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## 22<sup>nd</sup> UBD Convocation HM: New scholarship introduced

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 30** – The Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has introduced a new competitive scholarship scheme known as 'Graduate Research Scholarship Scheme'. The new scheme will enable Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) to attract local and foreign graduates to undergo their post graduate programme in UBD.

The matters were highlighted by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, in his *titah* (royal speech) at the 22<sup>nd</sup> UBD Convocation Ceremony.

His Majesty also announced that 'Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Institute for Islamic Studies' at UBD would now be known as 'Sultan Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Centre for Islamic Studies'.

The centre would offer postgraduate and research programmes which hopefully would produce Islamic experts who could analyse current issues based on Islamic perspectives.

This year, a total of 1,114 graduates received their educational credentials at the institution's Chancellor Hall comprising of two PhD graduates; 67 MA graduates; 720 undergraduates and 325 post-graduate diplomas.

Among the recipients was Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah who received First Class Degree in Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Public Policy and Administration.

Present at the ceremony was His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda (Dr.) Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Senior



PHOTO: MASRI OSMAN

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam presents the academic credential to Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah who received First Class Degree in Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Public Policy and Administration.

Minister at the Prime Minister's Office who is UBD's Pro Chancellor.

Also present were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Muta-Wakkilah Hayatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah, Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah and Her Royal Highness Princess Fadzillah Lubabul Bolkiah.

## More than 3 million visit Brunei Pavilion

**SHANGHAI, September 19** – The Brunei Pavilion at the World Shanghai Expo has received an overwhelming response with more than three million people recorded to have visited the pavilion thus far.

Brunei's Pavilion main theme is 'Now...for the Future' where it introduces Brunei's history, latest development, and promotes investments opportunities available in Brunei Darussalam.

The six-month exposition started on May 1, 2010 and will end by October.

On September 19, the Brunei Pavilion received a visit

from Minister of Energy at Prime Minister's Office, Pehin Dato Colonel (Rtd) Awang Haji Mohammad Yasmin. The minister and delegation had attended the ASEAN-China Ministerial Conference and the 5<sup>th</sup> APEX HRD Ministerial Meeting in Beijing from September 15 to 17.

During the visit, the minister was accompanied by the Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam to the People's Republic of China, Her Excellency Magdalene Teo.

The expo was officiated early May this year and will end on October 31.





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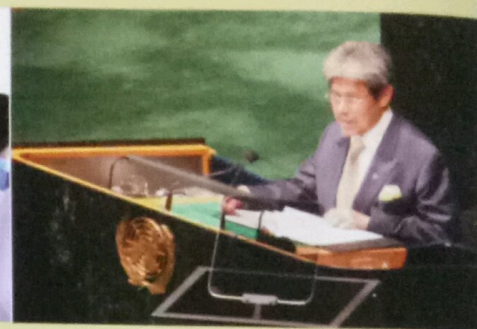
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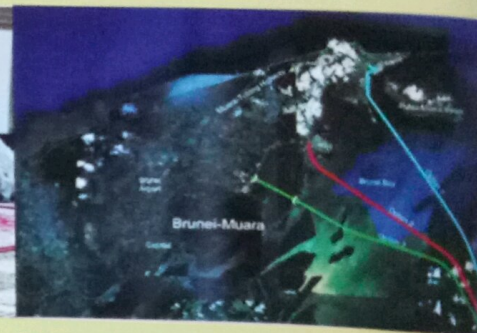
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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam received in audience at the Istana Nurul Iman from:



PHOTO: ABDUL KADIR MD. TAHIR

His Excellency Phithak Phrombubpha, the outgoing Ambassador of Thailand to Brunei Darussalam on September 18.



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His Excellency Dato' Ku Jaafar bin Ku Shaari, the outgoing High Commissioner of Malaysia to Brunei Darussalam on September 18.

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



PHOTO: ABDULLAH HAJI AWANG DAMIT

Yang Berbahagia Datin Zakiah binti Dato Haji Alias, the wife of the outgoing High Commissioner of Malaysia to Brunei Darussalam on September 18.



PHOTO: ABDULLAH HAJI AWANG DAMIT

Madam Prapassom Phrombubpha, the wife of the outgoing Thailand's Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam on September 18.

## CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

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

- The President of Socialist Republic of Vietnam, His Excellency Nguyen Minh Triet and the Prime Minister of Socialist Republic of Vietnam, His Excellency Nguyen Tan Dung in conjunction with the republic's 65<sup>th</sup> National Day on September 2.
- The new Prime Minister of Australia, The Honourable Julia Gillard and her colleagues on the formation of a new government for Australia after its recent Federal Elections on September 8.
- His Majesty King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al-Saud, The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the occasion of the Kingdom's 80<sup>th</sup> National Day on September 23.
- His Excellency Hu Jintao, the President of the People's Republic of China; and His Excellency Wen Jiabao, the Premier of The State Council of the People's Republic of China on the occasion of the 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China on September 30.



## Hari Raya Aidilfitri 1431 Hijrah

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 9** – A call was made for Muslims of this nation to practice Islamic Law steadfastly. Muslims were also urged not to be negligent in performing acts of piety while celebrating Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

The call was made by His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in his *tifah* (royal speech) in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidilfitri 1431 Hijrah.

His Majesty also expressed his hope that this nation would continue to be blessed with peace, security and harmony by Allah. His Majesty further hoped that in the effort to sustain and protect the blessings awarded, we would continue have the strength and given guidance.

Brunei Darussalam celebrates Hari Raya Aidilfitri (Eid Mubarak) on 1<sup>st</sup> Syawal 1431 of Islamic calendar that corresponds to September 10.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivers a *tifah* (royal speech) in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidilfitri 1431 Hijrah.



PHOTO: RAMLI TENGAH

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam receives Hari Raya Aidilfitri greetings from state dignitaries, senior government officials and foreign diplomats.



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Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha receives Hari Raya Aidilfitri greetings from state dignitaries, senior government officials, foreign diplomats and their spouses.

## Royal family receives greetings

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 10** – 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 received Hari Raya Aidilfitri (Eid Mubarak) greetings from state dignitaries, senior government officials and foreign diplomats at the Istana Nurul Iman.

Also present were His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah and other members of the royal family.

Brunei Darussalam celebrates Hari Raya Aidilfitri on September 10, 2010 which corresponds to 1<sup>st</sup> Syawal 1431 of the Islamic calendar.

## Istana Nurul Iman receives 99,458 guests

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 13** – A total of 99,458 guests were recorded for this year's Hari Raya Aidilfitri's *junjung ziarah* (revered greetings) to His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha and members of the royal family at the Istana Nurul Iman.

The palace, Istana Nurul Iman, was opened for the public from September 11 to 13 (second to fourth of Syawal). From the three days, September 13 recorded highest attendance of guests that is 35,780 people.

The *junjung ziarah* (revered greetings) ceremony to the Istana Nurul Iman gave opportunities to the residents and people of the country and also tourists to meet and personally greet Their Majesties and members of royal family on the joyous occasion in celebrating Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

At the ceremony, His Majesty and male members of the royal family received male guests. While in a separate room, Her Majesty and female members of the royal family received female guests.

As a token for remembrance, every guest was given a memento for their visit to the Istana Nurul Iman.



## His Majesty attends Tahlil Ceremony

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 15** – His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam attended a Tahlil Ceremony for His Majesty's late parents, Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien and Al-Marhumah Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Damit.

Also present were His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik.

The ceremony took place at the Royal Mausoleum.



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## Five receive Sultan's Scholar

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 20** – Five excellent students in academic and extracurricular activities have been selected to receive the Sultan's Scholar Award of Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Foundation for academic session of 2010/2011.

The Sultan's Scholar Awards were personally presented by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the Istana Nurul Iman.

Also present at the ceremony were His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik.

The five students are Awang Muhammad Shu'aib bin Haji Kamaluddin, Awang Muhammad Sulaiman bin Haji Sufardi, Awang Haji Muhammad Azim bin Dato Paduka Haji Mohd. Daud, Dayang Nur Hafilah Salihah binti Haji Mohd. Salleh and Dayang Nurul Adilah binti Haji Abu Bakar.

With the scholarship, four of the students will be pursuing further education in United Kingdom while one in Egypt.

Awang Muhammad Shu'aib will pursue his study in Physics at London College University; Awang Haji Muhammad Azim and Awang Muhammad Sulaiman are both the recipients of Human Resource Fund Special Scheme Scholarships who will pursue their studies in Medicine at University of Edinburgh and Imperial College London respectively.

Meanwhile, Dayang Nurul Adilah will pursue her study in Business Mathematics and Statistics at London School of Economics and Political Studies in United Kingdom; while Dayang Nur Hafilah will pursue her study in Usuluddin at the University of Al-Azhar in Egypt.

The Sultan's Scholar Award of Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Foundation was first introduced in 2006 where there are currently 19 students who had received the prestigious scholarship.



PHOTO: RAMLI TENGAH

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in a group photo with the recipients of Sultan's Scholar.



PHOTO: ABDULLAH HAJI AWANG DAMIT

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam presents the scholarship to one of the recipients.



## 14<sup>th</sup> Brunei-Malaysia Annual Leaders Consultation



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His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during a meeting with The Right Honourable Dato' Sri Mohd. Najib Tun Haji Abdul Razak.

PUTRAJAYA, MALAYSIA, September 21 – Bilateral relations between Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia has been further strengthened with the 14<sup>th</sup> Brunei-Malaysia Annual Leaders Consultation.

Leading Brunei Darussalam's delegation was His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah. The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

The consultation took place at Sri Perdana, Putrajaya where His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with The Right Honourable Dato' Sri Mohd. Najib Tun Haji Abdul Razak, the Prime Minister of Malaysia held an eye-to-eye meeting.

Soon after, His Majesty and The Right Honourable of the Brunei Deep Water Block Production Sharing Agreement (PSA) between PetroleumBRUNEI and contractors companies.

The signing was a significant step towards the cooperation development of the petroleum authorities between the two countries.

Both leaders also welcomed the achievements of the cooperation between the two countries including in the fields of economy, investment, defence, education, health, tourism, info-communications technology (ICT), information, regional and international matters.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Brunei-Malaysia Annual Consultation will be held in Bandar Seri Begawan next year.

## Brunei Teachers' Standard established

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 28 – In the bid to sustain a quality teacher, the Ministry of Education has established the 'Brunei Teachers' Standard'. It outlines the criteria, general standard and professional competency that a teacher should achieve.

The matters were stated by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the 20<sup>th</sup> Teacher's Day 2010 celebration held at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Berakas.

His Majesty also expressed his confidence that with the various efforts by the Ministry of Education in investing early education for children will obtain high returns for Brunei Vision 2035. His Majesty further believed the advocate for children's excellence at this level are excellent teachers.

Soon after the *titah*, His Majesty consented to present the 20<sup>th</sup> Teacher's Day Awards to 20 recipients.

Three received *Anugerah Guru Berjasa* (Teacher's Meritorious Award). Each recipient received a certificate of honour, cash prize of \$12,000, gold medal, and free medical facility including expenses at first class ward in government local hospital.

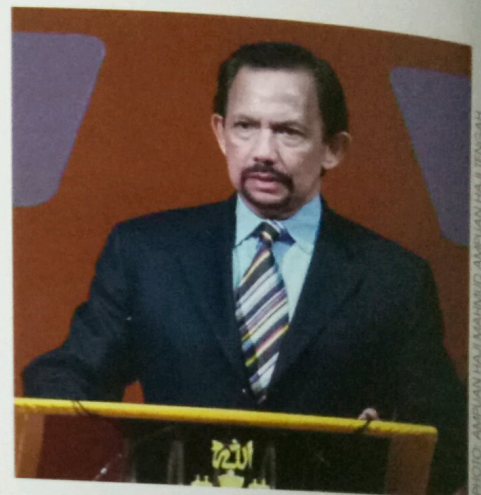
Meanwhile the two recipients of *Anugerah Khas Hari Guru* (Teacher's Day Special Award) received plaque, certificate of honour, \$4,000 cash prize, gold medal, and free medical facility including expenses at first class ward in government local hospital.

Three teachers received *Guru Cemerlang* (Excellent Teacher) that is Teacher Excellent Award in Special Education, Teacher Excellent Award in Primary Al-Quran Education and Teacher Excellent Award in 'A-Level' Biology. All received a certificate of honour, \$4,000 cash prize, gold medal, and given priority and support for In-Service Training.

Twelve teachers received *Penghargaan Khas Hari Guru* (Teacher's Day Special Appreciation Award) where each received a plaque, certificate of honour and \$1,000 cash prize.

Also present at the celebration were His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah and His Royal Highness Prince Abdul Malik.

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivers a *titah* at the 20<sup>th</sup> Teacher's Day 2010 celebration.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam presents an award to one of the recipients.

This year's celebration carried the theme *Guru Gemilang, Pelajar Cemerlang* (Glorious Teachers, Excellent Students).



## ASEAN-US to enhance cooperation

**NEW YORK, September 24** – It is the desire of ASEAN member states and United States of America (USA) to continuously further enhance economic cooperation. This also includes cooperation in handling transnational crime, the environment, climate change, health pandemics and issues of natural disasters.

The matters were said by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in his *titah* (royal speech) at the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN – US Summit held at Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York.

At the meeting, His Majesty with other ASEAN and US leaders exchanged ideas and measures to enhance and strengthen ASEAN – US relation.

His Majesty also expressed his appreciation to US

entrepreneurs and investors particularly US-ASEAN Business Council on its effectiveness in assisting ASEAN to be more noticeable among US companies and government bodies.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN – US Summit was jointly chaired by President of Viet Nam, His Excellency Nguyen Minh Triet as ASEAN Chairman and the US President, His Excellency Barack H.E. Obama.

Also present at the meeting were His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Pehin Dato Lim Jock Seng, Second Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Pehin Colonel (Rtd) Dato Haji Awang Mohammad Yasmin, Minister of Energy at Prime Minister's Office and other senior officials.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam (left) in a group photo with President of United States and other ASEAN leaders.



His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the ASEAN-US meeting.

## ASEAN – US agree matters to enhance global prosperity

**NEW YORK, September 26** – The ASEAN – US meeting attended by the leaders of ASEAN and His Excellency Barack H.E. Obama, President of the United States of America (USA) on September 24 agreed on more than 20 matters for cooperation towards regional and global prosperity.

The meeting was jointly chaired by the President of Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, His Excellency Nguyen Minh Triet as Chairman of ASEAN and the President of United States, His Excellency Barack H.E. Obama.

The meeting held at Waldorf Astoria Hotel among others stated that ASEAN appreciates US' sustained engagement at the highest level with ASEAN member states.

ASEAN also welcomed the U.S. President's intention to participate in the East Asia Summit (EAS) beginning in 2011. ASEAN and the United States expect to continue to exchange views with all stakeholders to ensure and open an inclusive approach to regional cooperation in the future.

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# More than 10,000 people receive His Majesty's personal gifts



PHOTO: MASRI OSMAN

His Royal Highness Crown Prince presents the gifts at the BRIDEX Hall in Jerudong.

**JERUDONG, September 5** – More than 10,000 people from five categories received personal gifts from His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

The five categories receiving His Majesty's personal gifts were people with special needs; orphans; patients who receive welfare assistance registered with Ministry of Health; people in the poverty group registered with Community Development Department; and people in the poverty group registered with Brunei Darussalam Islamic Council.

His Majesty's personal gifts were presented by His Majesty's personal representatives at four districts.

Present as His Majesty's personal representative at the Brunei-Muara District was His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Senior Minister at Prime Minister's Office.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince presented the gifts to 6,810 recipients at the BRIDEX Hall in Jerudong.

In Belait District, similar ceremony was held at the Third Battalion's Officer Mess at the Lumut Camp.

Present as His Majesty's personal representative at the Belait District was His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim.

At the ceremony, His Royal Highness presented His Majesty's personal gifts to 1,562 recipients.

Meanwhile in Tutong District, 1,833 recipients received His Majesty's personal gifts from His Majesty's personal representative, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik at the Seri Kenangan Hall, Tutong Community Hall.

In Temburong District, the ceremony was held at the Belalong Hall in Pekan Bangar.

Present as His Majesty's personal representative was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

His Royal Highness presented His Majesty's personal gifts to 553 recipients.



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His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim presents the gifts at Belait District.



PHOTO: HAJI MOHD. YUSOF MOHD. YASSIN

His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik presents the gifts at Tutong District.



PHOTO: HAJI MASALLEH HAJI MOHD. ALI

His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen presents the gifts at Temburong District.



## HRH attends 65<sup>th</sup> UN's General Assembly

**NEW YORK, September 19** - His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah are in New York to attend the 65<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly.

His Royal Highness will be representing Brunei Darussalam at the Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals (MDG).

Also accompanying His Royal Highness is Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The UN's General Assembly starts on September 20 with a Plenary Meeting on MDG; meanwhile the General Debate Session will be held from September 23 to 28.

Brunei Darussalam became the 159<sup>th</sup> member of United Nations on September 21, 1984.



His Royal Highness delivers a *sabda* at the 65<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly.

PHOTO: HAJI MOHD YUSOF MOHD YASSIN

## Millennium Development Goals

**NEW YORK, September 22** - Brunei Darussalam has learned several lessons in its work over the last ten years. One of the first lessons is how the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) can bring together its people, government, entrepreneurs, professionals, families and communities. Brunei Darussalam is starting to feel new confidence in the future and is less frightened by its many challenges.

The matters were said by His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade at the High-Level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on MDG.

"As a result, our government has strengthened policy and legislation. Our public and private sectors are working together in health and education and all ministries have set long-term programmes of development.

When we add all this to our comprehensive housing programmes and our commitment to the rule of law, we can see that work towards the goals has done a great deal to strengthen social welfare," said His Royal Highness.

Another lesson learned is that as Brunei Darussalam is a developing and small nation, it cannot do everything on its own and it needs others.

"This is why our regional association is very important to us. It has a great role to play and I think this is because it also has a development target. This challenges us to become what we can call 'ASEAN Community'.

In fact, the immediate target date is the same as the one for the Millennium Goals, 2015.

Our method is to establish what we describe as 'connectivity' and I am sure that nothing will give us a stronger 'connection' than achieving the Millennium Goals

together as partners.

After all, the goals are at the heart of any real community and the lesson here is an inspiring one. It shows they can be both a national and a regional guide," said His Royal Highness.

Another lesson that Brunei Darussalam is still trying to learn is concerning the targets which is difficult to reach. This is particularly the case with the natural environment in general, and specifically, bio-diversity.

"Even though we have signed key international agreements, we have a very real problem. It can be summed up quite simply. We don't know enough.

Statistics often contradict each other. Basic facts are frequently disputed. Even when we are satisfied with the information we get, we cannot implement recommendations. We can do the planning and pass the legislation. We can even provide much of the physical infrastructure but there is very little else we can do if we don't have enough highly skilled people.

This is always going to be a big problem because of our low population and our small domestic market. So, unless the situation changes, some of the goals will be very hard to achieve.

It means that success cannot depend entirely on each individual country. As many speakers here have said, it calls for deep levels of cooperation, especially sharing ideas and expertise.

We see this as the biggest single lesson we have learned in the last ten years. We are, therefore, very pleased that the United Nations is promoting this and we will do whatever we can to strengthen these efforts," said His Royal Highness.



## HRH attends OIC meeting



His Royal Highness at the Annual Coordination Meeting Organisation of Foreign Ministers of the OIC member states. Also present were Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Mansurah Izzul Bolkiah.

## HRH attends bilateral meetings

**NEW YORK, September 27** – His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade held bilateral meetings with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan, His Excellency Khamrokhon Zarifi; and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Maldives, His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Shaheed.

The meetings were held at United Nations (UN) Headquarters.

While in the evening, His Royal Highness attended a reception to commemorate the 65<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of Republic of Indonesia held at the republic's permanent mission's office at the UN.

This was then followed by a reception hosted by Singapore's Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency George Yeo in honour of the member-states of the Forum of Small States.

While Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Governance Group Ministerial Meeting and the 9<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Foreign Ministers Meeting.

**NEW YORK, September 24** – His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade attended the Annual Coordination Meeting Organisation of Foreign Ministers of the Organisation Islamic Conference (OIC) Member States in conjunction with 65<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly.

Also present were Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Mansurah Izzul Bolkiah.

The meeting was chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan, His Excellency Khamrokhon Zarifi.

Among the agendas discussed were various international issues especially the Middle East Process and ways to enhance relationship with western countries. This is an effort to prevent misunderstanding about Islamic world in the east and west.

The meeting was held at United Nations Headquarters.

PHOTOS: HAJI MOHD. YUSSOF MOHD. YASSIN



His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah during a bilateral meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan, His Excellency Khamrokhon Zarifi.

## Team work, cooperation vital



His Royal Highness during a visit to Medical and Sports Research Centre.

**BERAKAS, September 22** – For the nation's sports development and athletic excellence, the committee of assessment and selection of athletes for overseas sporting events were urged to prioritise team work, cooperation

and to discuss together problems faced.

These were highlighted by His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, the President of Brunei Darussalam National Olympic Council at a meeting with the Committee of Sports Assessment and Selection Of Athletes Representing The Country To Regional and International Sporting Events.

According to His Royal Highness, the committee should be more positive and responsible and prioritise discussion in any problems faced before making a decision. His Royal Highness further said that the committee must ensure the security, health and facilities for the selected athlete.

The meeting was also to discuss Brunei's preparation for the 19<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, India from October 3 to 14. Brunei Darussalam will be participating in Lawn Ball sports event.

Prior to the meeting, His Royal Highness visited Medical and Sports Research Centre. The establishment of National Sports Medical Centre, Local Sports Medical Unit and Regional Centre is seen as the optimum solution to the provision of facilities related to systematic sports development programme throughout the country.

The meeting was held at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium.



## National Youth Tadarus Al-Quran Assembly



His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim at the National Youth Tadarus Al-Quran Assembly.

**KIARONG, September 1** – A National Youth Tadarus Al-Quran Assembly involving an estimated 3,500 youths was organised held in conjunction with the holy month of Ramadan.

Present to participate in the assembly was His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim held at Jame' 'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah.

The assembly, organised for the first time, involved youths representing higher learning institutions, colleges, secondary schools, youth and sports associations, uniformed associations and individuals in general.

The programme included a religious and motivational talk on 'Belia Berjiwa Besar' or 'High-spirited Youth'.

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Pehin Dato Paduka Awang Haji Hazair in his welcoming address said the gathering was designed to strengthen and reflect the determination of the youth in upholding the intention of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam to produce an Al-Quran generation as stated in His Majesty's *tifah* during the Adult Level National Quran Reading Competition in 1996.

## International Peace Day Brunei Quest 2010



Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah presents the prize and certificate to one of the winners of the International Peace Day Brunei Quest 2010.

**BERAKAS, September 19** – The Brunei Darussalam Girl Guides Association has organised an event to commemorate International Peace Day Brunei Quest 2010.

Present to award the prizes and certificates for the winners of International Peace Day Brunei Quest 2010 was Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah, the President of the Brunei Darussalam Girl Guides Association.

Also present was Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah.

The winners for the final of the International Peace Day Brunei Quest 2010 were Dayang Hajah Aiman Samhani binti Haji Abdul Halim from the Girl Guides Association, studying at the Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Damit Arabic Religious Secondary School; and Dayang Noor Aliah binti Haji Sayifullah, a Brownie, a student at Sunshine School.

Peace Day is the association's annual activity held every second week of September.

## HRH attends luncheon

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 27** – Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Muta-Wakkilah Hayatul Bolkiah attended a luncheon hosted by the British High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Rob Fenn and Britain Brunei Business Forum at the High Commissioner's residence at Kampung Sungai Besar, Jalan Kota Batu.

A briefing on the 'Rules of Law' was also presented at the luncheon by The Right Honourable Lord Sir John Laws, Lord of Justice of Appeal of England & Wales and Treasurer of the Inner Temple.



Her Royal Highness receives a souvenir from The Right Honourable Lord Sir John Laws, Lord of Justice of Appeal of England & Wales and Treasurer of the Inner Temple.



## Did you know that...

- Two significant events occurred during the reign of Sultan Ahmad Tajuddin, Brunei Darussalam's 27<sup>th</sup> Sultan; the discovery of oil in 1929 and the invasion of Brunei by Japanese in 1941.
- Coal was an important export item for Brunei before the discovery of oil.
- Brunei introduced its policy on education in 1954. The aim was to ensure the provision of education facilities for primary, secondary English education, vocational training and adult education for the people of Brunei.
- In 1958, an English medium school for girls, Sekolah Tinggi Perempuan Raja Isteri was set up in Brunei Town (now known as Bandar Seri Begawan). The school still exist today.

## >> BRUNEI IN BRIEF

- Official name is Negara Brunei Darussalam.
- Capital is Bandar Seri Begawan.
- It is located on the north-west of Borneo Island in Southeast Asia.
- Land size is 5765 sq. km
- Population is estimated at 406,200 people (2009)
- It is divided into four districts – Brunei Muara, Tutong, Kuala Belait and Temburong.
- Malay is the official language but English is widely spoken.
- Islam is the official religion and it allows other religions to be practiced.
- National carrier is Royal Brunei Airlines.
- It has an equatorial climate, a uniform temperature, high humidity and heavy rainfall.

**Public Warning:** The trafficking of controlled drugs carries the death penalty in Brunei Darussalam

## >> HOW TO GET TO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM?

**There are a number of ways to reach Brunei.**

- By air - Brunei's national carrier, Royal Brunei Airlines travels to more than 20 destinations around the world. The airline also has worldwide office for you to book a return flight to Brunei (to know the nearest RBA's office at your place, please log to: [www.brunelair.com](http://www.brunelair.com))
- International airlines such as Singapore Airlines, Malaysia Airlines and Thai Airways also fly frequently to Brunei. Beginning July 2006, Air Asia, one of Malaysia's lowest airfare carrier has direct flight from Kuala Lumpur to Brunei.
- Arrival by plane would land you to Brunei International Airport (BWN), the sole airport in the nation.
- For those who enjoy journey by sea, you can reach Brunei by boat or ferry. The main ferry terminal in Brunei is the Serasa Ferry Terminal at Muara. You can catch a ferry from Labuan, Sabah or Lawas and Sundar, both in Sarawak, a state of the neighbouring country, Malaysia. Another option is via a boat from Limbang, Sarawak which will arrive at the jetty around Jalan Residency area in the Capital.
- You would have two options of entry point to Brunei by land transport. You can enter through the Sungai Tujoh Immigration Control Post in Belait District or the Kuala Lurah Immigration Control Post in Brunei Muara District. The Sungai Tujoh Immigration Control Post in Belait is the entry point for those from Miri, Sarawak. While the Kuala Lurah Immigration Control Post is the entrance for those coming from Limbang, Sarawak; Kota Kinabalu; and Kalimantan.



## More than \$4.2 million spent to clean river and rubbish collection project



The Minister of Development during his working visit to Brunei River's Cleaning Project.

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 1** – More than \$4.2 million has been spent by the Department of Environment, Park and Recreation for a project to clean Brunei River and house-to-house rubbish collection.

The project to clean Brunei River is currently undergoing with an estimated cost of \$3.9 million while the cost of house-to-house rubbish collection is at \$300,000.00 annually.

The matters were stated by the Minister of Development, Pehin Dato Paduka Haji Awang Suyoi during his working visit to Brunei River's cleaning project at Kampung Ayer in Kampung Saba Tengah.

The minister further said that the high cost of this project will not be beneficial if residents of Kampung Ayer and members of the public ignore cleanliness. Thus, he urged the residents and members of the public to stop throwing rubbish into Brunei River.

He expressed his hope that the current bad quality of waters on Brunei River will improve once the project is completed in two years time.

## 6<sup>th</sup> IMT group arrived home

**GADONG, September 3** – Nine personnel of Royal Brunei Armed Forces from the 6<sup>th</sup> International Monitoring Team (IMT) to Mindanao, Republic of Philippines have returned home safely.

Their arrival were welcomed by the Commander of RBAF, General Major Dato Paduka Haji Aminuddin Ihsan at the Royal Brunei Air Force Base in Rimba.

The involvement of RBAF in IMT in Mindanao started since October 2004. Their task is to monitor and support the current government of the Republic of Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (GRP-MILF) peace negotiations, as well as in continuing the momentum for the resolution of the conflict in Mindanao, including the socio-economic development aspects of agreements signed between GRP-MILF.



The welcoming ceremony for the 6<sup>th</sup> IMT group.

## Bridge linking Brunei-Muara – Temburong: \$2.84 million for feasibility studies



The planned projects for bridge linking Brunei-Muara and Temburong.

stipulated in the National Development Plan 2007-2012.

The feasibility studies will aim at making detailed assessments on issues involved on any planning to build the roads and bridge connecting the two districts. The results derived from the studies such as aspects of the economy, social impact, environment, impact of navigation, and safety will be taken into account. The information gathered will be used to consider in deciding the possibilities of building the bridge.

In this regard, a signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Ove Arup and Partners was held at the Ministry of Development.

Signing on behalf of His Majesty's Government were the Acting Permanent Secretary for Technical and Professional, Awang Haji Mohamad Zin bin Haji Awang Salleh and the Acting Director General of Public Works, Dayang Hajah Marhani binti Abdullah. Meanwhile, signing of behalf of Ove Arup and Partners were its Project Director, Mr. Lim Siew Yong and its Senior Director, Naeem U. Hussain.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by the Minister of Development, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Suyoi.



## More projects for better infrastructure

**TUTONG, September 7** – The Brunei Economic Development Board (BEDB) will be carrying out three projects at Tutong District.

The projects comprise of construction of Telisai-Lumut dual carriage highway which is currently undergoing; waste management landfill at Sungai Paku; and construction of 1,500 houses at Kampung Bukit Beruang.

The construction of Telisai-Lumut dual carriage highway will ease road users to commute in between the three districts namely Brunei-Muara, Belait and Tutong.

While the waste management landfill at Sungai Paku is scheduled to be implemented in five years time. It will provide a more systematic and environmental-friendly waste disposal.

The matters were revealed by BEDB's Infrastructure Development Manager, Awang Abdurahman bin Abdul Aziz at a briefing held by BEDB at Seri Kenangan Hall, Tutong Community Hall Complex.

## Brunei Darussalam shows improvement in Global Competitiveness Rankings Report

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 10** – According to the 31<sup>st</sup> Global Competitiveness Rankings Report (GCR 2010 – 2011), Brunei Darussalam has shown an improvement where it shows Brunei is now positioned at number 28 from 139 countries/economies.

Brunei was previously positioned at number 31 from 132 countries/economies, an increase by four positions.

The improvements were due to improvements and progress in various areas as measured by Global Competitiveness Index (GCI)

Brunei Darussalam successfully maintains its number one position in area of Macroeconomic Stability and enhanced its ranking in five of the 12 pillars of GCI, that is health and primary education (+10), good market efficiency (+22), financial market development (+13), technological readiness (+13) and innovation (+6).

The enhancement of five pillars balanced the decreased in three pillars: infrastructure (-11), higher education and training (-2) and market size (-3).

The GCR 2010 – 2011 was released on September 9, 2010 by World Economic Forum before the Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2010 in Tianjin.

## Brunei – Korea: Pilot paddy-planting programme launched

**PENGKALAN BATU, September 15** – In its effort to achieve self-sufficiency in rice production, the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam is continuously on the move to enhance the paddy planting sector.

The latest saw the launching of a pilot paddy-planting and management programme between Brunei Darussalam and Republic of Korea. The project is based at Panchor Murai, one of the designated paddy development areas in this country.

This project based on 200-hectare piece of land is a combined effort between the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood with Landevel Company Sendirian Berhad.

Through this cooperation, studies will be conducted on paddy management using technologies

from Republic of Korea particularly on water irrigation system which can be used for local entrepreneurs.

While 50-hectares of land will be used for phase one of the project where 16 paddy varieties will be tested, namely five varieties from Republic of Korea; two from Thailand; one from Vietnam; and three local varieties. It is estimated that its first season will harvest an amount of 3.5 metric tonnes of paddy.

The pilot paddy-planting programme was launched by the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Pehin Dato Haji Awang



The Minister of Industry and Primary Resources at the launching of a pilot paddy-planting and management programme between Brunei Darussalam and Republic of Korea.

Yahya. Also present was the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Kim Dae Sik.

## Harvesting of hybrid paddy



The Minister of Industry and Primary Resources at the harvesting of hybrid paddy.

**WASAN, September 18** – Continuous efforts are taken to achieve the nation's target for self-sufficiency in its rice production. One of the latest measures taken is the planting of hybrid paddy, a cooperation between Department of Agriculture and Agrifood and Singapore's Sunland Agri-Tech Company.

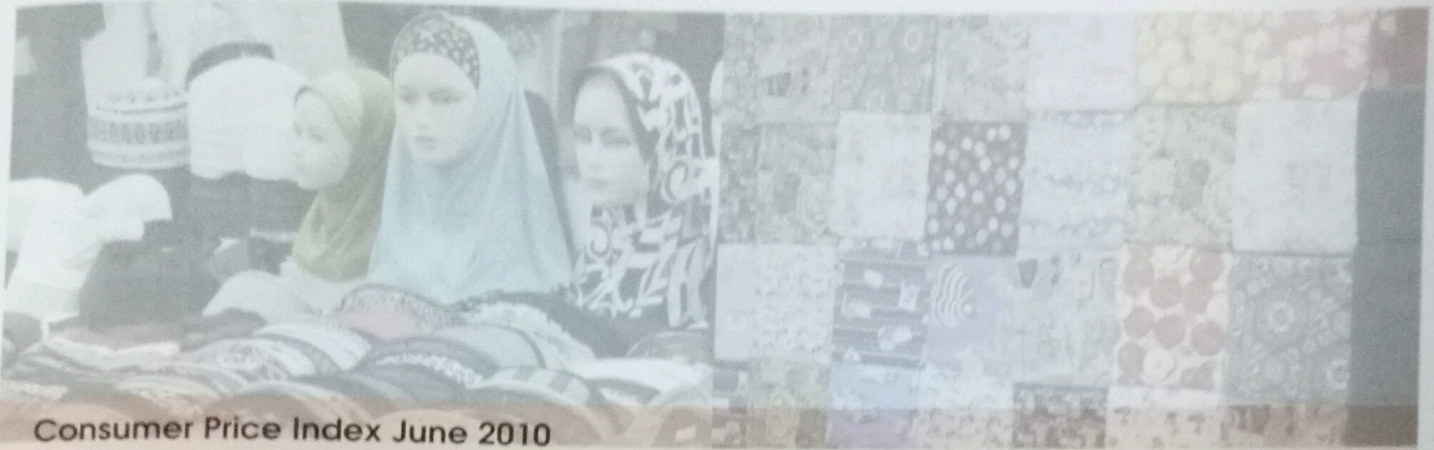
The harvesting of the hybrid paddy was held at the Wasan Paddy Planting Project Agriculture Development Area in Mukim Pengkalan Batu. It was led by Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Yahya.

The harvesting ceremony was a continuation of the Paddy Hybrid Planting Project Agriculture Development Area in Mukim Pengkalan Batu launched on September 17, 2009 at the Brunei Agriculture Research Centre in Kilanas.

The Hybrid Paddy Planting Project is carried out by seven paddy entrepreneurs from Mukim Pengkalan Batu which acts as a model paddy farm for studying the suitability of paddy farmer's planting sites. It also gave opportunities to the entrepreneurs in studying the techniques in hybrid paddy management where the systems are different from normal practised.

With proper and systematic management, hybrid paddy has the potential to produce eight to 10 metric tonnes of paddy per hectare.





## Consumer Price Index June 2010

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 29** – The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in June 2010 increased over May 2010. Compared with June 2009, the CPI increased by 0.2 per cent. Meanwhile, the CPI for January to June 2010 rose by 0.3 per cent compared with the same period last year.

The Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages Index increased by 0.2 per cent over May 2010. On a year-on-year basis, the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index was 0.5 per cent higher.

On the other hand, the Non-Food Index fell marginally over May 2010. Compared with the same month last year, the Non-Food Index was 0.2 per cent higher.

On a period-on-period basis, the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 0.6 per cent. The Non-Food Index for January to June 2010 went up by 0.3 per cent compared with the same period last year.

The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index increased 0.2 per cent over May 2010. Increases were recorded in rice and cereals (0.2 per cent); milk, dairy products and eggs (0.4 per cent); oil and fats (0.3 per cent); fruits (0.9); vegetables (1.8 per cent); sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery (less than 0.05 per cent); other food products (0.4 per cent); coffee, tea and cocoa (0.6 per cent) and mineral waters, soft drinks, fruits and vegetables juices (0.6 per cent).

However, the Non-Food Index decreased marginally over May 2010. Decreases were recorded in clothing and footwear (0.2 per cent) and furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance (0.1 per cent). Meanwhile, the CPI in June 2010 was 0.2 per cent higher than the same in month 2009.

The Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages Index rose by 0.5 per cent compared to the same month last year.

Increases were recorded in rice and cereals (0.8 per cent); milk, dairy products and eggs (2.3 per cent); fruits (3.6 per cent); vegetables (3.3 per cent); sugar, jam honey, chocolate and confectionery (0.9 per cent); other food products (1.4 per cent); and coffee, tea and cocoa (1.2 per cent).

The Non-Food Index also rose that is by 0.2 per cent compared to the same month last year.

Increases were recorded in housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (less than 0.05 per cent); health (1.8 per cent); transport (1.2 per cent); education (0.1 per cent); and restaurants and hotels (0.6 per cent).

The average CPI for the first six months (January to June) in 2010 was 0.3 per cent higher than the same period in 2009.

Increases were recorded in Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (0.6 per cent); tobacco (0.1 per cent); housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (0.1 per cent); health (1.9 per cent); transport (1.1 per cent); education (0.1 per cent); restaurants and hotels (0.9 hotels); and miscellaneous goods and services (0.1 per cent).

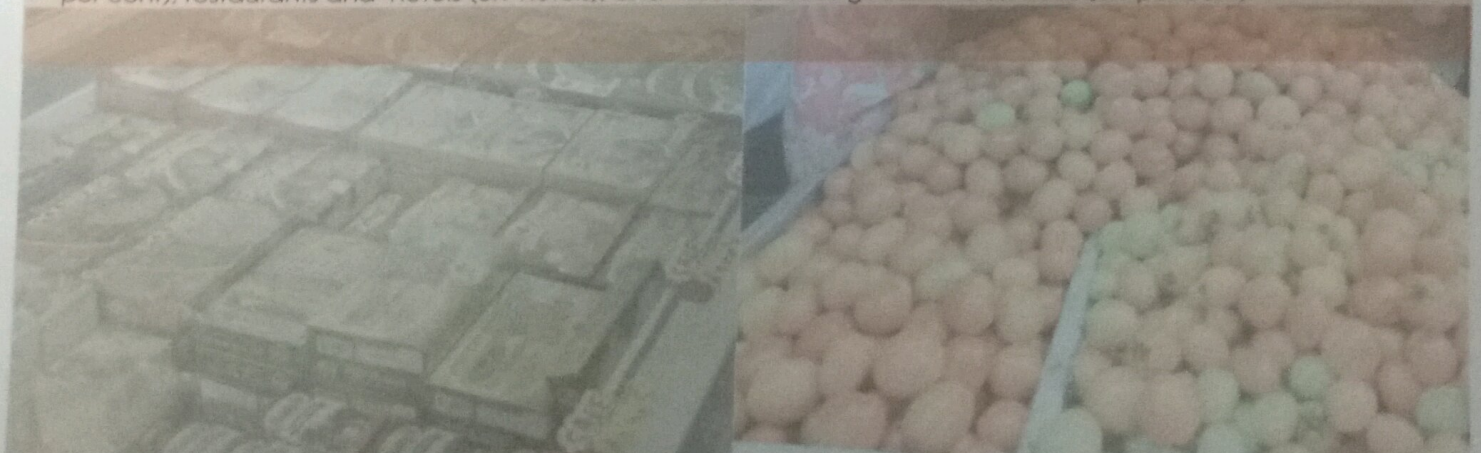






PHOTO: AZMAN HAJI AHAD

The Minister of Home Affairs, Pehin Dato Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin and High Commissioner of Malaysia to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Dato' Ku Jaafar Ku Shaari attended a reception to commemorate Malaysia's 53<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day at Songket Ballroom, The Rizqun International Hotel in Gadong on September 20.



PHOTO: PHELIANUS BUDY SAFAWAND ALI

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Hazair and Ambassador of Indonesia to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Handriyo Kusumo Priyo attended a reception to commemorate Republic of Indonesia's 65<sup>th</sup> National Day at Radisson Hotel on September 21.



PHOTO: MOHD. ZUL-IZZI HAJI DURAMAN

The Minister of Education, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Abu Bakar and Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Mohamad bin Jameel Abdul Jaleel Hashim attended a reception to commemorate Saudi Arabia's 80<sup>th</sup> National Day at The Rizqun International Hotel in Gadong on September 23.



PHOTO: ABULKALAM HAJI AWANG DAWAT

The Minister of Health, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Adanan and wife with the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Min Yongnian and wife attended a reception to mark the 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China on September 30 at International Convention Centre in Berakas.

## AiTi inks deal with John Harith Technology Sdn. Bhd.

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 20** – The Authority of Info-communication Technology and Industry (AiTi) signed an agreement with John Harith Technology Sdn. Bhd. where it will develop and maintain Brunei-made Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) applications and solutions for AiTi's Showcase Gallery.

Signing for AiTi were its Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Pengiran Haji Md. Salleh bin Pengiran Haji Ali and Assistant Head Executive, Dayang Julianah binti Haji Ali Ahmad; while John Harith Technology Sdn. Bhd. was represented by its General Manager, Lim Wan Kee.

The signing ceremony was held at Dewan Seri Kerna, AiTi's Headquarters and witnessed by AiTi's Chief Executive Officer, Awang Haji Yahkup bin Haji Menudin and IT Manager of John Harith Technology Sdn. Bhd., Chow Chung Fatt.

The project befits AiTi's vision to adopt and develop RFID application and solution for Brunei Darussalam's economic development and sustainability.



PHOTO: AMPUAN HAJI MAHMUD AMPUAN HAJI TENGAH

The signing ceremony will develop and maintain Brunei-made Radio Frequency Identification applications and solutions for AiTi's Showcase Gallery.



## BDRCS attends SEA Youth Director Meeting

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 21** - Two officers of the Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) will be representing Brunei Darussalam at the 8<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asia Youth Director Meeting and 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Leaders Forum scheduled to take place in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from September 21 to 23, 2010.

The two officers representing BDRCS are Awang Haji Muhammad Suhaimi bin Haji Ibrahim and Awang Mohammad Rosdi bin Haji Ruslan who are respectively Commander and Assistant Commander in BDRCS. Awang Haji Muhammad Suhaimi will be attending the Youth Director Meeting while Awang Muhammad Rosdi will be attending the Youth

Leaders Forum.

Present to bid farewell at the Brunei International Airport is a member of BDRCS National Council, Haji Julaini bin Haji Abd Latip (Director of Development and Training).

The meeting and forum will provide another opportunity to all youth leaders and practitioners from South East Asia National Societies to review the achievement in 2009, the challenges, lesson learned and the new thought that need to be contributed in the future.

It is undoubtedly beneficial for BDRCS as it provides a platform to share and learn new and valuable approaches to youth movements with

other participants.

The meeting and forum are jointly organised by IFRC Cambodia Country Office and the Cambodian Red Cross (CRC). It is an annual event and each SEA Red Cross/Crescent Societies will be given the opportunity to be the host country.

This year's meeting will focus on several key themes, namely Youth Empowerment; Youth & Governance; Youth & Leadership; Youth & Fundraising; Youth Forum/Club/Network. These themes are aligned with the Federation Strategic 2020 themes which is 'doing more, doing better, and reaching further'.

## Various measures to overcome flood problem

**TUTONG, September 21** - The establishment of Flood Management Master Plan, projects to improve quality of roads, sewage system and flood management scheme carried out by the Ministry of Development are some of the measures taken to overcome the flood problem occurring throughout the nation.

The matters were stated by the Minister of Development, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Suyoi at the launching ceremony of Flood Management

Project at Tutong River Floodplain in Kampung Layong.

Speaking on the newly-launched project, the minister said that the project launched is not a new project as construction works commenced in February 2010. This project is expected to be completed by 2012. The project is also carried out in small scales at other districts particularly at flood prone areas. It is envisioned that flood problems will be reduced with the full implementation of the project.

Minister of Development,  
Pehin Dato Awang Haji  
Suyoi.



## Brunei – Indonesia: Milestones and achievements achieved

**TUNGKU, September 22** - Bilateral relations between Brunei Darussalam and Republic of Indonesia have achieved several milestones and achievements. These have encouraged for both countries to look forward towards further developing and strengthening the bilateral relations.

The matters were stated by Minister of Home Affairs, Pehin Dato Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin at the official opening of a seminar on Bilateral Relations between Brunei Darussalam and Indonesia held at Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD).

The seminar was officiated by the minister and the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Handiyo Kusumo Priyo.

The one-day seminar was attended by various participants of professional backgrounds, government officials, foreign diplomats, leaders of business associations and youth organisation, historians, economists, students, and personnel involved with environmental issues.



The Minister of Home Affairs officiates the opening of a seminar on Bilateral Relations between Brunei Darussalam and Indonesia.



## Royal Brunei Police Force introduces ARMS

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 22** – In its effort to enhance personnel efficiency and effectiveness, the Royal Brunei Police Force has introduced Advance Records Management System (ARMS).

A contract agreement signing ceremony for the establishment of ARMS was held between Royal Brunei Police Force and ITIS Wescot Technology Sdn. Bhd. at the Officer Mess, Police Headquarters in Gadong.

The contract which costs \$3,958,000.00 is part of the e-Government initiatives through the National Development Plan 2007-2012.

Signing on behalf of Royal Brunei Police Force was its Director of Administration and Finance, SAC Awang Haji Majid bin Haji Awang Damit while its counterpart was Louis Lim Ching Tong, Managing Director of ITIS Wescot Technology Sdn. Bhd.

Present as guest of honour and to witness the signing ceremony was Acting Commissioner of Police, Pehin Dato Paduka Awang Haji Hasrin.

This project will take one year to complete which among others aims to provide high quality, easy and effective information in assisting for decision-making; and to increase control and effectiveness of other police services. It also supports e-Government initiatives through open web-based which enables more effective interaction between police force and other agencies.



The signing ceremony witnessed by the Acting Commissioner of Police, Pehin Dato Paduka Awang Haji Hasrin.

## Fish breeding at Piling-Pilongan Island waters



The Minister of Industry and Primary Resources during the first harvesting at Piling-Pilongan Island waters.

**MUARA, September 28** – More than 400 tonnes of two types of fish - Kerapu Harimau (Tiger Grouper) and Pahat-Pahat Duai (Snubnose Pompano) will be produced by Biomarine Sendirian Berhad targeting markets abroad like China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Biomarine Sendirian Berhad signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Guangdong and Fisheries Administration and started its operation since November last year using eight High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) cage to breed Kerapu Harimau. In April of this year, due to success of breeding, the company increased its HDPE cages with additional 28 cages comprising of both square and round shapes to breed various types of fishes.

Thus the first harvesting for the company was led by the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Yahya. Also present were representatives from the embassy of the People's Republic of China to the sultanate.

## SiPADU Systems and Ishajaya Technology sign deal

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 29** – SiPADU Systems, the ICT integrated solution equipment for Telekom Brunei Berhad (TelBru) has signed an agreement with Ishajaya Technology for the 'Specification Requirement for BEDB Knowledge Hub, Unified Communication Services'.

Signing on behalf of TelBru was its Managing Director, Song Kin Koi while his counterpart was Ishajaya Technology's Chief Executive Officer, Elvin Hii.

The signing ceremony held at TelBru Headquarters was witnessed by SiPADU Systems' General Manager and TelBru Network Services, Awang Haji Sahralidin bin Haji Abdul Momin.

The Unified Communications provides integrated solution for communication users which include voice, video and data with the main focus to increase productivity and effectiveness for existing companies and associations.

The unification of the communication service is assisted by platform Unified Communications AVAYA, one of the supreme leader in this field.



The signing ceremony witnessed by SiPADU Systems' General Manager and TelBru Network Services, Awang Haji Sahralidin.

Both SiPADU Systems and Ishajaya Technology hoped their cooperation will assist consumers to increase their communication solution.



## **UBD Convocation Fiesta launched**

**TUNGKU LINK, September 20** – His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda (Dr.) Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Pro Chancellor of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) launched the Convocation Fiesta 2010 and UBD Graduates' Islamic Calligraphy Project at the UBD Chancellor Hall.

The UBD Convocation Fiesta 2010 carries a theme 'UBD - Growing with the Community'. Among the activities held are religious projects like thanksgiving ceremony and Khatam Al-Quran; graduates street festival and other activities.

## **World Heart Day 2010**

**JERUDONG, September 26** – The Ministry of Health with Gleneagles Jerudong Park Medical Centre (JPMC) Sdn. Bhd. held a health programme in conjunction with World Heart Day 2010.

The event was held at Jerudong Park Playground.

Present at the event was the Minister of Health, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Adanan.

At the event, the minister also presented prizes to the winner of poster drawing in conjunction with World Heart Day.

## **Brunei to participate Commonwealth Games**

**BERAKAS, September 25** – Brunei Darussalam will be participating in the 19<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Games held in New Delhi, India from October 3 to 14.

In this regard, a national flag presentation was held at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium.

In attendance was His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, the President of the Brunei Darussalam National Olympic Council who presented the national flag to the Chef de Mission, Pengiran Anak Md. Sofian.

A total of 11 athletes from lawn bowl will be representing the country at the games. Brunei will participate in men's single event, men and women pairs; and triple men and women's events.

## **Brunei hosts international seminar on ICT**

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, September 28** – Brunei Darussalam is currently hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Transforming Teaching and Learning through ICT Optimisation.

Present to officially open the seminar was Minister of Education, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Abu Bakar held at the Kiulap Plaza Hotel.

The two-day seminar is organised by Ministry of Education in cooperation with Brunei Darussalam National Accreditation Council (BDNAC).

The theme of this seminar is aligned with the development of ICT in education in Brunei Darussalam.

## **More facilities to assist oil and gas industry**

**SERIA, September 29** – Two companies namely QESS Well Services Facility and QESS Wire Wrapped Screen Facility were officially opened for their operation.

The facilities are one of the most modern and largest in South East Asia, as a result of joint cooperation between QESS a local company and Halliburton from USA. They are able to fulfil the requirements of the oil and gas companies which are operating not only in Brunei Darussalam but also those regionally.

Present to officially open the facilities was the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Yahya.

Both facilities with a cost of investments of more than \$17 million, not only encourage local companies to invest and assist in the diversification and provision of value-added services to the oil and gas industry in Brunei Darussalam; but it has also created job opportunities to locals who have graduated from vocational technical schools.





In conjunction with Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Istana Nurul Iman was opened for three days which provides the public to personally greet members of the royal family on the joyous occasion.



Smiling faces of graduates at Universiti Brunei Darussalam's Convocation 2010.