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BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, August 14 – His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to the formation of the Vision 2035 Council (*Majlis Wawasan 2035*) that would work closely with the National Development Plan Executive Committee and the PENGGERAK Unit of the Prime Minister's Office.

His Majesty said the main role of the council was to assist the implementation of efforts by the agencies of His Majesty's Government towards achieving the objectives of the Vision 2035 in an intensive and systematic way.

His Majesty announced the mandate in a *titah* (royal speech) at the Audience and Investiture Ceremony in conjunction with His Majesty's 68th birthday held at the Balai Singgahsana, Istana Nurul Iman.

His Majesty also underscored a number of the country's positive achievements in various fields.

In economy, His Majesty said the objective of the country was to be a dynamic economic power among the top 10 in the world in terms of per capita income.

In education, His Majesty consented to the Scheme of Service for Public High Institutes of Higher Learning Academic Work Force, the establishment of Brunei Technical Education Institute Order and the Education Loan Scheme Facility.

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's birthday anniversary was a major event that was very much awaited and anticipated by the people of the country.

His Majesty was born on July 15, but the celebrations were postponed due to the holy month of Ramadan.



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His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consents to inspect the parade comprised of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, the Royal Brunei Police Force, government departments and uniformed civilian organisations at the Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin in Bandar Seri Begawan.

In a show of respect for the holy month, the royal birthday celebration was rescheduled to August 14.

However, July 15 was still observed for its significance as the actual date of the monarch's birthday.

The sultanate celebrated His Majesty's birthday with the traditional parade in the capital, which was decorated with arches, colourful banners and posters, and billboards, and His Majesty consented to grace the ceremony.

The presence of the flocks of people

at the capital added the excitement to the celebratory atmosphere.

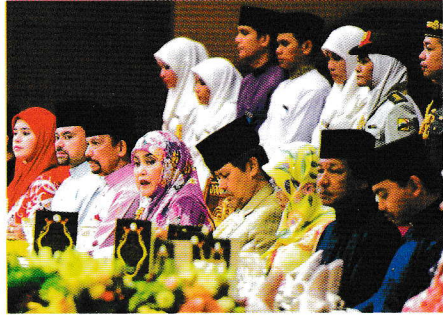
About 6,000 students also lined-up the road leading to Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin, waving small National Flags to greet His Majesty.

Accompanying His Majesty were His Royal Highness Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, The Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; His Royal Highness

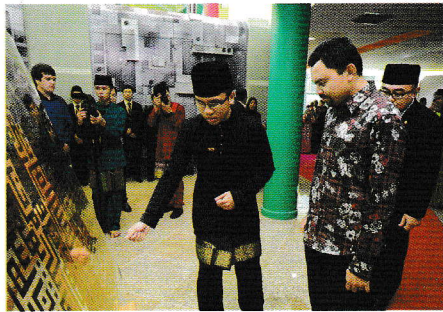
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His Majesty receives audiences

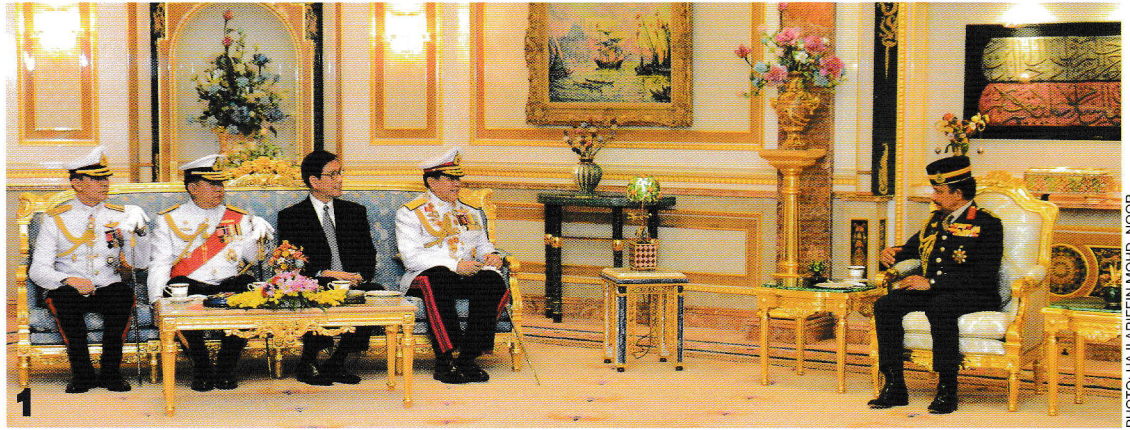


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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam received audiences at the Istana Nurul Iman from:

1. His Excellency General Tanasak Patimapragorn, the Chief of Defence Force of the Royal Thai Armed Forces.
2. His Excellency Kanjeng Raden Mas Tumenggung Roy Suryo Notodiprojo, Minister of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Indonesia.

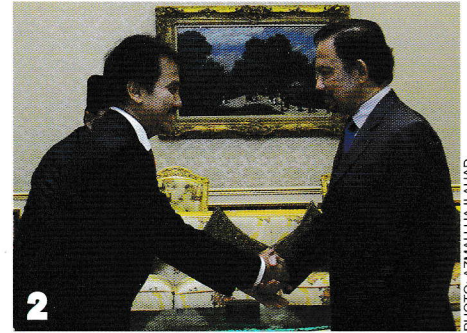


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Her Majesty The Raja Isteri receives audiences

Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha received audiences at the Istana Nurul Iman from:

1. Ibu Ismarindayani Priyanti, the spouse of the Minister of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Indonesia,
2. Mrs. Penlaskana Patimapragorn, the spouse of the Chief of Defence Force of the Royal Thai Armed Forces,

His Majesty sends congratulatory messages

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam sent congratulatory messages to:

- President of the Republic of Singapore, His Excellency Dr. Tony Tan Keng Yam and Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong and the government and people of the Republic of Singapore in conjunction with the 49th National Day of the Republic of Singapore on August 8.
- President of the Republic of Indonesia, His Excellency Dato Laila Utama Dr. Haji Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and the government and people of the Republic of Indonesia in conjunction with the 69th National Day of the Republic of Indonesia on August 17.
- His Excellency General Prayuth Chan-ocha, following his appointment as Prime Minister of Thailand on August 25.
- His Majesty Alhaj Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah ibni Sultan Badlishah, Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia the XIV and the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Mohd. Najib and the government and people of Malaysia, in conjunction with the anniversary of Malaysia's 57th Independence Day on August 31.

Their Majesties receive in audience



PHOTO: HERNIE SULIANA HAJI OTHMAN

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, August 15 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha received audience from invited foreign dignitaries attending His Majesty's 68th birthday anniversary.

The audience took place at the Istana Nurul Iman.

The Right Honourable Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Abdul Taib bin Mahmud, the Chief Minister of Sarawak and spouse, Puan Sri Raghad Kurdi Taib.

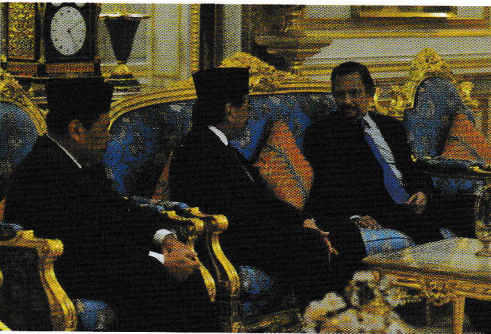


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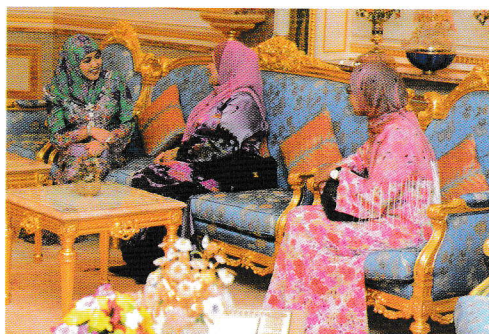


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The Right Honourable Datuk Seri Paduka Dato' Seri Penglima Haji Musa bin Haji Aman, the Chief Minister of Sabah and spouse, Datin Hajjah Faridah binti Haji Tussin.



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The Right Honourable Dato' Seri Paduka Anifah Aman, the Foreign Minister of Malaysia and spouse, Datin Seri Siti Rubiah binti Datuk Abdul Samad.



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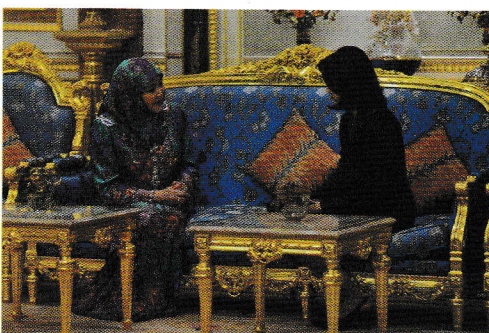


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His Excellency Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources of Singapore and spouse, Mrs. Chia Oon Su Joy.



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His Excellency Jose Rene Almendras, the Cabinet Secretary of Republic of Philippines and spouse, Mrs. Lourdes V Almendras.

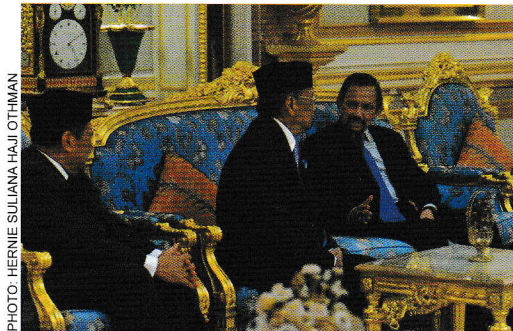


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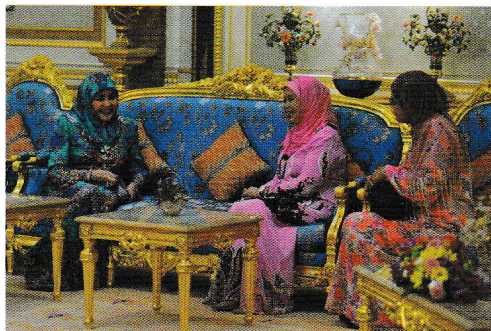


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The Right Honourable Tan Sri Datuk Amar (Dr.) Haji Adenan Haji Satem, the Sarawak Chief Minister and spouse, Puan Sri Dato Hajah Jamilah binti Haji Anu.



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His Excellency (Rtd.) Lieutenant General Sjafrie Sjamsudin, the Deputy Minister of Defence of Republic of Indonesia and spouse, Ibu Etty Sudyati Sjafrie Sjamsudin.

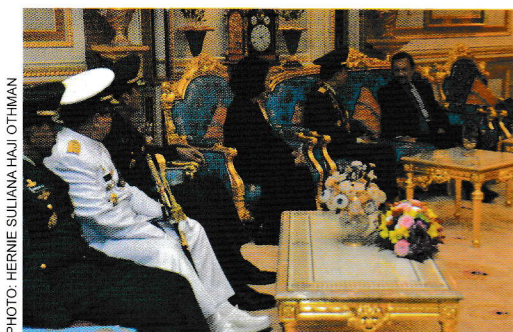


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His Excellency General Dr. Moeldoko, the Chief of Tentera Nasional Indonesia and spouse, Ibu Koes Moeldoko.



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

His Majesty then consented to inspect the traditional parade, which was the curtain raiser to the events that were scheduled for the celebration.

The parade comprised of the personnel of the Royal Brunei Land Force, the Royal Brunei Navy, the Royal Brunei Air Force, the Royal Brunei Police Force and government departments, as well as uniformed civilian organisations.

The involvement of 1,037 people in this year's traditional parade showed the people's determination to make the celebration a great success.

The highlight of the parade was a drill demonstration and march past in front of the royal dais.

Prior to His Majesty's departure from the capital to the Istana Nurul Iman for the investiture ceremony, the national anthem was played through the stillness of the crowd, only to be stirred by the climax of the parade, which was the fly past by the Royal Brunei Air Force's planes and helicopters emitting colourful smoke to mark the conclusion of the official start to the royal birthday celebration.

His Majesty's 68th birthday celebration included series of events such as the get-together session with His Majesty in all the districts.

The first session was held in Belait District on August 17 at the Municipal Field while the session in Tutong was held on August 19 at the Tutong Community Hall's open field.

The Temburong session was held on August 21 at the open field of the Bangar Town Community Hall and lastly, at Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin on August 24 in Bandar Seri Begawan.



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His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Raja Isteri with the royal household at the Audience and Investiture Ceremony held at Balai Singgahsana, Istana Nurul Iman (top above). His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivers a *titah* at the ceremony (above).

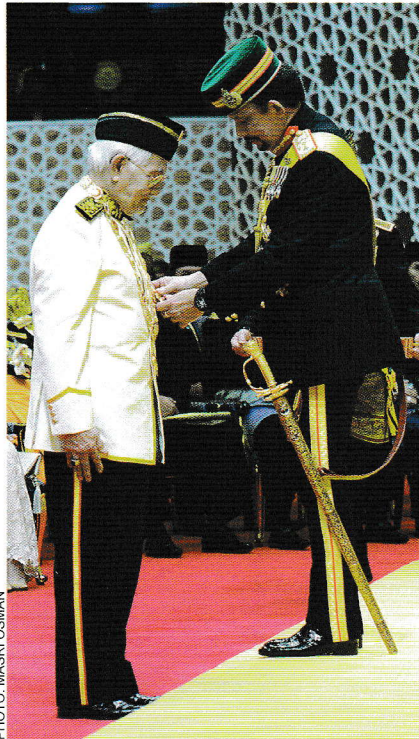


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His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam confers Darjah Kerabat Laila Utama Yang Amat Di-hormati (DK) to Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Abdul Taib bin Mahmud, the Sarawak Governor (above) and senior officials at the Audience and Conferment Ceremony at Istana Nurul Iman (right).



PHOTO: MOHD. SAHRIZAL HAJI SAID



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His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam confers Darjah Setia Negara Brunei Yang Amat Bahagia Darjah Ketiga (SNB) to Awang Haji Harun bin Haji Junid, Deputy Permanent Secretary Ministry of Religious Affairs, and Darjah Seri Ugama Islam Negara Brunei Yang Amat Bersinar Darjah Ketiga (SSUB) to Hajah Sinega binti Haji Swadi, Head of Religious Schools, Department of Islamic Studies.

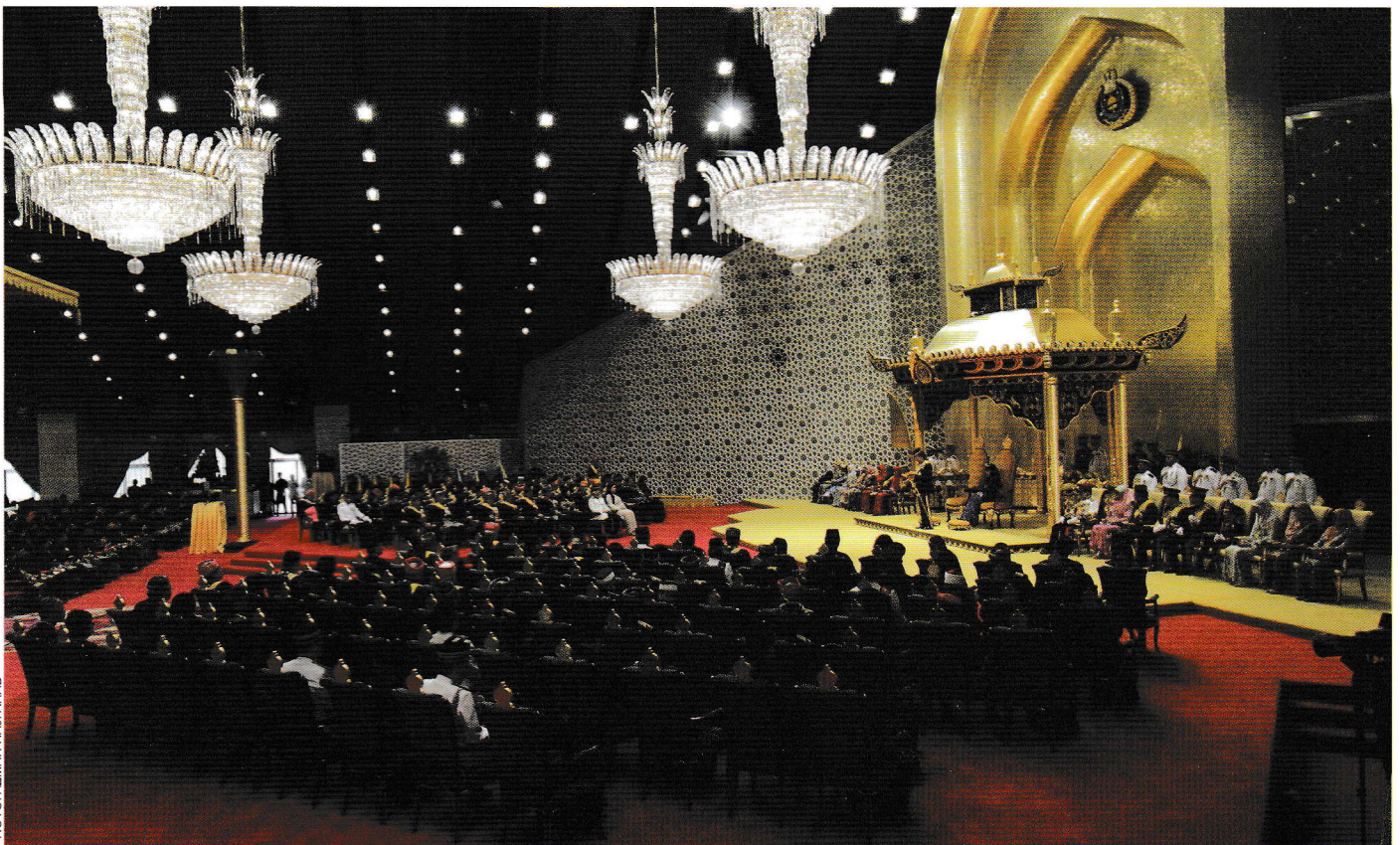


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The Audience and Investiture Ceremony at Istana Nurul Iman.

Banquet ceremony to celebrate His Majesty's 68th birthday

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Their Majesties and members of the royal family consent to attend a state banquet for uniformed personnel of government departments and civil organisations.

ISTANA NURUL IMAN, August 14 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah and Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha consented to attend a state banquet held in conjunction with His Majesty's 68th birthday anniversary.

Prior to the state banquet, Their Majesties received in audience the invited foreign dignitaries.

A banquet for uniformed personnel of government department and civilian organisations was also held on August 16.



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His Majesty 68th birthday anniversary: Meet-the-people session

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Belait District on August 17.



Tutong District on August 19.

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Temburong District on August 21.



Bandar Seri Begawan on August 24.

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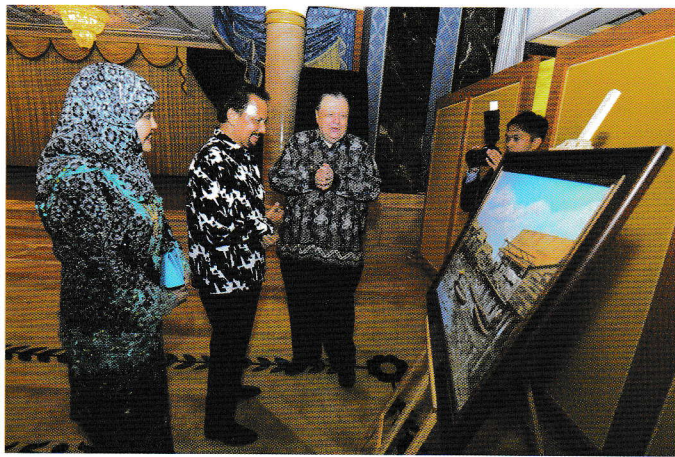


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His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Raja Isteri with the heads of foreign missions in Brunei Darussalam (above). Their Majesties consent to receive a *pasambah* (gift) from the diplomats presented by His Excellency Victor A. Seleznev, Ambassador of the Russian Federation as Dean of the Diplomatic Corps (top).

Diplomatic missions hold special reception in honour of monarch's birthday

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, August 27 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha consented to attend a reception at the Royal Berkshire, Royal Brunei Polo and Riding Club in Jerudong.

The reception ceremony was an annual tradition organised and presented by Brunei-based foreign diplomats in conjunction with His Majesty's 68th birthday anniversary.

Their Majesties were greeted by the High Commissioners and Ambassadors of foreign nations to the country and spouses, led by the Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Victor A. Seleznev, as Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

As the representative of the diplomatic missions, His Excellency expressed his appreciation in his welcoming address before His Majesty for his wise leadership.

He said that he was impressed by His Majesty's Government's efforts towards

prosperity through economic progress, religion and culture, apart from maintaining social prosperity and traditional values.

His Excellency also expressed his very deep appreciation for the hospitality, honour, generosity and friendship that Their Majesties had shown, as well as the friendship extended by His Majesty's Government and citizens towards the diplomatic community.

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty The Raja Isteri also consented to receive a *pasambah* (gift) in the form of a painting of Kampung Ayer as a sign of respect from the diplomats towards the uniqueness of the Brunei culture.

Brunei Darussalam's strong foreign policy constitutes an important element in strengthening relations and cooperation with other countries.

The country has always practised the policy of friendly relationship with other countries, and has always respected their rights without interfering in their internal affairs regardless of their ideologies,

beliefs and races.

With such a policy, the country is known to the world and has been successful in further strengthening and enhancing the existing relations.

Since achieving independence, Brunei Darussalam has established diplomatic relations widely with foreign nations throughout the world.

His Majesty, in his *titah* at the Audience and Investiture Ceremony on August 14, stressed that Brunei Darussalam would continue to maintain the policy of friendship and mutual respect with foreign nations, besides strengthening cooperation in various fields and levels for mutual peace and well-being.

The reception ceremony, above all, reflected the sense of deep respect and appreciation to His Majesty and Her Majesty as well as members of the royal family, the government, citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam for the hospitality, honour and friendship accorded to the diplomats.



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His Majesty with the national football team manager.

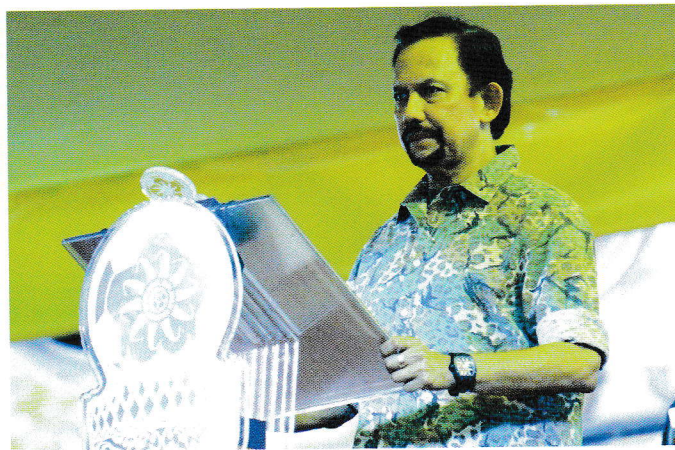


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His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam officiating the opening ceremony of Hassanal Bolkiah Trophy (HBT) at Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium in Berakas.

Hassanal Bolkiah Trophy 5th Edition

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, August 9 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to officially launch the Hassanal Bolkiah Trophy (HBT) for ASEAN Youths Football Tournament 2014.

The ceremony took place at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium in Berakas.

Upon his arrival at the stadium, His Majesty was greeted by His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, the President of National Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (NFABD).

His Royal Highness Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, The Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel and Her Royal Highness Princess Ameerah Wardatul Bolkiah were also present.

His Majesty was also welcomed by the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Pehin Orang Kaya Pekerma Laila Diraja Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Hazair bin Haji Abdullah and members of the HBT organising committee.



PHOTO: HAJI ARIFFIN MOHD. NOOR

His Majesty is introduced to the team from Cambodia by His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah and the Minister of Culture, Youth and sports.

The HBT football tournament was jointly organised by the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, and NFABD.

The HBT fifth edition, an under-21 football tournament, featured youth teams from 11 ASEAN member countries.

The games were held at three locations throughout the tournament, namely the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium, Berakas Sports Complex and Track and Field Sports Complex.

More than 10,000 fans turned up to watch the final match between the two best teams in the tournament, Myanmar and Vietnam, which took place at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium.

Myanmar emerged as champion after beating Vietnam 4-3.

The champion received a cheque of BND20,000 and a trophy while the runner-up received BND10,000 and a trophy.



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His Majesty consents to present a cheque of BND20,000 to the 5th HBT champion (above), and His Royal Highness The Crown Prince consents to award a medal to one of the players.



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His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Raja Isteri and other royal family at the Hari Raya Celebration organised by Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah:

Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah celebrates Aidilfitri

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, August 23 – Citizens of Brunei Darussalam particularly youths and students are urged not to lightly take the matter of *berkat* or blessings, which are greater than any worldly material gain and all the good things such as security, peace and prosperity come from the blessings.

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam highlighted the matter at an Aidilfitri celebration ceremony hosted by Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah.

His Majesty and Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam consented to attend the ceremony, which took place at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Berakas.

His Royal Highness Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, The Crown Prince and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah and Pengiran Bini Hajah Faizah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel and Her Royal Highness Princess Ameerah

Wardatul Bolkiah were present.

Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam and other members of the royal family also attended the ceremony.

The Chairman of Board of Directors of Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, who is also the Minister of Development, Pehin Orang Kaya Indera Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Suyoi bin Haji Osman, in his welcoming address, touched on the theme of the celebration portraying the role of a leader.

The minister said that effective leaders were those who led their followers towards achieving the objective of their organisations.

The theme was set to recognise and appreciate their roles besides improving the understanding of His Majesty's aspiration and the importance of a leader's responsibility and role in leading an organisation, association, institution, school, mosque or workplace.

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in his *titah* also reminded the citizens and residents to always be thankful for the blessings they enjoyed.

All the blessings enjoyed by the people in the country, His Majesty added, came from Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala.

Their Majesties then consented to watch a video entitled 'Kepimpinan Melalui Tauladan' or 'Leadership by Example'.

The 10-minute video depicted the achievements and success of the nation under His Majesty's wise leadership.

It is hoped that His Majesty's leadership ways would continue to be upheld and used as an example by leaders at all levels in the country, from those at the upper level to those at the grass-root level.

The ceremony was highlighted with singing presentations and drama performances by 150 pupils and students of the Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah kindergarten, primary and secondary schools.

Among the performances presented was a drama sketch entitled 'Generation with Vision', which conveyed the message of encouragement for youths to participate in several training programmes such as the National Service Programme (PKBN).

The programme would enable youths to develop positive values and self-discipline, apart from cultivating the caring attitude and volunteerism among members of the community.

This drama also highlighted the need for youths to learn self-motivation and achieve a high level of self-confidence as these are the main qualities towards becoming a leader.

At this ceremony, Their Majesties as well as members of the royal family also consented to view an exhibition themed 'Leadership'.

The Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, with the cooperation of various agencies, organised 23 exhibition booths showcasing the patterns of school leadership and leadership in general according to Islamic *syaria*.

The Department of Schools, Ministry of Education, Sultan Sharif Ali Islamic University (UNISSA), Institut Teknologi Brunei (ITB), Politeknik Brunei, Institute of Leadership and Innovation Development, Youth and Sports Department, and the Mosque Affairs Department were among the agencies taking part in the exhibition.

During the ceremony, His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty The Raja Isteri also consented to receive Hari Raya

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Students from Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah performing at the event.

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His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a *tithah* (royal speech) at the 11th Sovereign's Parade ceremony.



PHOTO: MOHD. SAHRIZAL HAJI SAID

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) consents to present Sword of Honour to Cadet Officer Mohd. Qamarulariffin bin Haji Ramli.



PHOTO: HAMZAH MOHIDDIN

His Majesty conversing with a newly commissioned cadet officer.



PHOTO: MOHD. SAHRIZAL HAJI SAID

His Majesty consents to present an award to the best in academic studies to Cadet Officer Adibah binti Haji Mohammad.

His Majesty graces sovereign's parade of 11th OCS intake

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, August 28 - The Royal Brunei Armed Forces' (RBAF) Defence Academy needs to continue upgrading its training and instructions, and measures should be studied in detail so that they could fulfil the mission and vision of its establishment in line with the nation's aspirations.

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the RBAF, said these when His Majesty consented to officiate the 11th intake of Officers Cadets Sovereign's Parade of the RBAF's Defence Academy at the Officer Cadet School (OCS).

The 'Leadership Model' as His Majesty highlighted was related to the OCS in its efforts to strengthen leadership through the formation of military officers.

This effort was very relevant as leadership determined the effectiveness of the defence institution, His Majesty stressed.

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in his royal address also congratulated 17 officer cadets of the 11th intake who had undergone intensive training for 42 weeks.

His Majesty added that the event was a significant historic moment for each of the officers who would be the future leaders of the RBAF.

The sovereign's parade was the climax of the RBAF's efforts towards equipping the officer cadets with knowledge, faith, professionalism and leadership skills.

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam also consented to present awards to the best officer cadet in each course.

His Majesty consented to present the Sword of Honour to Officer Cadet Muhammad Qamarulariffin bin Haji Ramli who made the highest achievement in basic military training, academic and physical aspects and in all aspects of phase two training. The award was the

highest accolade for excellence presented to an officer cadet.

Officer Cadet Adibah binti Haji Mohammad received the award for best in academic studies.

His Majesty also consented to present the award for the best in military skills to Officer Cadet Noria Fatriah binti Haji Abdul Mutalif.

Meanwhile, the award for the best in fitness training was given to Officer Cadet Nurulaini binti Haji Mohammad Zain.

After receiving the final royal salute before leaving the parade square, His Majesty proceeded to the Sungai Akar Officers' Mess, where he consented to receive a *pasambah* (gift) entitled 'Khazanatuz-Zamain' in the shape of an hourglass embedded in a circular capsule.

The hourglass symbolises the value of time, while the touch of capsule represents the movement of time through changes, as well as globalisation.



Crown Prince launches UBD Convocation Festival

His Royal Highness The Crown Prince consents to officiate UBD Convocation Festival in conjunction with UBD's 26th convocation ceremony.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, August 16 - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office as the Pro-Chancellor of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) consented to launch the UBD Convocation Festival in conjunction with the 26th UBD Convocation 2014.

His Royal Highness then consented to officiate the festival that was themed 'Youth With Vision'.

It aimed to highlight the university's role in the nation as a focal point for youths to gather and work towards their visions for the future.

During his visit, His Royal Highness also consented to launch the university's new mobile application that features a three-dimensional virtual map of the university to assist students, especially new recruits to navigate the university campus.

The convocation festival also included displays of new technology courtesy of the Faculty of Science, which comprised of virtual museum, as well as student research projects on significant topics such as cancer 'biomarkers', preservation of biodiversity and *halal* biotechnology.

Various activities were organised including *Khatam Al-Quran* and *Doa Kesyukur* ceremony to bless the graduates and their future endeavor, a blood donation campaign and the UBD



His Royal Highness consents to view an exhibition at the festival.

Green Run, a charity run to promote healthy and green living.

It also included a 'Creative Islam' and 'The Colours of UBD' video competition, and also a cultural event that highlighted local-inspired activities such as kite flying and *gulin-tangan*.

Upon his arrival at UBD's Integrated Science Building, His Royal Highness

was greeted by the Minister of Education, Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apang; Permanent Secretary (Higher Education) at the Ministry of Education, Dato Paduka Dr. Haji Zulkarnain bin Haji Hanafi and UBD Vice Chancellor and Dean of Student Affairs UBD, Awang Ahmad Faisal bin Haji Zainal Abidin.

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(Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkih celebrates Aidilfitri)

Aidilfitri greetings and *junjung ziarah* from those present.

Upon arrival at the ICC, Their Majesties were greeted by the Minister of Development, members of the Administrative Committee and members of the Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkih Board of Directors.

The ceremony began with the State Mufti, Pehin Datu Seri Maharaja Dato Paduka Seri Setia Dr. Ustaz Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned reading the Surah Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat.

This year, the Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkih invited 1,200

participants from several categories of leaders representing the government and private sectors; religious institutions and mosques; educational institutions and schools, including student leaders, as well as leaders of community and association.

The selection of participants from among community leaders to attend the ceremony aimed to familiarise them with the qualities of His Majesty's wise leadership as an example from an exemplary leader in implementing the trust and responsibility towards the people.

It also aimed to enhance the understanding of His Majesty's stance on the importance of the leaders' responsibility and role in leading the people towards excellence and development of self-esteem, of the race and nation.

This year was the 11th Aidilfitri celebration held by Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkih since 2003, which highlights the different clusters of the community each year and it involved participants from the clusters identified as of interest in generating mutual well-being.



His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah at the 47th AMM at the International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.



HRH Prince Mohamed Bolkiah at 47th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in Myanmar

MYANMAR, August 8 - His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade consented to attend the opening ceremony of the 47th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting at the International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

After the opening ceremony, His Royal Highness consented to join other ASEAN Foreign Ministers for a courtesy call with the President of Myanmar, His Excellency U Thein Sein.

His Excellency said that from an

organisation that promoted cooperation in the beginning, ASEAN today was striving for integration and was gaining success.

The integration efforts, he added, would become more apparent in the coming years.

During the 47th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, His Royal Highness attended the Meeting of the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ) Commission, and the plenary and retreat session of the meeting.

His Royal Highness also held

a bilateral meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, His Excellency Pham Binh Minh and Thailand's Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Sihasak Phuangkitkeow.

Meanwhile, Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah attended the spouses' programme which included visits to the National Landmark and Gems Museum.

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His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, His Excellency Pham Binh Minh.



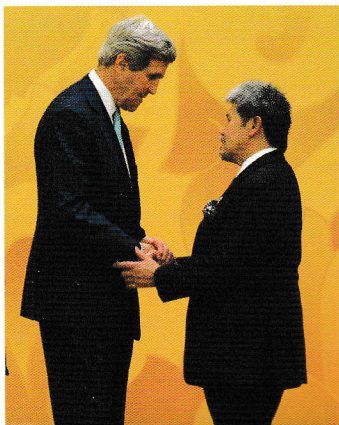
His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah with the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand, His Excellency Sihasak Phuangkitkeow.

HRH co-chairs ASEAN-India meeting

MYANMAR, August 8 - His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, co-chaired the ASEAN-India Post Ministerial Conference with India's Minister of External Affairs, His Excellency Sushma Swaraj at the International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

His Royal Highness also attended the 15th ASEAN Plus Three Foreign Ministers' Meeting and the ASEAN-United States Post Ministerial Conference.





His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkihah with His Excellency John Kerry, US Secretary of State.

He also held bilateral meetings with Her Excellency Julie Bishop, the Australian Minister of Foreign Affairs; Her Excellency Sushma Swaraj and His Excellency Wang Yi, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China.

In the evening, His Royal Highness, accompanied by Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah, attended a gala dinner hosted by Myanmar Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Wunna Maung Lwin and his wife, Madam Daw Lynn Lynn Tin.

Other foreign delegates and their spouses, who attended the 47th ASEAN Ministerial meeting and related meetings, were also present.



His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkihah with Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, His Excellency Wang Yi.



His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkihah with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Australia, the Honourable Julie Bishop (left), and Minister for Foreign Affairs of India, Her Excellency Sushma Swaraj (right).



Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade attends 6th Global Forum

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His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkihah at the 6th Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilisations (UNAOC).



His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkihah consents to attend the Dinner and Cultural Night during the forum.

BALI, August 29 – His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkihah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, attended the opening session of the 6th Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of the Civilisations (UNAOC) in Bali, Republic of Indonesia.

After the inauguration of the forum by the Indonesian President, His Excellency Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, His Royal Highness attended the forum's ministerial meeting.

In his *sabda* (speech), His Royal Highness underscored that the process of regionalism and globalism had brought many improvements, as well as new worries and fears.

His Royal Highness also expressed Brunei Darussalam's appreciation to the alliance's role in building and giving self-confidence to ordinary people in developing a future that would respect all faiths, cultures and societies.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN), His Excellency Ban Ki-Moon

and Prime Minister of the Democratic of Timor-Leste, His Excellency Kay Rala Xanana Gumso attended the forum.

Deputy prime ministers, ministers and representatives from 130 countries and several international organisations and the United Nations, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the European Union (EU) were also present.

During the forum, the members of the UNAOC Partner Group adopted the Bali Declaration on the Alliance of Civilisations,

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His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, accompanied by Her Highness Pengiran Anak Mansurah Izzul Bolkiah consent to attend the Dinner and Cultural Night.

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reaffirming its commitment to support the coalition's mandate and authentic identity in line with the theme of the forum, 'Unity in Diversity: Celebrating Diversity in Values Shared'.

His Royal Highness also consented to join a luncheon hosted by the Indonesian President.

In the evening, His Royal Highness consented to attend the Global Forum Dinner and Cultural Evening, hosted by Indonesian Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Dr. Marty Natalegawa.

Heads of states from the South East Asia region, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and heads of UNAOOC who attended the 6th Global Forum also attended the dinner.

His Royal Highness was accompanied by his daughter, Her Highness Pengiran Anak Mansurah Izzul Bolkiah.

Girl Guides Association of Brunei Darussalam celebrates 5th Community Day

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, August 29 – The Girl Guides Association of Brunei Darussalam (PPPBD) commemorated its 5th Community Day celebration in a ceremony held at its headquarters in Kampung Anggerek Desa.

The PPPBD President, Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna consented to attend the ceremony.

The PPPBD Chief Commissioner, Hajah Siti Hafsa binti Haji Abdul Halim in her welcoming speech explained that within a period of six years, the projects of the association had implemented several community projects.

She added that almost of the projects recommended by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), which complied with themes from the United Nations Millennium Goals, had also been implemented.

The association's most recent community project, 'Guiding for Community', carried out simultaneously across the Brunei-Muara, Belait and Tutong Districts last year, saw members involved in a three-day cleaning campaign at cemeteries, mosques and beaches, as well as the homes of single mothers and the underprivileged.

She explained that these projects were a criterion for Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Award, but there was no one eligible in the Young Leader Unit, Girl Guides and Ranger Guides Company or Brownie Packs to receive the award.

This was due to the respective Guiding Leaders not being able to contribute their full commitment due to their own careers. However, the Award Evaluation Committee would review

the award criteria so that it could be carried out properly and PPPBD members could understand the purposes of the ongoing community projects.

Dayang Hajah Siti Hafsa also shared a new community project plan where community projects could be carried out by any members regardless of age and rank.

"This is because each member is a beneficiary hope to channel the spirit of PPPBD to generations to come," she said.

Among the projects that had been implemented is 'Project *Telekung*', which was founded by members of the association. *Telekung* is a muslim female prayer attire

The founding members were inspired to start the project when they stopped to pray in mosques after conducting activities outside the district. They discovered that there were some mosques that did not have the means to provide *telekung*. Even if there was, the respected *telekung* were left in unhygienic conditions.

Due to the concerns, the Young Leader members proposed and made the paperwork to carry out community projects including contributing, collecting and cleaning *telekung* twice a month at the PPPBD headquarters.

At the ceremony, Her Royal Highness with the members of the royal family also consented to witness the activities carried out by Brownie, Girl Guides, Ranger Guides and Young Leaders producing art crafts and colouring activities, and attaching pictures of community events such as helping flood victims.

The highlight of the 5th Community Day celebration was Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah cutting a cake to mark the anniversary of her birthday.

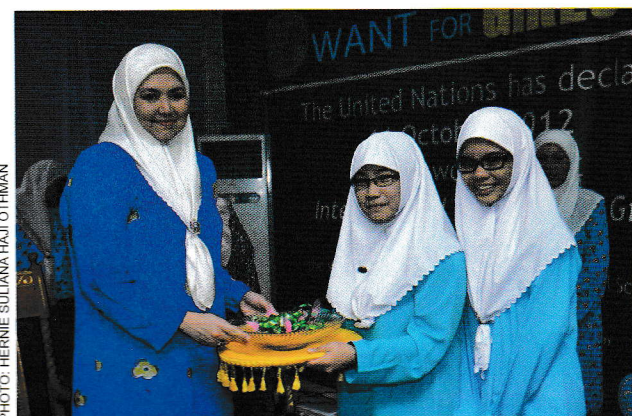


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Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah consents to receive handicrafts made of pandan leaves from the members of the Girl Guides Association.

Brunei-Thailand celebrate its 30th year relationship

GADONG, August 18 – A watercolour painting exhibition was held at Rizqun International Hotel in conjunction with the establishment of diplomatic relations between Brunei Darussalam and Thailand on its 30th year.

Thai Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Apichart Phetcharatana said as the two countries were together to achieve the ASEAN Community in 2015, the

creation of 'people-centered' ASEAN was one of the key elements in the process and the relationship of 'people-to-people' must be nurtured.

He said the exhibition could create understanding between the people of the two countries through the work of art, which was a 'universal' language.

The exhibition showcased the collection of watercolour-paintings by Dr. Suchart Vongthong and Phunsee Vongthong.

Dr. Suchart Vongthong stayed in the country for five days to enjoy the atmosphere of Brunei and was specially invited to the Ceremonial Honour Parade and His Majesty's 68th birthday anniversary dinner ceremony.

More than 30 paintings were displayed at the exhibition. The paintings symbolised a close long-standing relationship between Brunei and Thailand.

The Deputy Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Datin Paduka Hajah Adina binti Haji Osman also attended the exhibition opening.



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The Deputy Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports at the exhibition that brings together a collection of watercolour paintings by Dr. Suchart Vongthong and Phunsee Vongthong.

Computing in Model Schools project launched

RIMBA, August 20 – Students must have the skills to analyse and evaluate information and ideas creatively to enable them to make decisions on career choices that fit with the family, society, culture and religion.

The Minister of Education, Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong stated these during the launch of the project 'Computing In Model Schools' (CIMS).

The minister said teachers needed to use educational pedagogy and instructional practices involving the suitability of the learning environment and education of advanced technology for the students to attain new skills.

He also stated that over a period of 14 months, the ministry had found an amazing transformation in the selected classrooms as part of the CIMS project.

The minister explained that there were several important findings from the project and CIMS teachers had started making more approaches to student learning.

At the ceremony, the minister presented certificates to principals of model schools for the success of 'Leadership Professional Learning' and 'Teacher Professional Learning'.

The schools include Wasan Vocational School, Rimba II Secondary School, Seria Primary School, Perpindahan Kampung Bukit Beruang II Primary School, Tutong Primary School and Sultan Hashim Batu Apoi Primary School, Temburong.

A total of 90 teachers and school leaders with 330 students from early childhood education, primary, lower secondary and vocational educations were involved in the project.

Teaching and learning in the 21st century focuses on engaging students in real-world situations, problem-solving activities that would inspire them to take a more active role in learning.

In addition, it also focuses on building a community where students learn with the help of a variety of technology and media.

The CIMS project is one of the schemes under the E-Hijrah, an initiative for ICT in Education for national development in Brunei.



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The Minister of Education looking at students browsing the media using technology.

Inauguration of newfangled rice milling facility

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, August 21 - The Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Haji Yahya bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar officiated the inauguration ceremony of the launching of the new rice milling processing complex at the Wasan Paddy Mill Centre in Jalan Limau Manis.

The new complex has a grind capacity of 3.5 metric tonnes of paddy per hour.

It would enable the sultanate to achieve its projected level of self-sufficiency up to 20 per cent with 5,800 metric tonnes of rice per annum.

The complex is estimated to produce local paddy with an efficient rate while at the same time enabling the personnel to maintain tight quality control under the strictest possible scrutiny.

The project costed approximately BND5,010,270, which included the purchase, supply and assembly of the machineries.

The minister also revealed that the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources (MIPR) was planning to build a high capacity rice milling facility that



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The Minister of Industry and Primary Resources at the new rice milling processing complex.

would allow the sultanate to increase its self-sufficiency in rice production from the current five per cent to 60 per cent (equivalent to 18,000 metric tonnes) in 2015.

The planned facility would have a capacity of 7.5 metric tonnes per hour and MIPR is looking to build the centre near

the new rice milling complex in Kampung Wasan.

Brunei Darussalam's current rice output only accounts for five per cent of local consumption.

The sultanate imports most of its rice from Thailand and recently started purchasing from Vietnam and Cambodia.



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The Minister of Education with His Excellency Datuk Awang Sahak cutting a cake at the reception ceremony.

Malaysian Independence Day Reception

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, August 31 - The Malaysian High Commission in Brunei Darussalam held a reception ceremony on Malaysia's 57th Independence Day at Rizqun International Hotel in Gadong.

The Minister of Education, Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong represented the Government of His

Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the ceremony.

The High Commissioner of Malaysia to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Datuk Awang Sahak bin Awang Salleh in his speech said that the opening of the Brunei Darussalam - Malaysia Friendship Bridge symbolised the close and special relationship between both countries.

The bridge, officiated by His Majesty and the Prime Minister of Malaysia clearly portrays the friendship that has long been fostered by the two countries.

His Excellency also expressed his hope that the bilateral relations between Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia would continue in the future.

Government seals contract of Implementation on Global Air Navigation Plan

The Minister of Communications witnessing the exchanging of signed documents between the Government of His Majesty and Thales Australia Limited / ESG Engineering Private Limited.



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JERUDONG, August 30 - The Government of His Majesty signed a contract with Thales Australia Limited / ESC Engineering Sdn. Bhd. for the implementation of the Global Air Navigation Plan for Communication, Navigation, Surveillance / Air Traffic Management System (CNS / ATM) and Related Services for the Department of Civil Aviation Brunei Darussalam.

The signing ceremony was held at the Empire Hotel and Country Club in Jerudong.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Communications, Awang Abdul Mutalib bin Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Setia Dato Paduka Haji Mohd. Yusof signed on behalf of His Majesty's Government, which was witnessed by the Acting Director of Civil Aviation, Awang Haji Abdul Karim bin Wahab.

Meanwhile, Mr. Vitas Rernglertrpricha

signed for Thales Australia Limited and Awang Harris bin Dato Hamid represented ESC Engineering Sdn. Bhd, which was witnessed by Mr. David Roy Kurian of ESC Engineering Sdn. Bhd.

The Minister of Communications, Pehin Orang Kaya Hamzah Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdullah bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar; the Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Communications, Awang Mohd. Riza bin Dato Paduka Haji Mohd. Yunos and directors, heads of departments and senior officials of the government and private sectors were also present at the signing ceremony.

The BND25 million project is expected to be completed within 18 months.

It will include a new ATM system with a new job position as a supervisor, which will limit the manual service by providing modern support tools and

linked data to supervisors; enhancing the communication, navigation and surveillance system, which will be capable of producing better coverage at lower elevations, contingency configuration in the event of failure in the main system; and the training ability to use the new simulator and 3D tower simulator.

The implementation of the project would help realise the department's vision to be at the forefront of aviation safety and to meet the challenges of managing the increasing amount of flights and passengers in the future.

The project also complies with the ministry's core strategies of orderly infrastructure development, operations enhancement, as well as providing a safe, secure and clean environment for air transport in particular.

ASEAN Tourism Human Resource Development programme launched

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, August 25 - Brunei Tourism under the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources (MIPR) launched the ASEAN Tourism Human Resources Development programme at the Radisson Hotel in the capital.

The programme included a



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Among the participants attending the ASEAN Tourism Human Resource Development programme.

presentation on the 'Korea Tourism', 'Korean Culture', and 'Korean Language' for tourism professionals associated with Indonesia and Brunei and was attended by about 60 participants from each country.

The lecture on 'Korean Culture' offered an in depth analysis on tourism trends and prospects of the Republic of Korea's tourism market and also a general overview of their culture including traditions, life-style, etiquette and manners.

The 'Korean Language' lecture provided practical South Korea expressions that could be utilised in day-to-day communication with Korean tourists.

According to a press release from the ASEAN-Korea centre, the number of Koreans travelling to the ASEAN region is increasing annually, with 4.9 million

tourists from the Republic of Korea recorded in 2013.

The opening ceremony was presented by MIPR Special Duties Senior Officer, Dayang Noraini binti Haji Tersad.

The programme was organised by the HRD in collaboration with the MIPR and the Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy of Indonesia and Bali Tourism Board.

It is held in five ASEAN member countries this year including Singapore (June 6, 2014), Malaysia (9-10 June 2014), Indonesia (21-22 August 2014), Brunei Darussalam (25 to 26 August 2014), and Philippines (17-18 November 2014).

The programme was also expected to enliven the ASEAN-Korea tourism to boost tourism, professional services capacity of ASEAN to foster a better understanding of Korea and Korean tourists.

Six students depart to Singapore for 8th ASC

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, August 24 - A total of six students departed to Singapore to participate in the 8th Asian Science Camp (ASC) with Expert Scientists from Nobel Laureates and Eminent.

The ASC was held at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) campus in Singapore for six days starting from August 24 to 29.

The delegation from Brunei

Darussalam was led by Education Officer of Science, Technology and Environment Partnership (STEP), Awang Muhammad Pusat bin Abdullah Sikut.

Students who joined the camp were selected from several schools from Year 11 and Year 12 and several universities from Year 1 and Year 2 that showed strong interest in science, including physics and chemistry.

The 8th ASC aimed to give exposure to the youths who excel in science through dialogue and discussions with scholars around the world.

The programme was organised by the Institute of Advances Studies (IAS) in NTU in collaboration with the Organisation Lee, Ministry of Education and the National Research Organisation, Singapore.

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Various events and activities were organised at all four districts to celebrate the 68th birthday anniversary of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

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