MPAC 2025) with the connectivity strategies of the Plus Three countries. This would also help facilitate networking among Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises so that these enterprises can take part in and benefit from the global value chain.

His Majesty also believes that this would not only promote greater trade and investment in our region, but also promote efficiency and bring tangible benefits for the people in the future.



## Bilateral Meeting with the Prime Minister of Vietnam

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with His Excellency Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Prime Minister of Vietnam.





## 13<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit Plenary

**REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, November 15** - His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam continued to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit Plenary.

The Summit Plenary then began with an Opening Statement from His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore and Chairman of ASEAN, who welcomed the East Asian Heads of State and Government.

In this Summit Plenary, His Majesty stated that since 2005, the East Asia Summit has been an integral part of the regional process. With the shared aim to maintain peace, stability and economic prosperity, East Asia has promoted practical cooperation and strived to build trust in the region.

Over the years, His Majesty has personally witnessed many countries working very well together on issues of shared interest and concern. At the moment, new and emerging challenges have made the work of East Asia more complex and more necessary, than ever before.

His Majesty then stated that one of the challenges is to protect and preserve the natural environment, especially from climate change and pollution. According to the World Wildlife Fund, such efforts are essential considering the impact of humans on world wildlife, which has decreased by 60 per cent in 1970 to 2014.

In this regard, His Majesty also commended the efforts of E.A.S. participating countries in combatting plastic pollution, which may become the next global threat to the environment.

His Majesty then shared that Brunei Darussalam has begun phasing out single-use plastic bags in shops and restaurants aimed at a plastic-bag-free country by next



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during the 13<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit Plenary.

year. In this regard, E.A.S. participating countries can explore similar collective approaches which could counter plastic pollution.

His Majesty also stated that another complex challenge that East Asia faces is the impact on the security and livelihoods of the people as a result of the changes brought about by technology. East Asia should find ways to prepare for disruptions, as well as find solutions to address challenges such as cybercrime. This is especially important as societies and businesses are becoming increasingly digitalised and interconnected through the internet.

At the same time, such efforts will build mutual trust in addressing areas of common concern and help to strengthen the bonds between our countries.

Ending the *titah*, His Majesty believes by building greater trust and confidence, East Asia can improve the resilience of the



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during the 13<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit Plenary.

region to future uncertainties and ensure peace, stability and prosperity for the people.

Before the East Asia Summit Plenary, His Majesty attended the East Asia Summit Lunch Retreat and then proceeded to view the Smart Cities Showcase with the other leaders.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with other leaders of the East Asia Summit.

## Maulidur Rasul Grand Assembly and Procession

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, November 20** - The leadership of the Messenger of Allah, Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu 'Alaihi Wasallam in propagating Islam can be seen through the gathering of Muslims during the Maulidur Rasul Celebration in celebrating the birth of Prophet as well as the teachings brought by the Messenger of Allah, which has influenced our way of life and the structure of the government and 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 consented to join the Maulidur Rasul Grand Assembly and Procession held at Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien in the capital.

Also in attendance were His Majesty's sons and brother, 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 'Abdul Wakeel, as well as His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah.

Upon arrival, His Majesty and the royal family members were greeted by 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 the Chairman of the Executive Committee of Major Islamic events of 1440 Hijrah; Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Mokti bin Haji Mohd. Daud, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Paduka Seri Utama Dato Paduka Seri Setia Awang Haji Salim bin Haji Besar, Chief Syar'ie Judge; and Pengiran Dato Seri Paduka Haji Bahrom bin Pengiran Haji Bahar, Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs as well as other members of the celebration's Executive Committee.

The celebration began with the recital of *Surah Al-Fatihah* led by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia Dr. Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, the State Mufti.

The Minister of Religious Affairs in his welcoming address highlighted that the benefits of the Maulidur Rasul Grand Assembly and Procession among them include the spread of Islam, at the same time to develop an understanding of the teachings of Islam as delivered by Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu 'Alaihi Wasallam. The Minister of Religious Affairs also highlighted the theme of this year's celebration; '*Tarbiyah Rasulullah Membawa Rahmat Dalam Berkeluarga*' which means 'Lessons from the Messenger of Allah Bring Blessings to the Family'.

As in the previous years, His Majesty then received a *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet) from the leaders of teams who took part in the event. In the Brunei-Muara District, a crowd of



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam; His 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 'Abdul Wakeel during the Maulidur Rasul Grand Assembly and Procession, held at Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah during the recitation of Dikir Marhaban.

13,008 from 126 teams representing Ministries, Departments, Educational Institutions, secondary schools and colleges, uniformed organisations, Mukim and Kampung Consultative Councils, Mosque Takmir Committees, the private sector, civil and non-governmental organisations, NGO's took part in the Grand Assembly and Procession.

In a *titah* (royal speech) in conjunction with this year's celebration, His Majesty highlighted the country's great tradition in celebrating the Auspicious Days of Islam, including the Maulidur Rasul and that this tradition which brings blessings should be continued and be further elevated if necessary. According to the Monarch, Muslims are encouraged to celebrate Islam's auspicious days in order to inject religious awareness which is essential for the survival of the *ummah* (Islamic community). His Majesty stressed that the religious way of life must never wither but always remain fresh and strong.

## Agricultural Sector: Survivability of the People and Nation

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, November 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 and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam graced the Official Opening of the Knowledge Convention 2018. The event took place at the Plenary Hall of the International Convention Centre in Berakas.

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 Official Opening of Knowledge Convention 2018.



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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha together with other royal family members in a group photo with the member of the Knowledge Convention's Steering Committee 2018.

Upon arrival, Their Majesties were greeted by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali bin Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism; Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Mokti bin Haji Mohd. Daud, Minister at Prime Minister's Office; Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohd. Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Finance and Economy; Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mat Suny bin Haji Mohd. Hussein, Minister of Energy Manpower and Industry as Co-Chairman of the Knowledge Convention 2018; and Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia Dr. Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, State Mufti as Advisor as the Knowledge Convention's Steering Committee.

Also in attendance were His Majesty's sons and daughter, brothers and sisters, 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 Rabi'atul 'Adawiyah; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri 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.

The Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism, in his welcoming address, among others, stated that the country's agricultural sector has seen encouraging progress in the last 20 years.

At the event, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivered a *titah* (royal speech) highlighting that there is no excuse for the country to delay in the agricultural arena.

"Agriculture needs to be pursued by anyone. It is not limited to those who have hundreds of hectares of land to plant as it can also be cultivated in home gardens or in pots such as vegetables. The important thing is that we will not stay silent by squandering the opportunity to plant. We should contribute to make the earth green. A green earth is a symbol of sustenance," said His Majesty.

Touching on planting and producing paddy and rice, His Majesty expressed his confidence that relevant agencies will continue to give attention and priority to boost the country's production of

paddy and rice.

His Majesty added that the Knowledge Convention 2018 is a meaningful platform for us to share knowledge and experience. It also focuses on a crucial and essential key area, agriculture, through the theme 'Agricultural Sector: Survivability of the People and Nation', which is relevant enough to be discussed among experts consisting of academics, regulators as well as practitioners (entrepreneurs and farmers).

"It is undoubtedly the most important area, but it is also vulnerable to various challenges including weather, uncertainty of conditions, enemy invasions, crop diseases and more. Nevertheless, we are still required to explore it. Why is that so? It is because agriculture is the catalyst of life. Without agriculture, life can be threatened," said His Majesty.

In a talk carrying the same title as the theme 'Agricultural Sector: Survivability of the People and Nation', the State Mufti among others stressed the importance of agriculture as an asset in life. The State Mufti said the importance of agriculture has been identified since long ago and that Islam also gives priority to agriculture as a major livelihood.

Their Majesties and royal family members consented to join in a group photo session before proceeding to the Royal Lounge to sign the *Lembaran Kenangan* (commemorative parchment).

The Knowledge Convention 2018 Exhibition aims to instill interest and encourage entrepreneurship in agriculture by focusing on agricultural technologies that are capable of increasing the farm's productivity. Additionally, it also can build attention to be more interested in and venturing into agribusiness and promote the business and employment opportunities that exist in this area.

The exhibition highlighted the introduction of the agriculture sector, highlighting the country's agricultural evolution of the past, present and future; the agriculture sector from Islam's perspective; as well as the vision and mission in developing the agriculture sector.

Agricultural education was also one of the focuses of the exhibition. It showcased all educational programmes including research and development in agriculture, which include basic, primary, secondary and tertiary curriculum as well as career path and job opportunities in agriculture.

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## 233 graduates celebrated at 8<sup>th</sup> KUPU SB Convocation Ceremony

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, November 5** - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Chancellor of KUPU SB consented to confer degrees and diplomas to 233 graduates at the 8<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony of the Seri Begawan Religious Teachers University College (KUPU SB), which took place at the International Convention Centre in Berakas.

Upon arrival, His Majesty was greeted by Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Haji Othman, Minister of Religious Affairs; Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia (Dr.) Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned, the State Mufti as member of the KUPU SB Council; Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Paduka Seri Utama Dato Paduka Seri Setia Awang Haji Salim bin Haji Besar, Chief Syari'e Judge as member of the KUPU SB Council; and Dr. Haji Adanan bin Haji Basar, Ra'ees of KUPU SB.

The ceremony began with the reading of *Surah Al-Fatihah* led by the State Mufti, followed by a mass reading of Al-Quran verses of *Luqman* and *Al'Alaq* by the graduates. The ceremony continued with a welcoming address by Dr. Haji Adanan.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam then

delivered the *titah* (royal speech) of the Chancellor's Authority, followed by the conferment of the degrees and diplomas to 233 graduates in their respective field.

In His Majesty's *titah*, His Majesty congratulated the graduates for their success in completing their studies at KUPU SB as well as their parents, guardians and lecturers of KUPU SB for their support and prayers for the success of the graduates.

His Majesty emphasised how graduates are required to contribute sincere devotion to all areas of virtue, in vitality or morals. Such dedication is needed from the graduates for the community and is also a courtesy as mentioned by Allah the Almighty in the interpretation of *Surah Al-Ankabut* verse 69: "As for those who strive in Our cause, We shall surely guide them to Our ways. Indeed, Allah is with those who do good."

His Majesty also highlighted that 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills and the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution are no doubt extraordinary progress in the field of knowledge where the advancement of digital science has become a platform for improving achievements and it is undoubtedly an incredible advancement in the field of technology.

However, His Majesty warned, "do not let technology take control over us, instead it is us who should control technology, using it to enhance iman or faith and



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 the Chancellor of Seri Begawan Religious Teachers University College (KUPU SB) delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the 8<sup>th</sup> KUPU SB Convocation Ceremony.

religious belief, not to destroy it and this is where great wisdom is needed."

His Majesty also advised academicians, teachers and graduates to take advantage of these advances in technology to be more creative, innovative and productive in providing more accessible, quick and easy teaching aids that can also be used to improve the quality of dakwah activities.

The combination of knowledge, faith and virtue with technological advancement is one of the ways towards a prosperous life in this world and in the hereafter.

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His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam touring the exhibition.

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Meanwhile, the Agribusiness Ecosystem field displayed the government's efforts through the 'Whole of Nation' approach between the government and private agencies. Among them were the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Energy, Manpower and Industry,



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 touring the exhibition.

Ministry of Finance and Economy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Home Affairs, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Universiti Teknologi Brunei, Darussalam Enterprise as well as other agencies that play vital roles in the agribusiness ecosystem.

## 233 graduates celebrated at 8<sup>th</sup> KUPU SB Convocation Ceremony (continued)



His Majesty presenting a certificate to graduates during the convocation ceremony.

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His Majesty also stressed the need to learn Islamic History and that the present and future generations should not be ignorant of it as it is part of the legacy of human civilization that should not be marginalised, because otherwise it means that we have lost our sense of identity.

In concluding the *titah*, His Majesty also expressed appreciation and gratitude towards the faculty of KUPU SB, particularly the Chairman and members of the KUPU SB Council, Ra'ees, senate members, core officers, academicians and staff members for their service and said to continuously pray to Allah the Almighty with the hope that KUPU SB will be a centre of studies that is blessed by Him and is capable of serving the country and Muslims in general.

During the conferment of the degrees and diplomas, out of the 233 graduates, 24 were awarded with a Master's Degree in Religious Teaching; 19 were awarded with a Post Graduate Diploma in Religious Teaching; 3 received a Post Graduate Diploma in Religious Teaching (Arabic Language); 35 received a Bachelors' Degree in Religious Teaching (Usuluddin); 75 obtained a Bachelors' Degree in Religious Teaching (Syari'ah); 12 received



a Higher Diploma in Religious Teaching (Usuluddin) and 65 were awarded a Higher Diploma in Religious Teaching (Syari'ah).

Prior to leaving, His Majesty proceeded for a Luncheon and then received a *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet) from the graduates and their family members.



His Majesty with one of the graduates and her family during the ceremony.

## Promote a healthy society and strengthen national unity



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, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces and Their Royal Highnesses participating in the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) 57 km Cycling Recreation, held at Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien in the capital.

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, November 25** - 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, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces consented to participate in the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) 57 km Cycling Recreation, held at Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien in the capital.

Also taking part in the cycling recreation were His Majesty's sons, His Royal Highness Prince General Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and the General of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; and His Royal Highness Captain (U) Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

The arrival of His Majesty and Their Royal Highnesses were welcomed by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi

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## Her Majesty's Birthday celebration

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, November 9** - Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam graced Her Majesty's Birthday celebration, which took place at Serambi Suluh Hall, Tarindak D'Seni, Arts and Handicraft Centre at Jalan Residency in the capital.

The event was hosted by the Council of Women of Brunei Darussalam (CWBD), Police Wives and Family Welfare Association (PEKERTI), Brunei Nursing Associations (PENJURU) and the Brunei Shell Ladies Association (BSLA).

Upon arrival, Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri as the Patron of CWBD was greeted by Datin Hajah Dayang Siti Hajah binti Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Setia Dato Paduka Haji Awang Mohd. Yusof, President of CWBD as the Chairperson of the Royal Birthday Celebration Committee 2018.

Also in attendance were Her Royal Highness Paduka

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Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam during the cake cutting ceremony for Her Majesty's Birthday celebration hosted by members of the Council of Women of Brunei Darussalam (CWBD).



Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam and other members of Royal family in a group photos with members of CWBD.

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bin Haji Mohd. Yusof, Second Minister of Defence and Major General Pengiran Dato Paduka Seri Aminan bin Pengiran Haji Mahmud, Commander of the RBAF.

His Majesty consented to lead the cyclists of the special 12 km cycling route which began and ended at the Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien, passing through the main roads of the capital.

Following the cycling recreation, His Majesty visited sponsor' exhibitions with several activities that were lined up by relevant agencies, such as RBAF Medical Services Reception (MRS), Ministry of Health, military recruitment roadshow and others.

After the cycling recreation, His Majesty and Their Royal Highnesses toured the exhibition booths which hosted a variety of activities prepared by involved agencies, among them were the military recruitment roadshow, RBAF Medical Services Reception

(MRS), Royal Brunei Air Force and Royal Brunei Navy exhibit.

Also capturing His Majesty's interest were the Health Promotion Centre and Diabetes Centre at Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha Hospital in conjunction with World Diabetes Day and exhibits by sponsor companies which included Route 88, Bike Park, Tumtum Cycle, Redbull, Luminox, KOWIRA and others.

The cycling recreation was organised by RBAF with cooperation of other Ministries as well as various sponsors. The success of the event reflects RBAF's approach in involving all walks of life as effective and successful. With such an event, it is seen that sports have been given recognition, respect and encouragement which are equally important with other social sectors in achieving the goal of national development, unity and continuous stability especially in cycling, which is now recognised as Brunei's National Hobby.

## Their Royal Highnesses' visit to Singapore

**REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, October 29-2** - His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman attended a series of visits as a part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Young Leaders' Programme.

The Young Leaders' Programme is an annual exchange of visits that reflects the good relationship between the two countries and is aimed to further strengthen the cooperation between the future leaders for the next-generation.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of October, Their Royal Highnesses attended the Official Welcoming Dinner for Their Royal Highnesses visit to Singapore, hosted by His Excellency Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister and Coordination Minister for National Security of the Republic of Singapore and spouse, Madam Teo Poh Yoh Yim. The dinner was held at the Pan Pacific Hotel.

Accompanying Their Royal Highnesses were Dr. Mohamad Maliki Osman, Senior Minister of State for Defence and Foreign Affairs, as Minister-in-attendance, and spouse, Mrs. Sadiyah Sahal.

Present during the dinner were His Excellency Heng Swee Keat, Minister for Finance; His Excellency Ong Ye Kung, Minister of Education; Ms. Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communication and Information; Mr. Chee Hong Tat, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Education; and His Excellency Lim Hong Huai, High Commissioner Republic of Singapore to Brunei Darussalam as well as senior officers of the Government of the Republic of Singapore.

Also present were Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Mokti bin Haji Mohd. Daud, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohd. Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Finance and Economy; and His Excellency Haji Awang Saifulbahri bin Haji Awang Mansor, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to the Republic of Singapore, and spouse.

The next day, His Royal Highness Prince General Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and General of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces made a working visit to the Unmanned



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman during the Official Welcoming Dinner hosted by His Excellency Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister and Coordination Minister for National Security of the Republic of Singapore and spouse, Madam Teo Poh Yoh Yim.

Aerial Vehicle Command (UAVC), Ministry of Defence, located at Tengah Air Base.

Accompanying His Royal Highness was Dr. Mohamad Maliki Osman, Senior Minister of State for Defence and Foreign Affairs, as Minister-in-attendance.

Upon arrival, His Royal Highness was welcomed by His Excellency Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Defence, Republic of Singapore; and Major General Mervyn Tan, Chief of Air Force.

His Royal Highness toured the UAVC to view the types of UAV Operation and to test the UAV training simulator.

After the tour, His Royal Highness proceeded for a luncheon hosted by the Minister for Defence of the Republic of Singapore at the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, His Royal Highness attended a luncheon with His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore.

Accompanying His Royal Highness was Dr. Mohamad Maliki Osman, Senior Minister of State for Defence and Foreign Affairs, as the Minister-in-attendance.

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Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman; Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Bini Hajah Faizah binti Dato Haji Nasir; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatol Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien

The function began with the reading of *Surah Al-Fatihah* and *Doa Kesyukuran* by Noraini Yanti binti Haji Hussin, Senior religious

Officer, Mosque Affairs Department.

Datin Hajah Dayang Siti Hajar in her welcoming speech touched on the activities of the Council of Women at the regional and international levels. The function was enlivened with a number of religious presentations from the association members taking part.

Prior to leaving, Her Majesty with the members of the royal family received a *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet) from the members of the association.

The Council of Women of Brunei Darussalam (CWBD) is a national non-government council made up of 13 women's associations and organisations in the country.



His Royal Highness inspecting the Guard of Honour accompanied by His Excellency Ng Eng Hen and Major General Mervyn Tan.

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Present at the luncheon were His Excellency Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister of Foreign Affairs; His Excellency Heng Swee Keat, Minister for Finance; His Excellency Masagos Zulkifli, Minister of Environment and Water Resources; His Excellency Dato Paduka Seri Ng Chee Meng, Minister of the Prime Minister's Office; His Excellency Ong Ye Kung, Minister for Education; and His Excellency Lim Hong Huai, High Commissioner of the Republic of Singapore to Brunei Darussalam.

Also present were Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Mokti bin Haji Mohd. Daud, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohd. Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Finance and Economy; and His Excellency Haji Awang Saifulbahri bin Haji Awang Mansor, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to the Republic of Singapore.

Brunei Darussalam and Republic of Singapore have enjoyed excellent and longstanding relations through numerous ongoing cooperation and interaction at the bilateral and regional level such as the Currency Interchangeability Agreement, defence, trade and investment, education and health.

After the luncheon, His Royal Highness made a working visit to the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD).

The arrival of His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah at the university campus was greeted by His Excellency Ong Ye Kung, Minister for Education and Professor Ching Tow Chong, President of SUTD.

His Royal Highness toured the SUTD campus and its facilities and then viewed projects and prototypes produced by the university.

SUTD was established to advance knowledge and to nurture technically grounded leaders and innovators to serve societal needs. It aims to be a leading research-intensive global university which focuses on technology and all elements of technology-based designs.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, His Royal Highness made a working visit to Ministry of Trade and Industry. Upon arrival at the Treasury building, His Royal Highness proceeded to the Board Room and was welcomed by His Excellency Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Trade and Industry for a briefing on the Committee for Future Economy (CFE) and Industry Transformation Maps (ITMs), which was presented by Mr. Tan Lin Teck, Director of the Future Economy Programme Office.



His Royal Highness during his visit to the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Command (UAVC), Ministry of Defence, located at Tengah Air Base.



His Royal Highness during a luncheon with His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, held at Yusof Ishak Room of the Istana.



His Royal Highness view a live demonstration and exhibition of Drones and Robots at the Campus Centre.

The briefing revolves around the efforts in developing Singapore's economy. It also touches on the challenges and plans in ensuring a positive and more sustainable economic growth for Singapore. CFE is a committee established in 2016 to help develop Singapore's economic strategies for the future, that is, to be a vibrant and resilient economy with sustainable growth that creates value and opportunities for all.

From the Ministry of Trade and Industry, His Royal Highness continued the visit to the Devan Nair Institute for Employment and Employability. At the institute, His Royal Highness was welcomed by Her Excellency Low Yen Ling, Senior Parliamentary

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Secretary; and Mr. Gary Goh, Deputy CEO of the Institute.

His Royal Highness then proceeded to the Board Room for a briefing and presentation about the institute. Devan Nair Institute for Employment and Employability is an institution that helps individuals and companies in their professional development and networking through career guidance and job matching services.

After the briefing session, His Royal Highness toured the facilities of the institute such as the Singapore Bus Training and Evaluation Centre, the Wavelink Maritime Institute and the Career Services Centre where His Royal Highness test-drove a bus simulator and viewed a ship navigation simulator available at the institute.

In a separate programme, Her Royal Highness made a visit



His Royal Highness being briefed during the visit to Sharing on Student Life and Eco-Car.

to OCBC Aquatic Centre. Upon arrival, Her Royal Highness was welcomed by Mr. Oon Jin Teik, CEO of the centre.

Accompanying Her Royal Highness were Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim and Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Muneerah Madhul Bolkia.

During the visit, Her Royal Highness toured the facilities available at the centre such as the training pool, competition pool and Splash-N-Turf. OCBC Aquatic Centre offers world-class facilities for various water sports and recreations.

After the visit to OCBC Aquatic Centre, Her Royal Highness then proceeded for a visit to the Northlight School. At the school, Her Royal Highness was welcomed by Mr. Martin Tan, the Principal; as well as senior officials of the Northlight School.

During the visit, Her Royal Highness was briefed about the school and then toured the facilities and courses offered at the school such as cooking and bakery courses, workshops and other technical and vocational training classes. Northlight School is a training centre that offers vocational studies.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, Their Royal Highnesses, accompanied by Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim and Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Muneerah Madhul Bolkia joined a leisure Morning Walk at the Gardens by The Bay with His Excellency Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister and Coordination Minister for National Security of the Republic of Singapore and Spouse, Madam Teo Poh Yim; as well as Mr. Felix Loh, CEO of Garden by The Bay.

In the afternoon, Their Royal Highnesses consented to attend a Hi-Tea Reception hosted by Her Excellency Halimah Yacob, President of the Republic of Singapore and spouse, Mr. Mohamed bin Abdullah Alhabshee, which was held at the Istana.



His Royal Highness with His Excellency Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Trade and Industry of the Republic of Singapore.



Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman together with Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim and Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Muneerah Madhul Bolkia, witnessing a cooking class at the Northlight School.



Their Royal Highnesses, accompanied by Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim and Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Muneerah Madhul Bolkia during the Morning Walk at the Gardens by The Bay. Accompanying Their Royal Highnesses were His Excellency Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister and Coordination Minister for National Security of the Republic of Singapore and spouse, Madam Teo Poh Yim; as well as Mr. Felix Loh, Chief Executive Officer of Garden by The Bay.



Their Royal Highnesses with Her Excellency Halimah Yacob, President of the Republic of Singapore and spouse, Mr. Mohamed bin Abdullah Alhabshee.