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### Royal Banquet in conjunction with the Coronation of the 29<sup>th</sup> Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman



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 with His Royal Highness Al Aminul Karim Sultan Sallehuddin ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Badlishah, the 29<sup>th</sup> Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman and Her Royal Highness Sultanah Maliha binti Al-Marhum Tengku Ariff, the Sultanah of Kedah Darul Aman at the Royal Banquet in conjunction with the Coronation of the 29<sup>th</sup> Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman.

**ALOR SETAR, KEDAH, October 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 consented to attend the Royal Banquet in conjunction with the Coronation of His Royal Highness Al Aminul Karim Sultan Sallehuddin ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Badlishah, the 29<sup>th</sup> Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman, at Istana Anak Bukit, Kedah Darul Aman.

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

Also accompanying Their Majesties were Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Indera Setia Diraja Sahibul Karib Pengiran Anak Haji Idris bin Pengiran Maharaja Lela Pengiran Muda Abdul Kahar.

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### His Majesty's State Visit to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

#### Welcoming Ceremony

**AMMAN, JORDAN, October 4** - 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 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, which was held at Al-Husseinieh Palace, Amman.



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 Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al-Hussein, the King of Jordan.

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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:



His Excellency Nikolai Patrushev, Secretary of The Security Council of The Russian Federation on October 1.



His Excellency Major General (Rtd) Tariq Rashid Khan, the Outgoing High Commissioner of The Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Brunei Darussalam on October 8.



## 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:



Madam Saffana Tariq, spouse of His Excellency Major General (Rtd) Tariq Rashid Khan, the Outgoing High Commissioner of The Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Brunei Darussalam on October 2.



Heads of Diplomatic Missions and the spouses of heads of diplomatic missions in Brunei Darussalam on October 8. Also present were Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatol Bolkiah, Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah.

## His Royal Highness the Crown Prince receives audience

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



His Excellency Major General (Rtd) Tariq Rashid Khan, the Outgoing High Commissioner of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Brunei Darussalam on October 4.

## 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 Moon Jae-in, President of the Republic of Korea, the Government and people of the Republic of Korea on the occasion of its National Foundation Day on October 3.
- His Excellency Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of the Federal Republic of Germany and to Her Excellency Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany on the occasion of the Day of German Unity on October 3.
- His Excellency Nguyen Phu Trong, General-Secretary of the Communist Party and President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, on the occasion of his appointment as the President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on October 23.
- His Excellency Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of the Republic of Turkey, the Government as well as to the people of the Republic of Turkey on the occasion of the country's Republic Day on October 29.

## His Majesty sends message of condolences

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 a message of condolences to:

- His Excellency Dato Laila Utama Joko Widodo, President of the Republic of Indonesia, following the recent plane crash of Lion Air JT 610 on October 30.

## His Majesty's State Visit to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

### Welcoming Ceremony



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al-Hussein, the King of Jordan inspecting the Royal Guard of Honour.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam being greeted by the delegation from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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Accompanying His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen. Also accompanying His Majesty from the hotel to the Palace was His Royal Highness Prince Al Hussein ibn His Majesty King Abdullah II, the Crown Prince of Jordan.

At the palace grounds, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was welcomed by His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al-Hussein, the King of Jordan. Upon arrival, a 21-gun salute was fired.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Majesty the King of Jordan proceeded to the Royal Dais to receive the Royal Salute followed by the national anthems of both countries. Their Majesties then inspected the Royal Guard of Honour mounted by members of the Jordan Royal Guard.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen being greeted by dignitaries.

After, Their Majesties were ushered to the Greeting Hall for the introduction of delegations. First, the delegation from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan was introduced to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam. This was followed by the introduction of the Brunei Darussalam delegation to His Majesty the King of Jordan.

## His Majesty's State Visit to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

### Four-Eye Meeting

AMMAN, JORDAN, October 4 - His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Majesty the King of Jordan then proceeded to the Meeting Room 1 for a Four-Eye Meeting.

Prior to the meeting, Their Majesties were invited for a memorial photograph session.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al-Hussein, the King of Jordan during the Four-Eye Meeting. Also present were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and His Royal Highness Prince Al Hussein ibn His Majesty King Abdullah II, the Crown Prince of Jordan.



## His Majesty's State Visit to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan Bilateral Meeting



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al-Hussein, the King of Jordan during the Bilateral Meeting. Also present were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and His Royal Highness Prince Al Hussein ibn His Majesty King Abdullah II, the Crown Prince of Jordan.

AMMAN, JORDAN, October 4 - After the Four-Eye Meeting, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Majesty the King of Jordan proceeded to the Photo Hall for a Bilateral Meeting.

The Bilateral Meeting commenced with a *titah* (royal speech) delivered by His Majesty the King of Jordan, welcoming His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

In the meeting, both leaders discussed increasing bilateral cooperation between the two countries, particularly in the areas of defence, trade and investment, education, health and tourism.

Both leaders also discussed regional issues and exchanged views on international matters of mutual interests.

## Royal Banquet in conjunction with the Coronation of the 29<sup>th</sup> Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman



Also present at the Royal Banquet were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam; and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Indera Setia Diraja Sahibul Karib Pengiran Anak Haji Idris bin Pengiran Maharaja Lela Pengiran Muda Abdul Kahar (right to left).

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Upon arriving at Anjung Melur, Istana Anak Bukit, Their Majesties were greeted by Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Tengku Sarafudin Badlishah ibni Sultan Sallehuddin, the Raja Muda of Kedah and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Che Puan Muda Zaheeda binti Mohamad Ariff, the Raja Puan Muda of Kedah; Yang Teramat Mulia Dato' Seri DiRaja Tan Sri Tunku Abdul Hamid Thani ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Badlishah, the Tunku Bendahara of Kedah and Yang Amat Berbahagia Datin Seri DiRaja Puan Seri Dato' Nora binti Abdullah; Yang Teramat

Mulia Dato' Seri DiRaja Tan Sri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz binti Al-Marhum Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, the Tunku Temenggong of Kedah; and Yang Teramat Mulia Dato' Tunku Shazuddin Ariff ibni Sultan Sallehuddin, the Tunku Laksamana of Kedah; as well as Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Haji Mukhriz bin Tun Dr. Mahathir, the Chief Minister of Kedah and Yang Amat Berbahagia Tok Puan Norzieta binti Zakaria.

Their Majesties were then invited to sign a Commemorative Parchment before proceeding to Balai Penghadapan Besar.

From Balai Penghadapan Besar, Their Majesties were invited to the Balairung

Seri Besar for a group photo session, together with His Royal Highness Al Aminul Karim Sultan Sallehuddin ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Badlishah, the Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman and Her Royal Highness Sultanah Maliha binti Al-Marhum Tengku Ariff, the Sultanah of Kedah Darul Aman; along with other Malaysian royal family members and distinguished guests.

Their Majesties then proceeded to Balai Santapan Besar together with the other royal guests.

The Royal Banquet was further enlivened with a cultural and singing performance.

At the end of the Royal Banquet, Their Majesties were once again invited to Balai Penghadapan Besar together with His Royal Highness the Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman and Her Royal Highness the Sultanah of Kedah Darul Aman; as well as other Malaysian royal family members and distinguished guests, before leaving the ceremony.

His Royal Highness Al Aminul Karim Sultan Sallehuddin ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Badlishah was born on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 1942 at Istana Anak Bukit, Alor Setar and His Royal Highness was proclaimed as the 29<sup>th</sup> Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman following the passing of Al-Marhum Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah on September 11, 2017.

## His Majesty's State Visit To Hashemite Kingdom Of Jordan The Annual Flag Parade



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces presenting the Great Arab Revolt Flag to the 9th Prince Mohammad Mechanised Battalion.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces and His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al-Hussein, the King of Jordan and Supreme Commander of the Jordan Armed Forces. Also present were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and His Royal Highness Prince Al Hussein ibn His Majesty King Abdullah II, the Crown Prince of Jordan.

AMMAN, JORDAN, October 4 - His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, together with His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al-Hussein, the King of Jordan and Supreme Commander of the Jordan Armed Forces attended the Annual Flag Parade which was held at Al-Rayah Parade Ground, Royal Hashemite Court, Amman.

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

Upon entering the grounds of Al-Rayah, His Majesty the Sultan

and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Majesty the King of Jordan were accompanied by the Red Motorcade and the Royal Cavalry Unit and a 21-gun salute was fired.

Their Majesties were then invited to the Royal Dais to receive the Royal Salute, followed by the national anthems of Brunei Darussalam and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

This was followed with musical performances featuring local heritage and international contemporary music by the Jordan Armed Forces Music Band.

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Marching parade by participating contingents.





His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces and His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al-Hussein, the King of Jordan and Supreme Commander of the Jordan Armed Forces observing the parade.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen observing the parade.

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During the ceremony, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was given the honour of presenting the Great Arab Revolt Flag by His Majesty the King of Jordan to the 9th Prince Mohammad Mechanised Battalion, who will carry the flag for one year after it was carried by the 39th Ja'afar bin Abi Talib Mechanised Battalion in 2017.

The ceremony also showcased a marching parade before the Royal Dais by the participating contingents. Among the contingents were the 9th Prince Mohammad Mechanised Battalion; the 39th Ja'afar bin Abi Talib Mechanised Battalion and the Royal Artillery Platoon.

The Royal Camel and Cavalry Units also presented a joint performance in one segment inspired by the history of the Jordan Armed Forces, followed by an aerobatic display by two F16 jet fighters of the Royal Jordanian Air Force.

The Flag Parade is an annual national military event inspired by military tradition since the establishment of the Emirate of Transjordan.

The parade also symbolises the role of the Jordan Armed Forces, also known as Al-Jaisyul 'Arabi (the Arab Army) as the guardians of the values of the Great Arab Revolt which constitute the backbone of independence and modernisation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

## Get-together with Brunei citizens in Jordan

AMMAN, JORDAN, October 3 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam attended a get-together ceremony with citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam who are currently in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. The ceremony was held at Fairmont Hotel Amman.

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

Upon arrival, His Majesty signed a commemorative parchment and was then ushered to the Ruby Hall for a High Tea Reception with the students.

After the reception, His Majesty consented to join a photograph session with senior officers of the Embassy of Brunei Darussalam in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the students.



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 Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen during the High Tea Reception with students who are currently studying in Jordan.

Before leaving the ceremony, His Majesty proceeded to mingle and meet with citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam, which consisted of students and government officials in Jordan.

Currently, there are 16 Bruneian students studying in leading universities in Jordan in the field of Islamic Studies, Fiqh, Syariah and Usuluddin.

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## The 12<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Summit Meeting (ASEM)

### Courtesy visit to His Majesty the King of Belgium

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, October 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 paid a courtesy visit to His Majesty the King of Belgium. The meeting was held at the Royal Palace of Brussels.

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

Upon arrival at the Royal Palace of Brussels, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was greeted by His Majesty King Philippe Léopold Louis Marie, King of Belgium.



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 Majesty King Philippe Léopold Louis Marie, King of Belgium.

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## Get-together with Brunei citizens in Jordan (continued)

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His Majesty during the get-together with citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam in Jordan.



His Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen in a group photo during the get-together ceremony.



# The 12<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Summit Meeting (ASEM)

Courtesy visit to His Majesty the King of Belgium (continued)



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Majesty King Philippe Léopold Louis Marie, King of Belgium during the courtesy visit. Also present was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

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His Majesty then proceeded together with His Majesty the King of Belgium for a photograph session followed with a courtesy meeting.

After the courtesy meeting, His Majesty left the Royal Palace of Brussels. Bidding farewell to His Majesty was His Majesty King Philippe Léopold Louis Marie, King of Belgium.

The meeting of the two monarchs reflects the good and longstanding relationship between Brunei Darussalam and Belgium.

## Bilateral Meeting

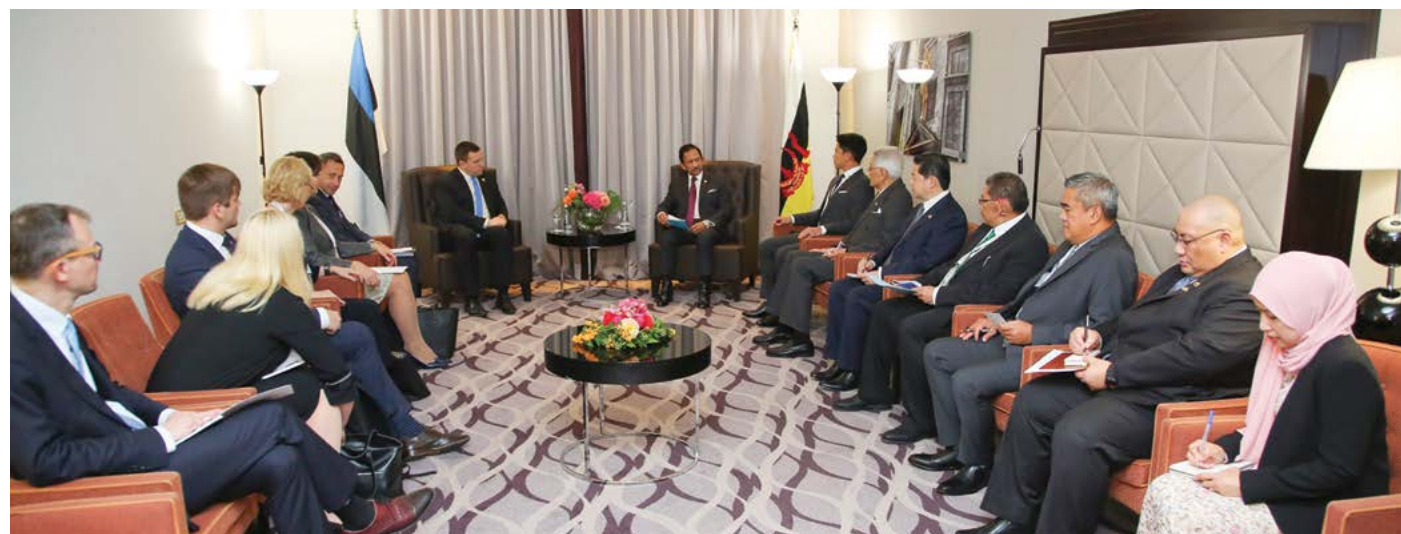
**BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, October 18** - His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam attended a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Juri Ratas, Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia. The meeting was held at the Wiltcher's Steigenberger Hotel, Brussels.

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

During the bilateral meeting, His Majesty and His Excellency the Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia discussed global affairs focusing on security and economic opportunities, as well as collaboration in the fields of e-government and cybersecurity.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with His Excellency Juri Ratas, Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Majesty King Philippe Léopold Louis Marie, King of Belgium during the courtesy visit. Also present was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

# The 12<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Summit Meeting (ASEM)

Opening Ceremony of the 12th ASEM



His Majesty with His Excellency Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, as Chairman of the 12th ASEM Summit Meeting; and His Excellency Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission.



Accompanying His Majesty at the Opening Ceremony of the 12th Asia-Europe Summit Meeting (ASEM) was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

**BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, October 18** - His Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen attended the Opening Ceremony of the 12th Asia-Europe Summit Meeting (ASEM).

The Opening Ceremony began with an Opening Statement by His Excellency Donald Tusk, President of the European Council as Chairman of the 12th ASEM Summit Meeting. This was followed by statements from His Excellency Khaltmaagiin Battulga, President of the Republic of Mongolia as the host of

the 11th ASEM Summit Meeting in 2016; and His Excellency Sebastian Kurz, Federal Chancellor of Austria.

After the Opening Ceremony, His Majesty as well as the other Leaders and Heads of Delegation then proceeded to the Gala Dinner held in honour of the Leaders and Heads of Delegation attending the 12th ASEM Summit Meeting. During the Dinner, Leaders and Heads of Delegation were entertained with instrumental music performances. The Dinner was held at the Grand Narthex Hall, Musées Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire.



# The 12<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Summit Meeting (ASEM)

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, October 19 - Geographical risks, demographic change and shifting perceptions are challenges that threaten the positive momentum of global economic growth and resilience. The role played by international trade and investment is very important and our people must be assured of the benefits of economic integration. To promote this, markets must be kept open, protectionism resisted, and follow the rules-based multilateral trading system as embodied in the World Trade Organisation.

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 highlighted the matter in a *titah* (royal speech) during the Plenary Session of the 12<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Summit Meeting (ASEM), which was held at the Europa Building, Brussels.

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## The Plenary Session of the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEM



His Majesty delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the Plenary Session of the 12<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Summit Meeting (ASEM).



His Majesty at the Plenary Session of the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEM.



His Majesty with His Excellency Donald Tusk, President of the European Council.



His Majesty in a group photo with other world leaders at the Plenary Session of the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEM.

# ASEAN should focus on sub-regional initiatives

BALI, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, October 11 - 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 ASEAN Leaders' gathering which was held at the Grand Gamelan Room, Sofitel Nusa Dua Beach Resort.

At the resort, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was welcomed by His Excellency Dato Laila Utama Joko Widodo, President of the Republic of Indonesia.

Prior to the gathering, His Majesty together with His Excellency Dato Laila Utama Jokowi Widodo, President of the Republic of Indonesia, joined Heads of State and Government of ASEAN as well as with the ASEAN Secretary-General, the United Nations Secretary-General, the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, and the President of the World Bank, for a group photo session at the Waterfront of the Grand Gamelan Room.

After, His Majesty joined the gathering which was co-chaired by His Excellency Dato Laila Utama Joko Widodo, President of the Republic of Indonesia, and His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, the Prime Minister of Singapore.



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 Dato Laila Utama Jokowi Widodo, President of the Republic of Indonesia at the ASEAN Leaders' gathering.

The event was also attended by His Excellency Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi, ASEAN Secretary-General; His Excellency Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General; Her Excellency Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund and His Excellency Jim Yong Kim, President of the World Bank.

At the gathering, the President of the Republic of Indonesia delivered his Opening Remarks and followed by speeches by the Secretary-General of ASEAN, and the Secretary-General of United Nations.

His Majesty then delivered a *titah* (royal speech), highlighting that ASEAN should focus on sub-regional initiatives such as under BIMP-EAGA, where there is much potential for development. By supporting the economic integration, it can create a vibrant economic environment, that benefits from free, open and fair trade in the ASEAN region, and at the same time, ASEAN could enhance the competitiveness of all ASEAN Member States by improving the 'ease of doing business' and by preparing for the 'Fourth Industrial Revolution'.

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## The Plenary Session of the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEM (continued)



Also in attendance at the Plenary Session of the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEM was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

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His Majesty went on to say that this can be supported through a strong multilateral framework. As such, His Majesty drew attention to ASEAN's work in finalising the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, as well as resuming talks with

the EU on the possibility of an ASEAN-EU Free Trade Agreement.

His Majesty stated that an economy's resilience is dependent on its ability to adapt to digital technologies to enable new markets and trading across borders, participate in the global value chains to increase productivity and opportunities, and support government initiatives to improve ease of doing business to aid growth.

Prioritising economic connectivity in the ASEM agenda is critical to promote greater competitiveness and prosperity. However, rapid technological advances of the Fourth Industrial Revolution can potentially disrupt the labour market, which requires re-training and life-long learning to ensure the success of entrepreneurship and providing job security.

His Majesty went on to state that there is much to learn from each other on developing a more inclusive

entrepreneurship ecosystem, through sharing of best practices between policymakers, businesses and the community.

In this regard, His Majesty welcomed the work of the ASEM Pathfinder Group on Connectivity which will contribute towards narrowing the development gap between members, and achieving the United Nation's 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Accompanying His Majesty at the Plenary Session of the ASEM was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

The Plenary Session commenced with an opening statement by the Chairman of the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit Meeting, His Excellency Donald Tusk, President of the European Council.

After the Plenary Session, His Majesty then joined other Leaders and Heads of Delegation for a photo session.



## ASEAN should focus on sub-regional initiatives (continued)

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His Majesty highlighted that Brunei Darussalam aims to create a conducive environment for business to grow by adopting pro-investment policies, streamlining processes, and strengthening legal and tax structures. The government and the public are working together to raise the quality of life. His Majesty also welcomed any assistance in national endeavours, including the creation of more opportunities for the private sector and other relevant stakeholders to contribute to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.

His Majesty then stated that the support of the UN, IMF and World Bank are important towards ensuring ASEAN's success in realising the Community Vision and the Sustainable Development Goals. His Majesty lastly looked forward to work together for ASEAN to remain a region of peace and sustainable growth and development.

Earlier, His Majesty expressed his appreciation to the President of the Republic of Indonesia and Prime Minister of Singapore in co-charing the event. His Majesty also warmly welcomed Yang Amat Berhormat Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, Prime Minister of Malaysia to the ASEAN Meetings.

Also at the event, His Majesty conveyed his deepest sympathy and condolences to the Government and people of Indonesia on the devastation and loss of life from the earthquake and tsunami that struck Sulawesi recently.



His Majesty delivering a *titah* (royal speech) at the ASEAN Leaders' gathering.

His Majesty then welcomed the presence of the United Nations Secretary-General; Managing Director of International Monetary Fund; and President of the World Bank, for all the organisations present at the gathering are important partners to ASEAN, and complemented ASEAN's efforts to realise a peaceful, stable and prosperous region through sustainable and inclusive growth.

His Majesty stated that there is a trend of protectionism and anti-globalisation, volatility in commodity and financial markets as well as challenges from the rapid advancement of technology. These challenges require collaborative response from ASEAN and also the support of international organisations such as the

IMF, the United Nations, and the World Bank.

His Majesty welcomed greater cooperation to assist ASEAN in integrating its economies through the development of infrastructure connectivity in the region. His Majesty also encouraged these organisation to explore greater collaboration with regional institutions such as the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and Asian Development Bank.

During the gathering, His Majesty listened to the updates and perspectives from other ASEAN Leaders, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, and President of the World Bank. The gathering was then concluded with a speech by the Prime Minister of Singapore.



His Majesty and His Excellency Dato Laila Utama Joko Widodo, President of the Republic of Indonesia with Heads of State and Government of ASEAN as well as His Excellency Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi, ASEAN Secretary-General; His Excellency Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General; Her Excellency Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund and His Excellency Jim Yong Kim, President of the World Bank at the ASEAN Leaders' Gathering.

## Leaders need to be more sensitive and considerate towards subordinates

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, October 31

Leaders in the civil service need to be more sensitive and considerate towards their subordinates and are prepared to teach and guide their subordinates in times of difficulty. This signifies that they truly care about the welfare of their staff. Apart from being considerate, these leaders should also possess other qualities such as knowledge and experience.

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam stated the matter in a *titah* (royal speech) at the 25<sup>th</sup> Civil Service Day Celebration.

In this regard, His Majesty welcomes the efforts of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), through the Public Service Department, to identify young officers in the civil service with leadership qualities through the Young Executive Programme (YEP).

Accompanying His Majesty in gracing the 25<sup>th</sup> Civil Service Day celebration at the Plenary Hall of the International Convention Centre (ICC) were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, the Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Haji Roslan bin Haji Taja'ah, the Permanent Secretary (Corporate Affairs and Public Administration) at the PMO in his welcoming remarks touched on



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 25<sup>th</sup> Civil Service Day Celebration.

the Public Sector Performance Grading (3PSA) to enhance the efficiency and excellence of the country's Civil Service; and Civil Servant Special Appreciation Award (PKKPA) programmes as a special recognition for Division V employees to appreciate the efforts and contribution of Division V staff who also play a vital role in ensuring the smooth running within the civil service and in all ministries.

His Majesty then consented to present the awards and certificates to the recipients of the 3PSA, APCPA and the PKKPA awards. The APCPA award was

received by 49 government officers from 13 ministries comprising staff in Divisions II, III, IV and V. Meanwhile, 10 civil service employees were presented with the PKKPA award.

The triennial theme, 'Transformation towards a Progressive Civil Service', reiterates the government's pursuit of a transformed civil service that strives towards surpassing expectations in complying with the needs of the public, especially in delivering government policies that endeavour towards achieving Brunei Vision 2035.



His Majesty, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, the Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a group photo with award recipients for the 25<sup>th</sup> Civil Service Day Celebration.



## His Majesty launches High Yielding Hybrid Variety Paddy

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, October 29** - The country records yet another milestone in its effort to increase self-sufficiency in rice. Thus, planting the High Yielding Hybrid Variety Paddy is a step further in answering His Majesty's call for the formulation and implementation of a National Agriculture strategic plan and policy to ensure food security for the country's people.

Hybrid paddy is produced by cross-breeding two different main varieties of paddy. The cross-breeding produces the hybrid paddy which has different characteristics and produces a higher yield compared to the original variety because of the hybrid fertility phenomenon called Heterocyst.

Gracing and launching the event at Wasan Agricultural Development Area, (KKP Wasan) in conjunction with His Majesty's 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday anniversary was 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 launching the Planting of the High Yielding Hybrid Variety Paddy Ceremony.

Also in attendance were His Majesty's sons, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

Shortly after arriving at the KKP Wasan paddy field, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was briefed on the development of the country's paddy industry and on increasing



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 launching the Planting of the High Yielding Hybrid Variety Paddy Ceremony.

paddy productivity through hybrid paddy.

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

After that, His Majesty was invited to plant the first seedlings of the high-yield paddy with a paddy transplanter.

The presentation of Salawat Ibrahimiyah upon Prophet Muhammad

Sallallahu 'Alaihi Wasallam by students of the Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Tahfiz Al-Quran Institute echoed as the Monarch planted the paddy which is known as the Padi Sembada 188.

Joining His Majesty in planting the Padi Sembada 188 were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

The Padi Sembada 188 is a paddy variety identified from the Research Cooperation Project between the Agriculture and Agrifood Department and

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His Majesty planting the first Padi Sembada 188 seedlings of the high-yield paddy with a paddy transplanter.



His Majesty listening to a brief explanation by one of the students from IBTE Agro-Technology Campus.

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Indonesia's Syarikat PT. Blogene Plantation which has been implemented for three seasons that started in May 2016 and ended in March this year. Through the research it was found that Padi Sembada 188 is capable of an average yield of five to six metric tonnes per season.

The Padi Sembada 188 seeds were imported from the Republic of Indonesia through Yaz and Wyn Enterprise, a local company which has been appointed as the sole supplier in the country. The planting of the hybrid paddy involves a 35 hectares area manned by KOSEKA and the Mukim Pengkalan Batu Consultative Council.

The demand for rice which is the country's staple food will



Joining His Majesty in planting the Padi Sembada 188 were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik (left) and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen (right).

grow in tandem with population growth, which is average one per cent a year. Planting the high yielding hybrid paddy is intended to increase the country's self-sufficiency in rice from only six per cent in 2015 to around 22 per cent by 2020.

His Majesty then visited the IBTE Agro-Technology Campus in Kampung Wasan and toured a mini exhibition which among other things showcased a number of courses offered at the campus. The IBTE Wasan campus currently offers 10 courses, among them the NtTEC in Aquaculture, food processing, as well as the HNTEC in Pharmaceutical Technician and Science Laboratory.

Prior to leaving the venue, His Majesty received a *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet) from the event's committee members.





## Swearing-In Ceremony of Deputy Ministers

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, October 2** - 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 swearing-in ceremony of the newly appointed Deputy Ministers. The ceremony took place at Cheradi Laila Kenchana, Istana Nurul Iman.

Also present at the ceremony was 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.

The Letter of Appointment was read by Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Penggawa Laila Bentara Istiadat Diraja Dalam Istana, Pengiran Haji Alauddin bin Pengiran Paduka Tuan Pengiran Haji Abu Bakar, the Grand Chamberlain.

First to recite the oath was Yang Mulia Dr. Awang Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, the Deputy Minister of Finance, Ministry of Finance and Economy, followed by Yang Mulia Awang Haji Marzuke bin Haji Mohsin, the Deputy Minister of Development, Ministry of Development.

Dr. Awang Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin was appointed as the Deputy Minister of Finance, Ministry of Finance and Economy on September 20, 2018. While Awang Haji Marzuke bin Haji Mohsin was appointed as the Deputy Minister of Development, Ministry of Development on August 10, 2018.



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 presenting the Letter of Appointment to Yang Mulia Dr. Awang Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, the Deputy Minister of Finance, Ministry of Finance and Economy.



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 presenting the Letter of Appointment to Yang Mulia Awang Haji Marzuke bin Haji Mohsin, the Deputy Minister of Development, Ministry of Development.



Yang Mulia Dr. Awang Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, the Deputy Minister of Finance, Ministry of Finance and Economy reciting the oath.



Yang Mulia Awang Haji Marzuke bin Haji Mohsin, the Deputy Minister of Development, Ministry of Development reciting the oath.

## Swearing-in Ceremony for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, President of the Court of Appeal, Judicial Commissioner of the Court of Appeal and High Court Judge

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, October 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 attended the swearing-in ceremony for the newly appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, President of the Court of Appeal, Judicial Commissioner of the Court of Appeal and High Court Judge.

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 and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

The ceremony that took place at Istana Nurul Iman commenced with the reading of the Letter of Appointment by Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Penggawa Laila Bentara Istiadat Diraja Dalam Istana, Pengiran Haji Alauddin bin Pengiran Paduka Tuan Pengiran Haji Abu Bakar, the Grand Chamberlain.

First to recite the oath to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was Yang Amat Arif Dato Paduka Steven Chong Wan Oon as the Chief Justice of the



His Majesty presenting the Letter of Appointment to Yang Arif Michael Peter Burrell, President of the Court of Appeal.

Supreme Court, followed by Yang Arif Michael Peter Burrell as the new President of the Court of Appeal; Yang Arif Michael Victor Lunn, as the new the Judicial Commissioner of the Court of Appeal and Yang Arif Pengiran Datin Paduka Hajah Rostaina binti Pengiran Haji Duraman as the High Court Judge.



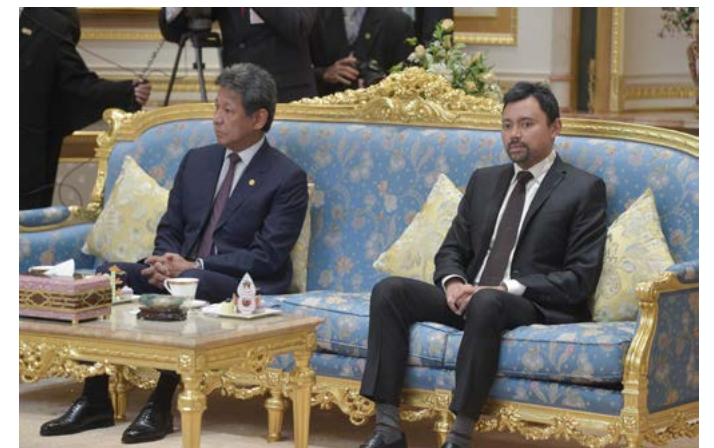
His Majesty presenting the Letter of Appointment to Yang Amat Arif Dato Paduka Steven Chong Wan Oon, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.



His Majesty presenting the Letter of Appointment to Yang Arif Michael Victor Lunn, the Judicial Commissioner of the Court of Appeal.



His Majesty presenting the Letter of Appointment to Yang Arif Pengiran Datin Paduka Hajah Rostaina binti Pengiran Haji Duraman, the High Court Judge.



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 and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.



## Her Majesty's Birthday Celebration

**JERUDONG, October 13** - Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam graced a ceremony in celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday Celebration hosted by the Group of Wives of Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Permanent Secretaries, Deputy Permanent Secretaries and Affiliated Members, held at the Royal Berkshire Hall, Jerudong Park and Polo Country Club.

Also present were Her Majesty's daughters and sisters, Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman; Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Raabi'atul 'Adawiyah binti Pengiran Haji Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien.

Datin Paduka Dayang Hajah Jahrah binti Haji Mohamad as the Second Chairperson of the Group of Wives of Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Permanent Secretaries, Deputy Permanent Secretaries and Affiliated Members, in her welcoming speech among others expressed appreciation to



Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam during the cake cutting ceremony.



Her Majesty during the *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet) with members of the association.

Her Majesty in consenting to grace the event which reflected the closeness of Her Majesty with the people.

At the ceremony, Her Majesty consented to cut the birthday cake for Her Majesty's birthday and received a *pesambah* (gift) presented by the group's members. The ceremony was also enlivened with performances by members

of the group. Also presented was a song entitled 'Selamat Puja Usia' especially composed for the celebration of Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha's birthday.

Her Majesty also consented to a *junjung ziarah* (meet and greet) with members of the association.



Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam; Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah; Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Raabi'atul 'Adawiyah; Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam in a group photo with members of the association.

## The Royal Coronation Ceremony of the 29<sup>th</sup> Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman

**ALOR SETAR, KEDAH, October 22** - 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 as the personal representative of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman attended the Coronation Ceremony of His Royal Highness Al Aminul Karim Sultan Sallehuddin ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Badlishah, the 29<sup>th</sup> Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman held at Istana Anak Bukit, Alor Setar.

Upon arrival at Anjung Melur, Istana Anak Bukit, Their Royal Highnesses were welcomed by Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Tengku Sarafudin Badlishah ibni Sultan Sallehuddin, the Raja Muda of Kedah and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Che Puan Muda Zaheeda binti Mohamad Ariff, the Raja Puan Muda of Kedah; Yang Teramat Mulia Dato' Seri DiRaja Tan Sri Tunku Abdul Hamid Thani ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Badlishah, the Tunku Bendahara of Kedah and Yang Amat Berbahagia Datin Seri DiRaja Puan Seri Dato' Nora binti Abdullah; Yang Teramat Mulia Dato' Seri DiRaja Tan Sri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz binti Al-Marhum Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, the Tunku Temenggong of Kedah; and Yang Teramat Mulia Dato' Tunku Shazuddin Ariff ibni Sultan Sallehuddin, the Tunku Laksamana of Kedah; as well as Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Haji Mukhriz bin Tun Dr. Mahathir, the Chief Minister of Kedah and Yang Amat Berbahagia Tok Puan Norzieta binti Zakaria.

Their Royal Highnesses were then invited to sign a Commemorative Parchment. The Coronation Ceremony of His Royal Highness the 29<sup>th</sup> Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman was attended by His Royal Highness the Regent of Pahang; Yang Maha Mulia the Regent of Kelantan; Duli-Duli Yang Teramat Mulia the Raja-Raja Muda and Royal Family Members; Their Excellencies Yang Di-Pertua-Yang Di-Pertua Negeri; Yang Amat Berhormat the Prime Minister of Malaysia; and other special guests and their respective spouses.

The Coronation Ceremony commenced with the arrival of His Royal Highness Al Aminul Karim Sultan Sallehuddin ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Badlishah, the Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman and Her Royal Highness Sultanah Maliha binti Al-Marhum Tengku Ariff, the Sultanah of Kedah Darul



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, Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman, His Royal Highness Al Aminul Karim Sultan Sallehuddin ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Badlishah, the 29<sup>th</sup> Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman and Her Royal Highness Sultanah Maliha binti Al-Marhum Tengku Ariff, the Sultanah of Kedah Darul Aman during the luncheon at Balai Santapan Besar.



His Royal Highness Al Aminul Karim Sultan Sallehuddin ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Badlishah, the 29<sup>th</sup> Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman and Her Royal Highness Sultanah Maliha binti Al-Marhum Tengku Ariff, the Sultanah of Kedah Darul Aman during the Coronation Ceremony.

Aman, which was accompanied with the playing of the gong and Nobat 'Raja Berangkat'.

Abdullah, the Chief of Istiadat.

During the Coronation Ceremony, His Royal Highness the Sultan of Kedah delivered a *titah* (royal speech) reciting the Royal Oath. His Royal Highness then received the *Keris Perkasa Alam* (the Government Keris) which was presented by Yang Berbahagia Dato' Paduka Seri Maharajalela Dato' Bijaya Indera Dato' Paduka Haji Syed Unan Mashri bin Syed

The Proclamation of the Coronation of His Royal Highness was then read by Yang Berbahagia Dato' Paduka Seri Maharajalela Dato' Bijaya Indera Dato' Paduka the Chief of Istiadat and 'Daulat Tuanku' was then called out three times. This was followed by the playing of the Nobat and a 21-gun salute.

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The Royal Coronation Ceremony of the 29<sup>th</sup> Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman (continued)



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, Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman, and His Royal Highness Al Aminul Karim Sultan Sallehuddin ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Badlishah, the 29<sup>th</sup> Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman and Her Royal Highness Sultanah Maliha binti Al-Marhum Tengku Ariff, the Sultanah of Kedah Darul Aman together with the other special guests in a group photo prior to the luncheon.

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The Coronation Ceremony continued with the Presentation of Congratulatory Messages, commencing with a *sabda* (royal speech) from Duli Yang Teramat Mulia the Raja Muda of Kedah on behalf of the Kedah Royal Family, which was followed by a speech from Yang Amat Berhormat the Chief Minister of Kedah on behalf of the government and people of the State of Kedah Darul Aman.

recitation of *Doa Selamat* by Sohibus Samahah Dato' Sheikh Fadzil bin Haji Awang, the State Mufti of Kedah Darul Aman.

The ceremony marks a historic moment for the people and citizens of Kedah Darul Aman, as the last time a coronation ceremony for the Sultan of Kedah was held was in 1959.

proceeded to the Balai Santapan Besar to attend the Luncheon. The Luncheon was further enlivened with a musical performance.

Prior to the Luncheon, Their Royal Highnesses together with the other special guests, were invited for a group photograph session with His Royal Highness the Sultan of Kedah Darul Aman and Her Royal Highness the Sultanah of Kedah Darul Aman.

The ceremony concluded with the Their Royal Highnesses then

**Second Minister of Defence attends 12<sup>th</sup> ADMM and 5<sup>th</sup> ADMM-Plus**

**REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, October 20** - The 12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) and 5<sup>th</sup> ADMM-Plus were successfully concluded today at the Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore. Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof,

Second Minister of Defence, represented Brunei Darussalam at the meetings.

During the 12<sup>th</sup> ADMM, the ASEAN Defence Ministers endorsed five concept papers and signed the Joint Declaration on 'Strengthening Cooperation, Building Resilience' to conclude the year's

ADMM meeting. Three separate informal meetings with the People's Republic of China, United States of America and Japan followed the 12<sup>th</sup> ADMM. The Second Minister of Defence also held bilateral meetings with several ASEAN and Plus counterparts during the meeting.

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During the 5<sup>th</sup> ADMM-Plus, ASEAN and Plus Countries' Defence Ministers adopted the Joint Statement on Preventing and Countering the Threat of Terrorism, showcasing ADMM-Plus' commitment to step up practical cooperation and undertake effective measures to counter terrorism. The meeting also adopted the Joint Statement on Practical Confidence-Building Measures to signal ADMM-Plus' commitment to reducing risks of miscalculation for the peace and stability of the region.

The conclusion of the 5<sup>th</sup> ADMM-Plus witnessed the Chairmanship Handover Ceremony from the Republic of Singapore to the Kingdom of Thailand, who is set to take the helm of ASEAN Chairmanship in 2019. An ADMM-Plus Leaders' Lunch hosted by Singapore's Acting Prime Minister / Deputy Prime Minister



Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Second Minister of Defence (right) with Dr. Ng Eng Hen, Singapore's Minister for Defence (left).

and Coordinating Minister for National Security, His Excellency Teo Chee Hean was also held at the sidelines.

Brunei Darussalam's continued participation in the ADMM and ADMM-Plus demonstrates the importance of

defence diplomacy to Brunei Darussalam, as well as its commitment to regional stability and security through multilateral engagements within ASEAN. This year marks the second time the Republic of Singapore has hosted the ADMM since the ADMM was established in 2006.



## Second Minister of Defence attends 12th ADMM and 5th ADMM-Plus

**BEIJING, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, October 26** - The China Association for Military Science (CAMS) and China Institute for International Strategic Studies (CISS) hosted the 8th Beijing Xiangshan Forum on October 24 – 26. The forum carried the theme 'Building a New Type of Security Partnership of Equality, Mutual Trust and Win-Win Cooperation'.

A total of 67 countries and seven international organisations were represented at this year's forum including Brunei Darussalam, other ASEAN Member States (AMS), Europe, Africa, NATO and the United Nations.

The head of delegation from the Ministry of Defence was Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, the Second Minister of Defence.

The forum was officiated by General Wei Fenghe, State Councilor and Minister of National Defense, People's Republic of China, who delivered a remark from President Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China.



Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Second Minister of Defence at the 8<sup>th</sup> Beijing Xiangshan Forum.

The forum was divided into four Plenary Sessions and Simultaneous Special Sessions which focused on wide-ranging topics, which among others included International Security Governance – New Ideas and Approaches, Global Terrorism: Threats and Countermeasures, Maritime Security Cooperation: Reality and Vision, and UN Peacekeeping and Cooperation. At the sideline, the Second Minister of Defence of Brunei Darussalam had a bilateral meeting with Lieutenant General Yang Xuejun, Chairman of China's

Association of Military Science, where the call opened a window of opportunity for Defence Institutes of both countries to explore potential areas of cooperation. The Second Minister of Defence also expressed his appreciation for the hospitality rendered to his delegation throughout the forum.

This year's forum achieved its objectives which among others included fostering a meaningful platform to exchange ideas towards the enhancement of security.

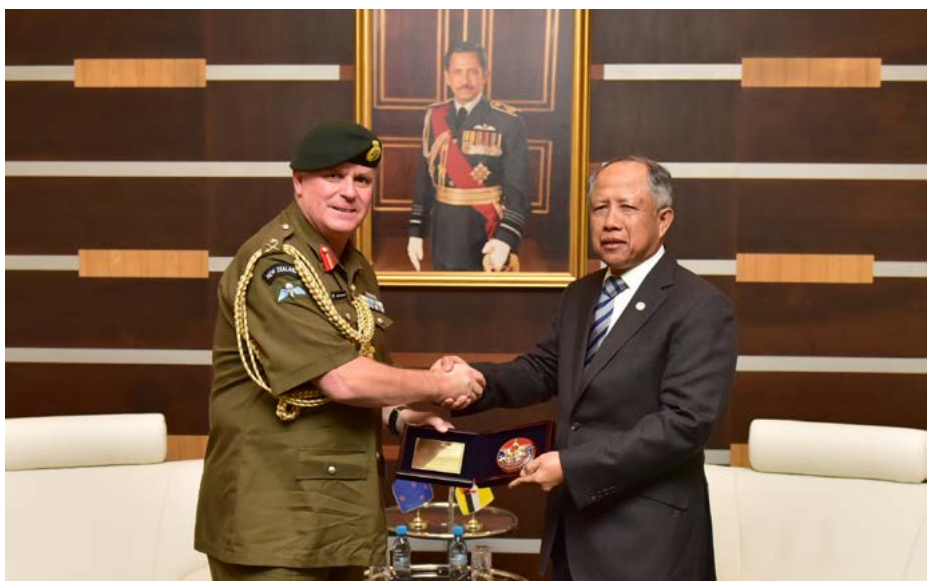
## Courtesy Call to Second Minister of Defence from Chief of New Zealand Army

**BOLKIAH GARISON, October 16** - Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, the Second Minister of Defence received a courtesy call from Major General John Raymond Boswell, Chief of Army, New Zealand Defence Force.

During the call, the Second Minister of Defence conveyed his congratulatory wishes to Major General John Boswell on his recent appointment as the Chief of Army, New Zealand Defence Force.

Both sides also expressed pleasure over the positive progress in bilateral defence relations between Brunei Darussalam and New Zealand, notably through activities such as exchange of visits by defence and military officials, port visits as well as attendance to courses and trainings.

As part of the visit, Major General John Boswell also paid a call on the Brigadier General (U) Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Hamzah bin Haji Sahat, Acting Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed



Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Second Minister of Defence with Major General John Raymond Boswell, Chief of Army, New Zealand Defence Force.

Forces (RBAF), to reaffirm the military ties between both armed forces.

September 10.

Major General John Boswell's appointment as Chief of Army, New Zealand Defence Force, took effect on

He is in Brunei Darussalam to witness the ongoing 'Leadership Exercise' between RBAF and New Zealand Defence Force Officer Cadets.