



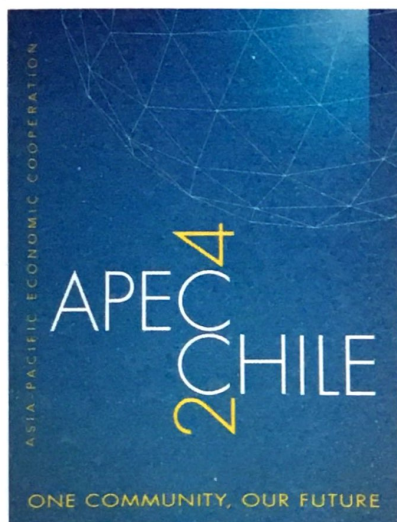
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Protect region for efficient trade and investments

To ensure that trade and investments run efficiently, member economies should protect the Asia Pacific region from any threats.

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam said at Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' first retreat session. It was held at Espacio Riesco Convention Centre, Santiago, Chile on November 20.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in Chile to attend Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' meeting

The sovereign also welcomed the STAR programme on counter-terrorism which provided beneficial and practical measures.

Combating against terrorism through economic measures is not sufficient and it is not about religion, said His Majesty. Hence, every member economies should handle the issue and find its root cause.

As a moderate Islamic nation, Brunei would always like to share its

experiences on how it practices the religion. The sovereign then urged member economies to work closely together to win the hearts of the people in the bid to enhance a moderate and tolerant lifestyle.

Brunei Darussalam became a member of APEC on November 6, 1989. Bandar Seri Begawan was the host for APEC meetings in 2000.

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Firm policy to shape our future

A prosperous nation is a nation which carries out its responsibility. It is not carried out only among humankind but to its Creator too. This is the main key which assures Brunei's stability and success.

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam said on the eve of Hari Raya Aidil Fitri (Eid Mubarak) celebration on November 13.

The sovereign said that it is not a mere prognosis to pacify our mind but based on neglected historical facts. These historical facts stated that prosperity and tranquillity are not created through power and materials. However, they are created through loyalty and commitment towards the law

and regulations. Hence, when speaking about the rules and regulations, the Quran is a priority.

Among the regulations and law stipulated in the Quran is to ensure the prevalence of virtue as a way of life and not allowing vice from spreading.

His Majesty said that this should be made a popular policy for the nation for us to pioneers. The sovereign also said that we should stand on a firm policy as it could shape our future.

"We have successfully brought peace and harmony to Brunei, an answer that our policy is good," said His Majesty.

This good policy, said His Majesty, should be upheld with confidence and courage. This is as our moral obligations together.



His Majesty and the royal family greet Brunei citizens on the eve of Hari Raya Aidil Fitri



HM and royal entourage perform *Aidil Fitri* prayer

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and male members of royal family joined scores of Muslims for the *Aidil Fitri* prayer on November 14 at the Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Mosque in the capital.



His Majesty with the Australian High Commissioner



Her Majesty and Her Royal Highness receive greetings from the spouses of state officials and dignitaries

Audience for state dignitaries and foreign envoys

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Her Majesty The Raja Isteri and members of the royal family received audiences and *junjung ziarah* (revered greetings) from state officials and Brunei-based foreign diplomats in conjunction with the *Hari Raya Aidil Fitri*.

The ceremony took place on November 14 at Baitur Rahmah of Istana Nurul Iman.



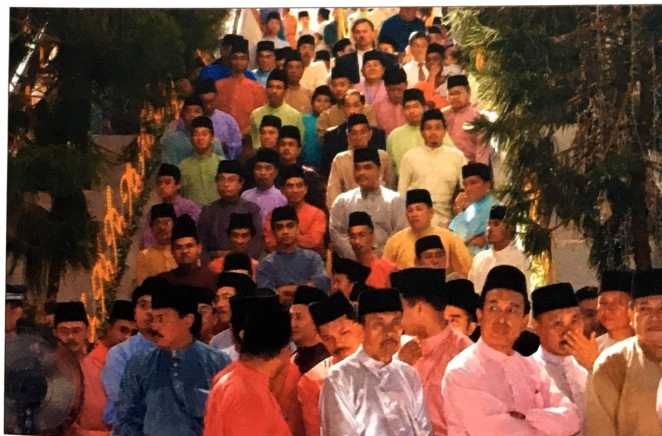
Royal family receive greetings from the public in conjunction with *Hari Raya Aidil Fitri*

Record of 96,981 visitors at the Istana Nurul Iman

The Istana Nurul Iman received a total of 96,981 visitors for this year's *junjung ziarah* (revered greetings) in conjunction with *Hari Raya Aidil Fitri*. The sum was calculated from the three days it was opened for the public, from November 15 to 17.

Among the visitors include citizens of Brunei and tourists.

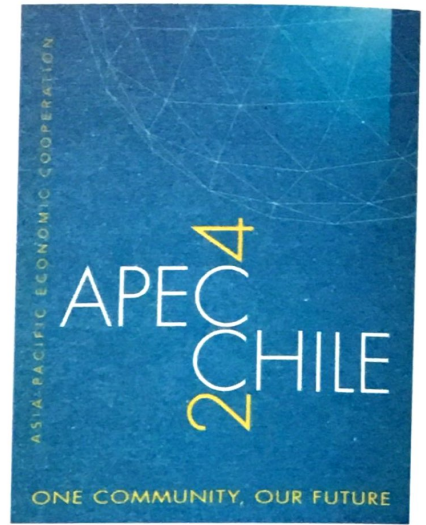
At the *junjung ziarah* (revered greetings) ceremony, His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam received male visitors while Her Majesty The Raja Isteri received the female and children visitors. Also present were other members of the royal family.



Visitors waiting their turn to greet the royal family



His Majesty upon arrival at Santiago International Airport, Chile



This year's APEC meetings carry the theme 'One Community, Our Future'



APEC leaders at a luncheon



APEC Leaders at the proclamation of Santiago Declaration



APEC Leaders wearing a traditional Chile's attire known as 'Chamantos'



His Majesty with the President of the Republic of Chile and consort



His Majesty and the Prime Minister of New Zealand



His Majesty and member economies at the First Retreat Session

Their Majesties and royal entourage perform *umrah*

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Her Majesty The Raja Isteri and members of the royal family were in Madinah Al-Munawwarah to perform *umrah* on November 5.

In Madinah Al-Munawwarah, His Majesty and royal entourage broke their

fast at Raudah before joining other Muslims performing the Maghrib, Isya and Tarawih Congregation prayers.

His Majesty and entourage were in Madinah Al-Munawwarah for three days before departing for the Holy City of Mecca.

His Majesty and royal entourage arrived in Mecca on November 8. Prior to the arrival in Mecca, His Majesty and the royal family also stopped over at Jeddah. The sovereign was greeted by His Royal Highness Prince Mishal bin Majid, the Mayor of Jeddah.

Their Majesties in the Holy City of Mecca

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam on November 8 made a courtesy visit to His Majesty King Fahd ibn 'Abdul 'Aziz Al Saud, the Custodian of Two Holy Mosques.

Meanwhile Her Majesty The Raja Isteri attended *sahur* (meal taken before dawn during the fasting month) hosted by Her Majesty Princess Jawhara Al-Ibrahim, the spouse of His Majesty King Fahd.

Both took place at the Al-Safa Palace, Mecca in Saudi Arabia.



His Majesty in an audience with His Majesty King Fahd ibn 'Abdul 'Aziz Al Saud



His Majesty in an audience with His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Ibn 'Abdul 'Aziz Al-Saud

HM meets HRH Crown Prince Abdullah

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam on November 9 had an audience for His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Ibn 'Abdul 'Aziz Al-Saud, the Crown Prince, Deputy Minister and National Guard Commander of Saudi Arabia.

The ceremony was held at the Al Safa Palace, Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

HM attends Arafat's funeral

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam on November 12 attended the funeral of His Excellency Yasser Arafat, the late Palestinian leader. The ceremony took place at Nadi Al Galaa, Heliopolis in Cairo.

Also present were His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and other world leaders.



His Majesty met the late Palestinian leader in 1984, during a state visit made by His Excellency to Brunei



His Majesty with other heads of state at the funeral of His Excellency Yasser Arafat

Royal family at a 'bertahlil' ceremony at the Royal Mausoleum



His Majesty attends 'bertahlil' ceremony for late parents

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and male members of the royal family attended the *bertahlil* (recitation of prayers) ceremony on November 18 at the Royal Mausoleum near the capital.

The ceremony was for His Majesty's late parents, Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, the 28th Sultan of Brunei, and Al-Marhumah Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Damit.

His Majesty later sprinkled scented water over the tombs of his late parents, followed by other members of royal family.



His Majesty sprinkles scented water over the tombs of his late parents



Economic cooperation significant

Measures in the ASEAN Security Community and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community would assist ASEAN in their effort to respond to various challenges facing the region.

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam said on November 29 at the 10th ASEAN Summit at the Lao International Trade Exhibition Conference Centre.

The sovereign also emphasised the importance of economic cooperation. He welcomed ASEAN's Framework Agreement for the Integration of the Priority Sectors which would assist ASEAN create a single market and production base.

At this summit, ASEAN member-states signed Vientiane Action Programme and ASEAN Framework Agreement for the Integration of Priority Sectors. It was later followed by the signing of ASEAN Sectorial Protocol on Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism by the economic Ministers.



His Majesty with the Prime Minister of the Republic Democratic People of Lao, His Excellency Bounnhang Vorachith



His Majesty and other heads of government signing the 'Vientiane Plan of Action Programme and ASEAN Framework Agreement for the Integration of Priority Sectors'



ASEAN Leaders at the 'ASEAN + Australia and New Zealand Commemorative Summit'



ASEAN Leaders and representatives from Australia and New Zealand at the 10th ASEAN Summit



Signing ceremony of the 'ASEAN Sectorial Protocol in Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism'



His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah (right) at the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting



His Majesty receives 'Phoxay Lane Xang', Lao's highest award



His Excellency receives 'The Most Esteemed Family Order of Laila Utama' medal from His Majesty

HM receives Lao's highest state award 'Phoxay Lane Xang'

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was conferred with Lao's highest state award 'Phoxay Lane Xang' by His Excellency President Khamtay Siphandone, the President of the People's Republic of Lao.

His Majesty was awarded as an appreciation for His Majesty's efforts in enhancing the bilateral relation between Brunei and Lao.

'Phoxay Lane Xang' is a first-class state award given to a king or head of states for their contribution towards enhancing their bilateral relation with Lao.

His Majesty is the second recipient of the award after the King of Thailand in 1994.

His Majesty also conferred His

Excellency Khamtay Siphandone with 'The Most Esteemed Family Order of Laila Utama' (*Darjah Kerabat Laila Utama Yang Amat Dihormati* – D.K.) honour which carries the title '*Dato Laila Utama*'.

The ceremony took place at the Ceremonial Room in Presidential Palace, Vientiane.



His Majesty and the President of Indonesia discuss bilateral matters



His Majesty in an audience with the Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China

HM receives audiences

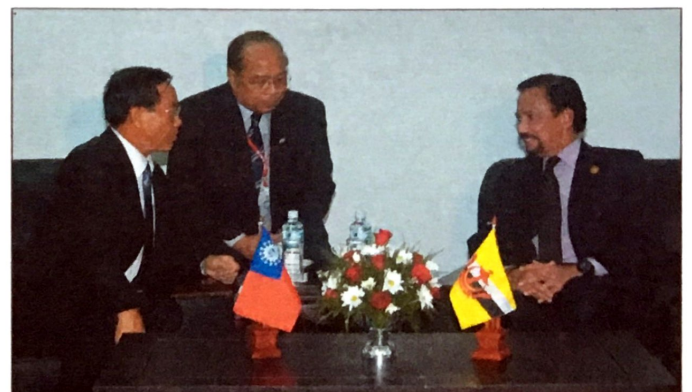
His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam received audiences in Vientiane.

The sovereign on November 28 received His Excellency Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, the President of the Republic of Indonesia at the Villa Dongpasak in Vientiane. Both leaders held a one-to-one meeting discussing bilateral matters and efforts to enhance the bilateral relation.

His Majesty also received audiences at Lao International Trade and Conference Centre (Lao ITECC) on November 29 and 30 respectively.

The sovereign received His Excellency Wen Jiabao, the Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China on November 29. Both leaders also discussed on bilateral matters and efforts to enhance the bilateral relation.

His Majesty received His Excellency Lieutenant General Soe Win, the Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar on November 30. At the meeting, His Majesty was briefed on



Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar briefed His Majesty on Myanmar political development

Myanmar's current political development.

His Majesty was in Vientiane to attend the 10th ASEAN Summit.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah received audiences at the Istana Nurul Iman from:

- ① His Excellency Ajai Choudhry, the outgoing high commissioner of India to Brunei on November 23.
- ② His Royal Highness Prince Andrew, the Duke of York on November 29.

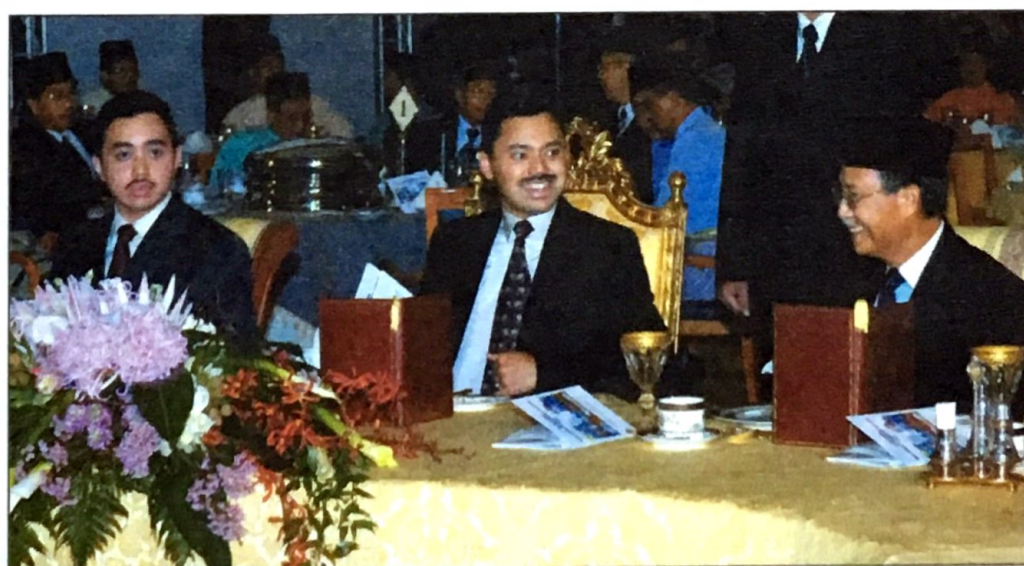
Duke of York on a two-day visit to Brunei

His Royal Highness Prince Andrew, The Duke of York was in the country on November 28 for a two-day visit. The Duke of York was in the Sultanate to mark the start of the British Garrison accommodation and infrastructure project. His Royal Highness also attended the commissioning of the Queen's Gurkha Officers parade.

A dinner was hosted for His Royal Highness by the Britain Brunei Business Forum at the Empire Hotel and Country Club in Jerudong.

His Royal Highness also attended an audience by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah on November 29 at the Istana Nurul Iman.

BICTA encourages innovation and creativity in ICT



His Royal Highness at the BICTA prize presentation ceremony

Brunei Information Communication Technology Award (BICTA) 2004 reached its pinnacle with the award presentation ceremony on November 26.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah was the guest-of-honour of the ceremony. It was held at Royal Berkshire of Jerudong Polo Club.

BICTA 2004 is a component of the Asia Pacific ICT Awards (APICTA) whose vision is to widen the development of ICT in the Asia Pacific region.

The main objective of BICTA is to encourage innovation and creativity in the ICT sector among individuals and agencies. This includes small-and-medium enterprises.

Winner of BICTA would be representing Brunei at the Asia Pacific ICT Awards.

There were eight categories namely; Education and Training, e-Government and Services, Industrial Applications, General Applications, Financial Applications, Research and Development, Media and Entertainment, Students' Projects.



His Royal Highness awards one of the winners of BICTA 2004

ASEAN Ministers' of Health + 3: Committed to prevent and control Avian Influenza

ASEAN Ministers' of Health and its three dialogue partners namely China, Japan and the Republic of Korea with Health Ministers from members of the World Health Organisation (WHO) agreed to facilitate prompt and open exchange of information on Avian Influenza between nations and international organisations.

This agreement was reached at a meeting discussing Avian Influenza on November 26 in Bangkok. The Minister of Health, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Abu Bakar, led Brunei's delegation to the meeting.

The Ministers had stated their commitments towards the prevention and control of Avian Influenza by

taking necessary steps to develop and implement effective national influenza pandemic preparedness plans. They would also strengthen and harmonise activities of the influenza, including surveillance, investigation of cases, characterisation of the epidemiology of the disease and defining appropriate public health responses.

They would also collaborate in the effort for the development of vaccines, diagnostic tests for human diseases and promoting other appropriate research activities. They would also collaborate with relevant agencies

and sectors in promoting food safety and safe animal husbandry practices with the aim of minimising human health risks. Efforts to make resources available to address this public health threat would also be intensified.

The Ministers also requested WHO in collaboration with relevant international agencies to support the implementation of their commitments notably the collaborative researches and control of other emerging infectious diseases. They also requested WHO to facilitate global and regional collaboration to make available the resources required to combat this disease especially for developing countries.

Strategic Planning to facilitate further national development

Prime Minister's Office (PMO) had launched its Strategic Planning Framework for the period 2005-2014. With the launching of the Strategic Planning, it is hoped that it would accelerate the pace of strategic decision-making and national development efforts. It is also hoped that it would facilitate further the successful implementation of the national development policies, enhanced national security and strengthen national unity.

Present to launch the Strategic Planning Framework was the Permanent Secretary at the Prime Minister's Office, Yang Berhormat Pehin Dato Paduka Haji Awang Hazair. The ceremony took place at the Jerudong Polo and Country Club in Jerudong on November 25.

In his speech, the Permanent Secretary said that the implementation of the strategic planning requires leadership from every Permanent



Yang Berhormat Pehin Dato Paduka Haji Awang Hazair launches PMO's Strategic Planning Framework

Secretaries and heads of department. As leaders, they should have the attitude that could lead their agencies towards the vision.

He also said that actions taken

by each agency should be dynamic where certain programmes are designed to continuously monitor the strategic planning. Each agency should also give maximum concentration towards their core-business.

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam issued congratulatory messages to:

- His Excellency President George W. Bush of United States of America in conjunction with his re-election as the President of USA on November 4.
- His Majesty King Norodom Sihamoni of Cambodia and his Prime Minister, His Excellency Hun Sen in conjunction with Cambodia's Independence Day on November 9.
- His Majesty King Qaboos Said Al-Said of Oman in conjunction with Oman's National Day on November 17.

Brunei-Ukraine relation enhance through education

Bilateral relation between Brunei and Ukraine was further strengthen with the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the education field.

The MOU, which was signed

between University of Brunei Darussalam (UBD) and the National Technical University of Ukraine, Kyiv Polytechnic Institute (NTUU 'KPI') took place on November 17 at Chancellor Hall of UBD.

Present as signatories to the MOU was the Vice-Chancellor of UBD, Dr. Haji Ismail and his counterpart, Professor Zgurovsky.

Under the agreement, cooperation would cover academic areas such as exchange of students, members of the faculties, teaching development program, joint research and exchange of publications.

UBD is the sole highest academic institution in Brunei. It was officially opened in 1985 with the first intake of 176 students. Today, the university accommodates more than 300 academic staffs and about 2,800 students. There are currently eight faculties namely; Arts and Social Sciences; Business, Economics and Policies Studies; Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddin Institute of Islamic Studies; Science; Sultan Hassanah Bolkiah Institute of Education; Academy of Brunei Studies; Institute of Medicine; and Language Centre.



Signing ceremony to mark cooperation in the education field for both nation-states

Banking sector enhances bilateral relation



Personel from the Royal Bank of Canada made a courtesy visit to the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports

Brunei Darussalam and Canada continue to enhance its bilateral relation through the banking sector.

Pehin Dato Dr. Haji Awang Hussein, the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports who is also the Chairman of Employee's Trust Fund Department (TAP) on October 30, received a courtesy call by the President and the Chief Executive Officer of Royal Bank of Canada, Mr. Michael Lagopoulos.

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to the formation of TAP Board in 1992. It was officially under the Ministry of Finance in 1993. Main objective was to enhance the social welfare of employees. It was also to ensure the mobility of employees from the public to the private sector.

Foreign Envoys break fast with Minister of Religious Affairs

The Ministry of Religious Affairs organised a *Bersungkai* (breaking of fast) for Muslim foreign envoys to Brunei on November 3 at the Islamic Dakwah Centre.

Present at the ceremony was Pehin Dato Dr. Ustaz Haji Awang Md. Zain. Among the foreign envoys present were from Malaysia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Oman and Iran.

The ceremony was aimed to strengthen the good relationship between Brunei and the respective countries and to enhance the affiliation among Muslims.

Brunei-Oman ties share a strong bilateral relationship. It was further enhanced with the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between both nations in the cultural field in June this year.

Pehin Dato Dr. Ustaz Haji Awang Mohd Zain, the Minister of Religious Affairs said at the reception for the 34th National Day of the Sultanate of Oman. It was held on November 18 at the International Convention Centre in Berakas.

His Excellency Haji Mohamed Omar Ahmed Aidid, the Ambassador of Oman to Brunei in his welcoming speech said that both nation-states had signed various agreements including on the economy, investments, religious affairs, education and communications.

His Excellency also said that a new group of undergraduates from Oman would be joining courses offered in University of Brunei Darussalam (UBD). Brunei would also be sending a group of undergraduates to undertake courses in the University of Sultan Qaboos in Muscat.

Brunei Darussalam and The Sultanate of Oman established diplomatic relations in March 1984.

Brunei-Oman: Cooperation in various fields strengthen ties



Cake-cutting ceremony as the highlight of ceremony



Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces receives military awards

RBAF Commander receives awards

Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF), Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Md. Yussof was conferred with military awards by the government of Singapore and Malaysia.

The RBAF Commander on November 23 was conferred with the award 'Distinguished Service Order (Military)' [*Pingat Tertinggi Darjah Utama Bakti Cemerlang (Tentera)*] by His Excellency President S R Nathan of Singapore at the Istana Negara.

Later on November 30, in conjunction with the 71st anniversary celebration of Malaysian Armed Forces, the RBAF Commander was conferred with 'Gallant Commander of The Malaysian Armed Forces (Honorary)' award [*Darjah Panglima Gagah Angkatan Tentera (P.G.A.T) (Kehormat)*].

The award was presented by His Majesty Yang Di-Pertuan Agong XII of Malaysia at the Balairong Seri, Istana Negara in Kuala Lumpur.

The military awards were given in recognition of the significant role the RBAF Commander has played in enhancing the excellent defence ties between the RBAF and the Armed Forces of the two respective countries.

ICT in teaching Mathematics

Info-Communications Technology (ICT) would be used in the academic curriculum, including the use of ICT in the teaching of mathematics by 2005. These involve students of Primary two and Primary three classes and then in Primary four to six in 2006.

Acting Permanent Secretary of Education Ministry stated the matters

at the 12th Explomaths Final Competition 2004 for Secondary Schools on November 27 at Radio Television Brunei (RTB) in the capital.

According to Datin Paduka Hajah Jahrah, Ministry of Education had prepared new mathematics subject syllabus for primary school which would be implemented in 2006.

She added that Ministry of Education would make continuous effort with various strategies to enhance the teaching and studies of Mathematics.

This year's Explomaths carries the theme 'e-Mathematics Explosion'.

BEDB appoints Master Planner for Sungai Liang Industrial Park

Brunei Economic Development Board (BEDB) has announced Halcrow Group as the Master Planner for the development of Sungai Liang Industrial Park.

This was announced by Pehin Major General (R) Dato Haji Awang Mohammad, the Chairman of BEDB at a signing ceremony on November 30 at the Empire Hotel and Country Club in Jerudong.

According to the Chairman, as the Master Planner, Halcrow Group would conceptualise, propose and implement a commercial and institutional framework. This is to enable the manufacturing and downstream projects in Sungai Liang to have cost efficient access to the shared infrastructure and utilities.

He also said that with the appointment of Halcrow Group as the Master Planner, the vision to make Sungai Liang as a world-class industrial park would soon be feasible.

Halcrow Group is an international firm specialising in the provision of planning, design and management services for infrastructure worldwide. For the development of Sungai Liang Industrial Park, it would also prepare a detailed master plan and layout for the whole site. This is to incorporate the requirements of all the investment projects for optimum land usage. It would also design the shared infrastructure and utilities and assist BEDB in tendering the construction of these facilities.

The Master Planner would also

ensure that the park is fully integrated into the local community. Public consultation would be arranged to ensure that members of the public would gain a better understanding of the impact of the Industrial Park would bring.

Sungai Liang Industrial Park is one of BEDB's strategies to diversify Brunei's economy. For this project, BEDB plans to use proven gas reserves to establish downstream and manufacturing industries. To support these industries, BEDB would establish a 500MW "state-of-the-art" power plant and a new jetty. BEDB expects to access investments of US\$3 billion to develop Sungai Liang where 90 per cent would be of foreign direct investment and generate 2,000 permanent jobs.

ASEAN SCHOOL SPORTS COUNCIL (ASSC) MEETING

Brunei Darussalam would be hosting the ASEAN School Sports Council (ASSC) Meeting from December 5-8.

The meeting, organised by the Brunei's Ministry of Education, would be held at one of the leading hotels in the capital. It would be attended by ten ASEAN countries (seven countries as ASSC members and three as observers).

Two meetings would be conducted which are; the 41st ASSC Management Committee Meeting; and the 50th ASSC Technical and Physical Fitness Meeting.

ASSC was established in 1978 with the objective to encourage cooperation, close relation and understanding among ASEAN youths through sports activity and programme.

Brunei students participate in WRO

Three Brunei's primary school students participated in The World Robot Olympiad (WRO) 2004 in Singapore. The students were the overall winner of Lego Mindstorm Competition for Primary School in Brunei.

Fourteen countries took part in the WRO competition which ran from November 6-7 at Singapore. This was the first time for Brunei to compete in such event.

Among the objectives of WRO are to bring children around the world with creativity and solving problems through robot buildings and robot competitions.



Students representing Brunei at the World Robot Olympiad in a group photo before bidding farewell

Twenty years of commitment towards socio-economic development

Brunei Darussalam celebrates its 20th year as a member of the United Nations (UN) this year. She became a member on September 21, 1984 at UN's 39th General Assembly.

In his address during the admission, His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam said that Brunei's accession to the UN would not only make its existence known the rest

of the world but also enable Brunei to voice its aspirations and views of international concern as well as those affecting Brunei.

Brunei is supportive of efforts by the UN in its bid to promote peace and security as well as to promote economic and social development of the members. This was made evident with Brunei's participation in the

peacekeeping operations in Cambodia by sending three military observers, twelve policemen and three civilian officers in 1993. Recent participation by Brunei in the peacekeeping operations was the sending of 10 personnel by the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) as part of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) at the Republic of the Philippines in October 2004.



Brunei In Brief

Official name: Negara Brunei Darussalam

Capital: Bandar Seri Begawan

Land size: 5765 sq. km

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

Population: 349,600 (2003 estimate)

National Carrier: Royal Brunei Airlines

Official Language: Malay

Official Religion: Islam

Official Website: www.brunei.gov.bn

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