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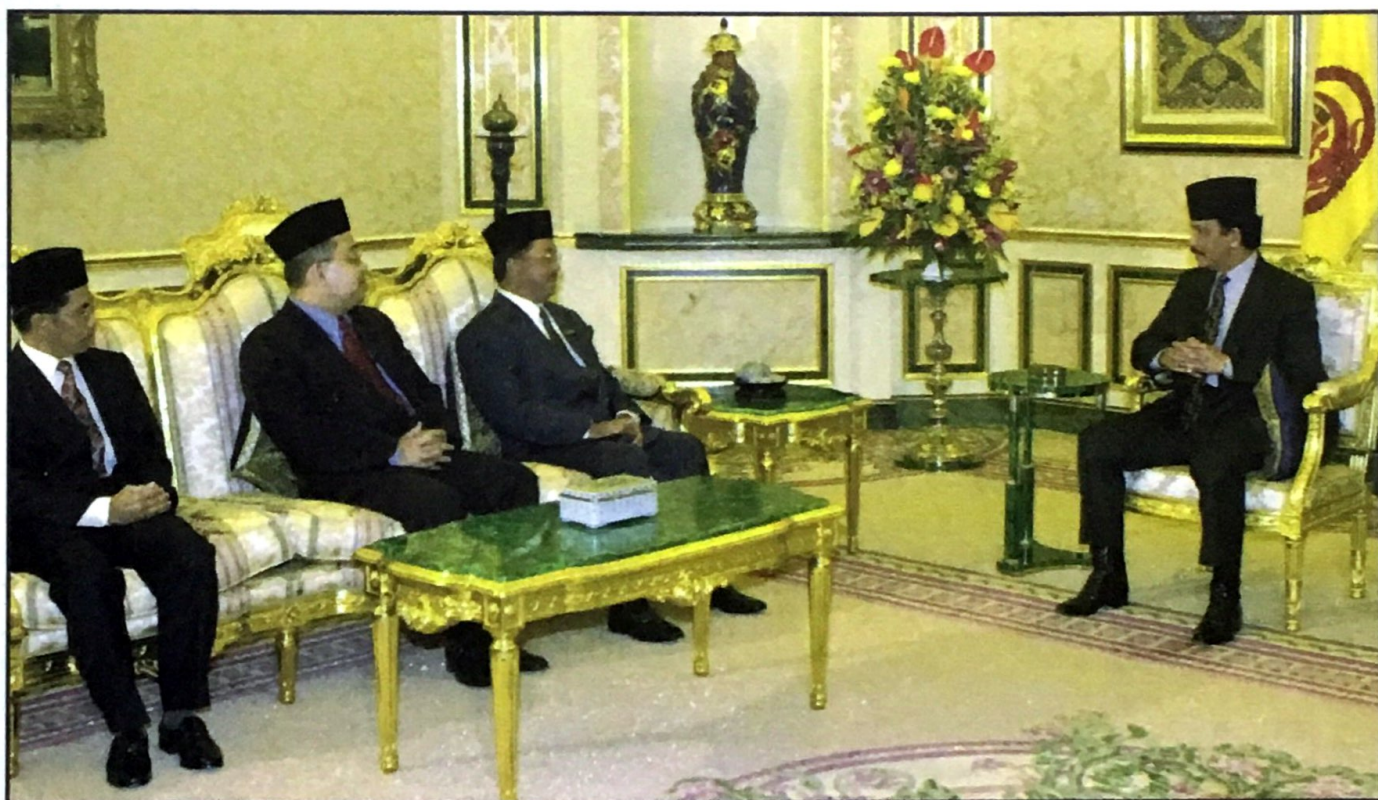
## BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

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## Audience for Sabah's Minister



**H**is Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has consented to grant an audience to the Deputy Chief Minister of Sabah cum the Minister of Agricultural Development and Food Industry, The Honourable Dato Seri Panglima Colonel (Rtd) Lajim bin Haji Ukin.

During the audience at Istana Nurul Iman on 3 May, the minister presented a letter from Sabah state government

*His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam converses with the Malaysian state of Sabah's Deputy Chief Minister cum Minister for Agricultural Development and Food Industry, Yang Berhormat Dato Panglima Colonel (Rtd) Lajim bin Haji Ukin.*

to His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

Meanwhile, Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha on 24 April at Istana Nurul Iman, and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam on 1 May at Istana Nurul Izzah, granted separate audiences to

the wife of the new Malaysian high commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, Madam Mashamah binti Sharif and wife of the new ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Madam Salihah Farhat.

The new diplomats presented their credentials to the Brunei ruler on 7 April, 2001.



*Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha, above left, and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam, above right, grant audiences separately to Puan Mashamah, wife of Malaysia's new high commissioner to Brunei Darussalam.*

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*Brunei Darussalam's newly-appointed envoy to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, His Excellency Brigadier General (Rtd) Dato Haji Ibrahim being presented his letter of appointment by His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.*

## More diplomats receive and present credentials

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has presented a letter of appointment to the Sultanate's new high commissioner to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, His Excellency

Brigadier General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Awang Haji Ibrahim bin Haji Mohammad. The ceremony took place at Istana Nurul Iman, on 7 May.

His Excellency, aged 52, was the Commander of the Air Force of the

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*His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam receives the credential of Saudi Arabia's non-resident ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Ustaz Ibrahim Muhammed Musili.*

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Royal Brunei Armed Forces since 1997, and was appointed Brigadier General in 1999. His Excellency joined the military in 1968 as a Cadet Officer.

His Majesty, the same day at Istana Nurul Iman, consented to receive the credentials of the incoming ambassador of Saudi Arabia, His Excellency Ustaz Ibrahim Muhammed Musili, non-resident ambassador of the Republic of Austria, His Excellency Dr. Oswald Soukop and ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran, His Excellency Mr. Abolfazl Mohammad Alikhani.

His Excellency Ustaz Ibrahim Muhammed Musili, aged 63, began his career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia in 1950 and was the country's ambassador to Kazakhstan in 1997.

His Excellency Dr. Oswald Soukop was previously the Director of Citizenship Service Branch at the Foreign Ministry of Austria, while His Excellency Mr. Abolfazl Mohammad Alikhani was the former Director of ECO Department in Iran.

His Majesty also consented to grant separate audiences to the new diplomats.



*His Majesty receiving the credentials of His Excellency Mr. Oswald Soukop, Austrian ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, above, and below, His Excellency Abolfazl Mohammad Alikhani, ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran.*



*Mrs. Salihah Farhat, wife of Pakistan's new high commissioner to Brunei Darussalam being granted audiences separately by Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha at Istana Nurul Iman, above left, and by Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam at Istana Nurul Izzah, above right.*

# Royalty attends Women Council Day celebrations

**H**er Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha has consented to attend the Women Council Day 2001 celebration at the Amar Pahlawan Hall of the Ministry of Communications on 6 May.

Accompanying Her Majesty at the function were Their Royal Highnesses Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Zariah, Princess Hajjah Masna, Princess Hajjah Nor'ain, Princess Hajjah Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam and Princess Hajjah Noor Ehsani.

Her Majesty also consented to present certificates and letters of appreciation to members of the Council's executive board committee who have worked voluntarily in the 1994 – 1996 and 1997 to 1999 sessions.

Datin Hajjah Masni binti Haji Mohd. Ali, the Council's President in a welcoming remark, among others, spoke on the theme of the celebration 'The Health and Food Safety', which were emphasised mainly through an exhibition and a forum.

She hoped that these activities would upgrade women's knowledge on health and food safety, thus would enhance the standard of living in the country.

She said, women whether they are housewives, mothers, consumers or workers should be able to effectively play their part in protecting members of their family from unhealthy and unsafe food.

Among the activities held in conjunction with the Women Council Day was an exhibition participated by government agencies such as the Health

Ministry, Department of Agriculture, meat producing and importing companies and producers of local food.

The Women Council was formed in April 1985, and to date, 12 women associations are affiliated under the council. The Women Council Day was first celebrated in April 1999 with the presentation of Model Mother Award.

Last year the celebration was highlighted with the presentation of Women Council Award 2000.

Besides being an official organisation for women, the council also strives to help improve the standard of women and the less fortunate in all fields, including education, economy, welfare, culture and social.



*Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha views an exhibition on health and food security which was put up by a local company, above.*



*Her Majesty being given a short briefing prior to her touring various exhibitions on health and food security in which numerous government agencies and private companies participated as part of the celebrations marking Women Council Day.*



*His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah and His Highness Sultan Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin of Perlis make their way to the throne room of Arau Palace in the Malaysian state's capital of Kangar for the latter's coronation, above left. Above right: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah converses with His Highness The Raja Muda of Perlis during a luncheon held shortly after the coronation ceremony of the Sultan of the state of Perlis.*



*Picture above: Brunei's Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah in a group photo in front of the Arau Palace with the rulers of various Malaysian states attending the coronation of the ruler of Perlis state.*

*Right: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah and other Malaysian rulers at a banquet in conjunction with the coronation of the Sultan of the state of Perlis.*



## **Brunei's Crown Prince attends coronation ceremony for the Sultan of Perlis**

**H**is Royal Highness Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah has attended a ceremony for the coronation of the Sultan of the Malaysian state of Perlis, His Highness Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin ibni Al-Marhum Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail. The ceremony took place at Istana Arau in Kangar, Perlis on 9 May.

The Brunei Darussalam's Crown Prince, accompanied by Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Muda Abdul Qawi,

attended the ceremony to represent His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

His Royal Highness was welcomed on arrival at Istana Arau by His Royal Highness Raja Muda Perlis and Her Royal Highness Raja Puan Muda, as well as members of the royal family and state dignitaries. His Royal Highness then proceeded to the dais, where he received a royal salute.

His Royal Highness Tuanku Syed

Sirajuddin is the seventh Sultan of Perlis, and ascended the throne on 17 April, 2000. His Royal Highness was born on 17 May, 1948 and is the second in the family of Al-Marhum (The late) Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail and Her Royal Highness Tengku Budriah.

In the evening, also at Istana Arau, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah attended a banquet

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# Needs for an education system that is effective and in line with ICT development

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah has stressed the need for Brunei Darussalam to have an education system which is effective and in line with the development of information technology and communication (ICT) in order to create a generation with scientific mindset, thinking culture, creativity and innovation, as well as good and noble values.

This is important because the failure of handling issue on technology in an educational system would lead to a lameness in effort to bring about a younger generation capable of competing and is resilient when confronted by various challenges in the age of information technology.

In a speech at the Silver Jubilee celebration and launching of Nusa Laila Puteri School's new logo at the International Convention Centre on 6 May, His Royal Highness said, education was an important factor in creating and pro-

ducing knowledgeable, skillful, competent and disciplined generation and nationals.

"At the same time, citizens with proper education are precious asset to the country, because its development is closely relied upon the ability to produce skilled and highly-educated nationals. More so, such ability will ensure the progress or failure of each country," said His Royal Highness.

It is for these reasons that His Majesty's government gives priority and concern to the development of education in the sultanate, which is also in line with an effort to upgrade the country's growth and create a generation capable of guiding and bringing it toward excellence, he said.

His Royal Highness added that such efforts could be viewed in the provision of educational infrastructure, such as school buildings, technical colleges and institution of higher studies. These also include the recruitment of foreign manpower, train locals to become teaching manpower, and identifying and providing a balanced and effective educational policies.

The Crown Prince further said that a matter of pride to the development of education in Brunei Darussalam was the role and involvement of private schools, which supported and worked together in the government efforts to improve the country's education.

Nusa Laila Puteri School has for twenty-five years been educating children from kindergarten to primary classes. Within that period, children who received their early education at the school had successfully proceeded to further studies, and some even hold important posts and profession in both the government and private sectors today.

His Royal Highness pointed that the school has together played a role in instilling the Malay, Islamic and monarchical characteristics, and noble values in its teaching system, and has also begun to move towards exposing students to the importance of information technology by conducting computer classes.

The school since 1977, has offered an aid scheme and free education facility to orphans aged between five to twelve years.

Such contribution was a social responsibility shouldered together by the private school in ensuring that no citizen in the country is left behind from getting education opportunity, His Royal Highness concluded.

His Royal Highness, at the ceremony, consented to receive a cheque amounting to B\$4,500. for the Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah Trust Fund for Orphans, and viewed an exhibition on the activities, achievement and progress of the school.

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held in conjunction with the Coronation Ceremony.

Their Majesties The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia (Paramount ruler) and Raja Permaisuri Agong, members of other Malaysian royal families and the Prime Minister of Malaysia attended the ceremony.

Before leaving Perlis the following day, His Royal Highness The Crown Prince was met by Their Highnesses The Sultan and Raja Perempuan of Perlis, and The Raja Muda and Raja Puan Muda of Perlis. A 'doa selamat' was read by Pehin Khatib Haji Awang Suhaili bin Haji Metali Al-Hafiz.

Bidding farewell to His Royal Highness at Kepala Batas Airport in Alor Star, Kedah was Yang Amat Mulia Tengku Syarif Bendahara of Perlis, Dato Seri Diraja Syed Badaruddin and Brunei Darussalam's high commissioner to Malaysia, His Excellency Pengiran Setia Negara Pengiran Haji Mohd. Yusof and officials of the embassy.



The Brunei Crown Prince views various exhibits made by pupils of the Nusa Laila Puteri School which celebrated its silver jubilee early this month at which His Royal Highness was the guest-of-honor.

Brunei Darussalam's Foreign Affairs Minister, His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, centre, with his ASEAN counterparts during the 'traditional retreat' part of their meeting in Myanmar.



## ASEAN Foreign Ministers 'Retreat 2001' in Yangon

His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Brunei Darussalam's Minister of Foreign Affairs has attended the ASEAN Foreign Ministers 'Retreat 2001' meeting at Pun Hlaing in Yangon, Myanmar.

His Royal Highness joined the ASEAN Foreign Ministers in the retreat chaired by Vietnam, Chairman of the Permanent ASEAN Standing Committee. The ministers exchanged views on several issues of the region and the progress of ASEAN's Growth programmes.

The Ministers had earlier in the morning made a courtesy call on His Excellency Senior General Than Shwe, Head of State of Myanmar, at Pyithu Hluttaw, and attended a dinner given in their honour by His Excellency Lieutenant General Khin Nyunt at Karaweik Palace in Yangon.

On 1 May, His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah held a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Lieutenant General Khin Nyunt, the First

Secretary of the Council of Peace and Development of Myanmar, at Karaweik Yangon.

During the meeting, His Royal Highness and His Excellency discussed ways to upgrade bilateral relations between Brunei Darussalam and Myanmar, and exchanged views on regional issues.

His Royal Highness, accompanied

by Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Zariah, on 29 April, had also attended a dinner given by His Excellency Mr U. Win Aung, the Foreign Minister of Myanmar and his wife, Madam San Yone. The dinner was followed by a discussions on the retreat, which took place the following day.



Above: His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Brunei Darussalam's Minister of Foreign Affairs in conversation with Myanmar's Foreign Minister, His Excellency U Win Aung prior to attending a dinner at Karaweik Palace in Yangon given by His Excellency for the ASEAN ministers. Left: His Royal Highness and His Excellency Lt. Gen. Khin Nyunt, First Secretary of the Peace Council and Development of Myanmar greet each other before holding a meeting, and below: His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah with other ASEAN Foreign Ministers at a dinner hosted by their Myanmar counterpart, His Excellency U Wing Aung.



## Nurizzati winner of Bintang Kecil 2001

Nurizzati binti Maidin, just turned 11 years old in March, with her song entitled "Milikku Yang Teristimewa" emerged as the winner of this year's Bintang Kecil RTB-Kristal 2001 final, broadcast live on 12 th May.

In second place was Maisiti Nadirah Maidin and third was Md Hydzir Zuhdi bin Haji Sulaiman.

Among those present to witness the children talent contest was His Royal Highness Prince Abdul Mateen, who also presented the prizes to the winners.

The Director of Radio Television Brunei, Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Ismail bin Pengiran Haji Mohamed said he hoped that the competition would produce and develop local talents to represent Brunei at international contests.

The Bintang Kecil contest was the first step in the singing careers of previous winners who have now recorded albums, he noted.



*The winner of Kristal and Radio Television Brunei's annual bintang kecil (little stars) singing contest for 2001 receives her prize from the chief guest, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.*

## BRUNEI SIGNED MULTILATERAL AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT

Brunei Darussalam was one of the five signatories that approved the air transportation liberalisation agreement. Comprising of APEC member economies, the parties that signed the multilateral air services agreement on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the United States' Department of Transportation in Washington D.C. were Brunei Darussalam, Chile, New Zealand, Singapore and the United States.

Representing Brunei Darussalam's government was Pehin Dato Haji Zakaria, the Minister of Communications. The unique feature of this recently signed air services agreement was that it superseded the hitherto series of bilateral air transport accords with a multilateral one – the first of its kind - based on "open skies" terms and conditions.

Inspired by the Bermuda Agreement of February 11, 1946, an era that marked the beginning of the Cold War, bilateral air services agreements differed from a multilateral version in that the former generally regulated matters such as market access, capacity, and tariffs and these were applicable to scheduled international air services and

sometimes to non-scheduled/charter operations too. As described by an international publication, the bilateral air services agreement "would regulate which airlines flew where, when, and at what fares." A multilateral air services agreement, on the other hand, enabled commercial judgement to determine routes, frequencies, fares and schedules. According to news releases issued by the United States' Department of State and the Department of Transport, the multilateral air services agreement officially known as the Multilateral Agreement on the Liberalization of International Air Transportation "is open to accession by all nations."

During the signing ceremony in Washington DC, the other four APEC member economies were represented by Mr. Norman Y. Mineta, the United States' Secretary of Transportation; His Excellency Mr. Estaban Tomic, the Chilean Ambassador to the Organisation of American States; Mr. Jim Sutton, New Zealand's Minister for Trade Negotiations and Minister of Agriculture; and Mr. Yeo Cheow Tong, Singapore's Minister of Communica-

tions and Information Technology.

The United States' Department of Transportation news release also said that "the five countries initialed and announced that they had agreed in principle to the new multilateral 'Open-Skies' agreement on November 15, 2000 at the summit meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation group in Brunei."

The multilateral air services agreement ran parallel with Brunei Darussalam's air transportation policy that practised "open sky" environment based on reciprocity that encouraged airline companies to operate in Brunei while at the same time allowing Brunei's carrier to expand its operations beyond its current commercial horizon.

An increase in air service operations into Brunei was anticipated to help realise a vision to make the country as the service hub for trade and tourism - ShuTT as its acronym became locally known.

To date, Brunei Darussalam has signed two bilateral air services agreement: with Singapore on June 5, 1997, and with the United States of America on June 20, 1997.

# Sultan Hassan Secondary School of Temburong district emerges champion of PRYNOSA 3

Her Royal Highness Princess Hajjah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah, patron of the Princess Rashidah Young Nature Scientist Award (PRYNOSA) consented to attend and present the winners of the third Princess Rashidah Young Nature Scientist Award (PRYNOSA 3) on 9 May.

Her Royal Highness Princess Hajjah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah was accompanied by Her Royal Highness Princess Hajjah Muta-Wakkilah Hayatul Bolkiah and were greeted on arrival by the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Yang Berhormat Pehin Dato Haji Awang Abdul Rahman.

The Director of Forestry, Awg Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Chuchu in his capacity as the Chairman of the Organising Committee of PRYNOSA 3 underscored that national forestry policy was implemented to secure the "priceless green jewel" for the benefit of future generations.

"We are rightfully concerned with the state of environment. We are in sync with the global community on this issue and have consistently played our part in ensuring that our future generations will enjoy the same pristine climate as we are doing today. Our actions in this matter are not due to design but purely based on our concern for this very precious green jewel."

"We have opted for activities that place important considerations in the preservation of the environment. We look towards eco-tourism and biotechnology as the twin thrusts for bringing economic prosperity to our country," he added.

The current trend in global trend and commerce is very much influenced by environmental issues, he further said.

"We can see some countries have restricted the trade on products from non-sustainable resources. I can foresee that this trend will become more widespread, with the introduction of eco-labeling fast becoming the norm of natural products," he said.

It was also disclosed that the Forestry Department has taken steps to have our forests certified as sustainably

managed.

We are currently in negotiations with the Regional Centre for Forest Management to work out the mechanics of certification. This will then allow our value-added forest products to have access in the international markets," said the Forestry Director.

"Ensuring the sustainability of our limited resource is indeed a heavy responsibility, and to maintain this momentum, we need a future generation of credibility and concerned with nature and scientists to build upon foundations that we have laid down", he said.

"This is why we organise PRYNOSA. Our aim is to nurture our young generation to become nature scientists who will eventually shoulder this responsibility. Our hope is that, with the experience they have gained through PRYNOSA, they can carry the torch that we have lit into the next lap," he added.

Her Royal Highness Princess Hajjah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah later consented to award the winners of the third Princess Rashidah Young Nature Scientist Award (PRYNOSA 3).

Sultan Hassan Secondary School of Temburong district emerged as overall champion of PRYNOSA 3 with

their project 'An investigation of Small Scale Freshwater Ecosystem Within A Tropical Rainforest Environment'. It won a \$3,000 cash prize and challenge trophy. The school was also the champion of PRYNOSA 1, whereas in PRYNOSA 2 the championship title went to Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan Science College.

First runner-up of PRYNOSA 3 was Sultan Sharif Ali Secondary School with its project 'The Use of Macroinvertebrate Populations To Gauge Water Quality'. It won \$2,000 cash prize.

Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajah Masna Secondary School was the second runner-up with a project 'A Comparative Study of the Forest Structure Between The Top and Bottom of A Ridge In Ulu Temburong National Park'. It received a \$1,000 cash prize.

Also attending the function were the Deputy Managing Director cum Corporate Affairs Director of Brunei Shell Petroleum Co. Sdn Bhd, Dato Paduka Dr Haji Mat Suny, senior government officials and foreign dignitaries base in the Sultanate.

PRYNOSA 3 was organised by the Forestry Department and sponsored by Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sendirian Berhad (BSP).



PRYNOSA's Patron, Her Royal Highness Princess Hajjah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah presents prizes to the team leader of the Sultan Hassan Secondary School – winner of the third PRYNOSA competition.

# BSP launches LiveWIRE to help young people



*The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Pehin Dato Haji Hussain, 3rd from left, chief guest at the launching of a business programme for young people dubbed Livewire.*

Young people need to see that doing business is one of the best options for the future and the culture of making young people enterprising should begin at the early stage, such as while still in schools or colleges and not after they had graduated.

This was said by the Minister of Culture Youth and Sports, Yang Berhormat Pehin Dato Haji Awang Hussain during the launching of the LiveWIRE Programme on 1 May, at the International Convention Centre, Berakas near the capital.

He also said that Livewire was a

timely initiative, which could help to develop an entrepreneurial culture among the young people of Brunei, and it is also expected to develop over time into a platform from which the entrepreneurial spirit may be infused into young people.

"The need to build this culture should be made a priority, with regards to this matter, the government recently introduced the apprenticeship scheme for graduates, this is a positive commitment and any response from the private sector is highly appreciated in

order to reduce the social pressures", he added.

Under Brunei Shell Petroleum's (BSP) LiveWIRE programme, young people between the age 18 to 30 years would be given the opportunity to learn how to do business successfully and what it takes to be a good entrepreneur.

LiveWIRE Brunei will run a number of activities including information through a website and printed materials; provide training on how to start and run businesses; give advice and grant awards.

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports has urged youths in the country to equip themselves with the best quality and noble values for life in this world and the hereinafter.

This was important as the best quality and noble values of life were always relevant at all times and situations," he said.

The Muslim community in the country and the region as well, were worried with the impact of western way of life of youths, said Pehin Dato Haji Hussain before declaring open a National Quran Reading Competition for youths at the Islamic Dakwah Centre on 3 May.

In entertainment, for example, the power of marketing strategy for western goods overcame the local market. The youths were easily influenced and thus adopt western entertainers and film stars as the role model in their daily lives.

With the strength of faith in Islamic

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## Youths urged to equip themselves with best quality and noble values of life



*A winner of the female section of the Koran reading competition for youths for the national level receives her prizes from the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Pehin Dato Haji Hussain.*

The importance of science and technology in our daily lives and in particular to the economic development of the nation cannot be denied. Even though the country is still depending on primary economies like agriculture, forestry and so forth, the knowledge and the effective usage of science and technology will help in creating far more quality industries. The continuous economic growth can only be achieved through development in science and technology.

Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Indera Wijaya Pengiran Dr. Haji Ismail, the Minister of Development, stated this while officiating a ceremony to mark the official launch of the website of 6<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Science and Technology Week on 1 May at the Betabur Hall at the Ministry of Development in Berakas.

The minister also said that close observations have already revealed that major differences between developed and developing nations lie in the utilization of science and technology as well as the number of skilled employees in these fields.

Thus, he said that, the application of science and technology serves as a critical determinant in the development of a nation, particularly in manufacturing high quality materials.

He then added that, ASEAN countries are enhancing the development of science and technology. In achieving a high standard of science and

## Technology: key to development



The Minister of Development, Pengiran Indera Wijaya Pengiran Dr. Haji Ismail launched the 6<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Science Week in Bandar Seri Begawan emphasizing on the importance of science and technology in the daily lives of the people.

technology development, closer cooperation between the ASEAN countries is needed for every member to march forward in the field.

"Various channels and programmes that promote science and technology in the Sultanate such as Brunei Association for Science Education has been established to attract young students, and the scientist award scheme like the Prin-

cess Rashidah Young Nature Scientist Award (PRYNOSA)", he said.

All these, said the minister, serve as a platform for our students to pursue their education in these fields and help them to eventually find jobs in industries related to these fields and enable the production of high quality goods that will trigger the economic development in the country.

## His Majesty greets Sweden, Netherlands

*His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to send congratulatory messages to His Majesty King Carl Gustaf XVI of Sweden on his birthday, and to Her Majesty Queen Koningin Beatrix Wilhelmina Armgard of the Netherlands and Prime Minister, Mr Wim Kok on the occasion of the Queen's Day, both on 30 April.*

*In his message to His Majesty king of Sweden and Her Majesty, and the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, His Majesty The Sultan expressed his satisfaction with the warm and friendly relations and deep understanding that have long been established between Brunei and Sweden, and between Brunei and the Netherlands. His Majesty hoped that this would be maintained and enhanced in the future for the good of*

*these countries and their peoples.*

*His Majesty also wished the people of Sweden and the Netherlands continued progress and prosperity.*

*His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, sent his respects to His Majesty the king of Sweden and congratulated his counterpart, Anna Lindh and the people of Sweden on the occasion.*

*His Royal Highness said that he was pleased with the friendly relations that existed between the two countries and looked forward to enhancing bilateral ties and partnership in ASEM and the ASEAN-EU dialogue.*

*His Royal Highness also sent a similar congratulatory message to his counterpart in the Netherlands, Jozias Van Aartsen and sent his warm respects to Her Majesty the Queen.*

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teaching and the Al-Quran, people in the country should be counter-offensive by promoting our own 'role model', as long as it was relevant and did not run contradictory to our way of life and the Muslim faith, he said.

The role model that we chose should be aggressively marketed through the multimedia, either print or electronic media, said the minister. This, however, would need the commitment of all parties who were aware of the need to maintain the Malay Muslim Monarchy concept for national survival.

The Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports continued to carry out programmes which involved youths, so that they could be aware of the future of their people and country.



*Brunei Darussalam's new Supreme Court Commissioner, Justice David John Lennoh receives his letter of appointment from His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during a ceremony at Istana Nurul Iman, while His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, seated, looks on.*

## A new Commissioner for Brunei Supreme Court

**H**is Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has consented to appoint Judge David John Lennoh as the new Commissioner of the Supreme Court, with effect from 5 May, 2001.

The swearing-in ceremony for Judge David John Lennoh was held in His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's

presence the same day, at Istana Nurul Iman in Jalan Tutong.

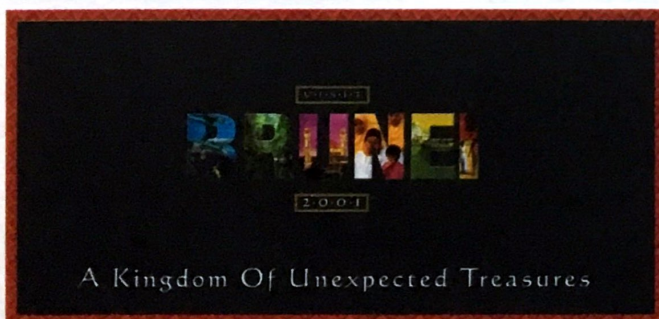
The letter of appointment was read by the Grand Chamberlain, Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Penggawa Iaila Bentara Istiadat Diraja Dalam Istana, Pengiran Haji Alauddin.

Judge David John Lennoh, aged 64, held the same post at the High Court of Hong Kong since 1991. He was also the former Chairman of Hon-

orary Lecturer and the Examiner of Hong Kong's Board of Judicial Studies at the University of Hong Kong.

Judge David John Lennoh was granted an audience by His Majesty shortly after the swearing-in ceremony.

Present at the ceremony were Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah and Prince Mohamed Bolkiah.



### What's happening NEXT month in Brunei Darussalam?

#### May

*Brunei International Fishing Competiton open to all fishing enthusiasts.*

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### Brunei In Brief

**Official name:** Negara Brunei Darussalam

**Capital:** Bandar Seri Begawan

**Land size:** 5675 sq. km

**Geographical Position:** North-west of Borneo Island in Southeast Asia

**Population:** 336,376 (July 2000 estimate)

**National Carrier:** Royal Brunei Airlines

**Official Language:** Malay

**Official Religion:** Islam

**Official Website:** [www.brunei.gov.bn](http://www.brunei.gov.bn)

**April Rainfall:** 250.4 mm

**The Trafficking and illegal importation of Controlled Drugs are very serious offences in Brunei Darussalam and the penalty is death.**

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