



**ROYAL SPEECH IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS MAJESTY'S 65<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY**

**Continue balanced development agenda**

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 15** - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam called for the need to continue a balanced development agenda.

The matters were delivered in His Majesty's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary *titah* (royal speech) at the Balai

Singgahsana Indera Buana (Throne Chamber), Istana Nurul Iman.

Firstly, the National Development Plan (RKN) must underlie strategic needs with effective implementation. Secondly, the planning of human resource development should be more orderly. And thirdly, to formulate a network of sufficient laws and orders is also needed to protect the

importance of development, said His Majesty.

With these, said His Majesty, our economy will continue to grow, with the nation being able to provide wider employment opportunities to the younger generation, and the nation's financial position is more resilient and sustainable.

**Three schemes introduce under HR Fund**

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 15** - His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in his royal 65<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary speech also announced the implementation of three schemes under the Human Resource (HR) Fund to be carried out in phases.

Earlier in the speech, His Majesty touched on educational progress where Brunei's educational investment and infrastructure are one of the best; and the percentage of people with high education is among the highest in the world including its literacy rate.

"This however, should not allow us to remain silent from viewing areas that have been found weak," said the sovereign.

Among the worrying matters were the rates of student dropouts, shortage of candidates with credit four (4) GCE 'O' or more; and limited opportunity for those with 'O' and 'A' level qualification to undertake courses at government's technical and vocational institutions.

As an immediate measure, His Majesty has consented for the implementation of these three schemes; firstly is the improvement on Training and Employment Scheme which is currently running by providing financial incentives to locals who have been trained with skills as long as they continue to work in the private sector.

Secondly is the Resource Capacity Development in the Private Sector Scheme where it is a scholarship that enables locals who are working in the private sector to enhance their qualification and skills by furthering their studies either locally or abroad.

Thirdly, the Local Scholarship for Technical and Vocational Education at Private Academic



His Majesty delivers his *titah* (royal speech) which among others call for the need to continue a balanced development agenda.



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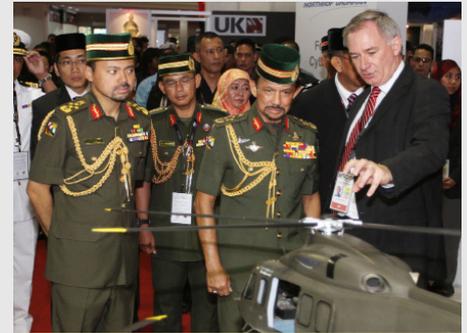
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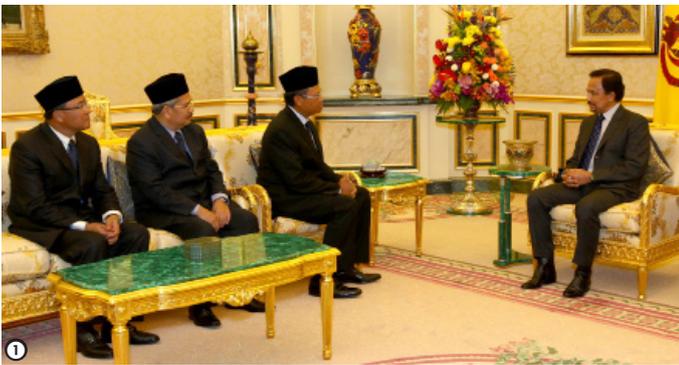
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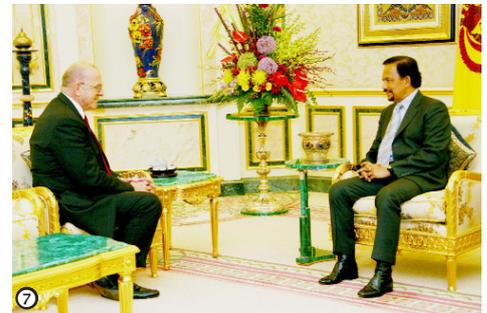


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### His Majesty receives audiences

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) received in audience at the Istana Nurul Iman from:



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- ❶ The Honourable Dato' Sri Ahmad Shabery Cheek, the Minister of Youth and Sports of Malaysia on July 2.
- ❷ His Excellency Major General Sanyhak Phomvihane, The Chief of the General Staff Department (CGSD), Ministry of Defence Lao People's Democratic Republic on July 4.
- ❸ His Excellency Dr. Ng. Eng Hen, the Minister for Defence of the Republic of Singapore on July 7.
- ❹ His Excellency Gazmin T. Voltaire, the Secretary of Defence of the Republic of the Philippines on July 7.
- ❺ His Excellency Kasiviswanathan Shanmugam, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Law of the Republic of Singapore on July 11.
- ❻ His Excellency Dr. Thomas C Bruns, the outgoing Ambassador of Federal Republic of Germany to Brunei Darussalam on July 27.
- ❼ His Excellency Wendell J. Sanford, the outgoing High Commissioner of Australia to Brunei Darussalam on July 27.



### Her Majesty receives audiences

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

- ❶ Yang Berbahagia Datin Sri Che Sharifah binti Ismail, the spouse of the Minister of Youth and Sports of Malaysia on July 2.
- ❷ Madam Oravanth Phomvihane, the spouse of The Chief of the General Staff Department (CGSD), Ministry of Defence Lao People's Democratic Republic on July 4.
- ❸ Madam Shanmugam, the spouse of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Law of the Republic of Singapore on July 11.
- ❹ Madam Maria Fernanda Bruns, the spouse of outgoing Ambassador of Federal Republic of Germany to Brunei Darussalam on July 30.

# Their Majesties receive audiences



**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 15** - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Wadaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha received audiences from invited foreign dignitaries attending the 65<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of His Majesty.

The audiences took place at the Istana Nurul Iman.

They were:

**1** Her Royal Highness Princess Basma binti Talal and His Excellency Dato Seri Setia Al-Sayed Walid Ismail Al-Kurdi from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

**2** The Honourable Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri bin Yaakob, the Malaysian Minister of Domestic Trade, Cooperative and Consumerism and spouse, Datin Sri Muhaini binti Zainal Abidin.

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

**4** The Right Honourable Datuk Musa bin Haji Aman, the Chief Minister of Sabah and spouse, Yang Amat Berbahagia Datin Hajah Faridah Haji Tussin.

**5** His Excellency Professor Purnomo Yusgiantoro, the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Indonesia and spouse, Ibu Li-es Purnomo.

**6** His Excellency Khaw Boon Wan, Singapore's Minister of National Development and spouse, Mrs. Lai Loo Mee.

**7** His Excellency Cesar V. Purisima, the Finance Secretary of the Republic of the Philippines and spouse, Mrs. Maria Corazon Purisma.

**8** His Excellency Dato Paduka Seri Admiral Agus Suhartono, the Indonesian National Armed Forces (TNI) Admiral and spouse, Ibu Tetty Agus Suhartono.





## His Royal Highness receives audiences

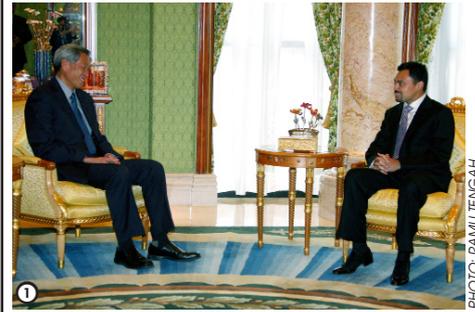


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**His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Senior Minister at Prime Minister's Office and General of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) received in audience at the Qashr Al-Meezan from:**

- ① His Excellency Dr. Ng. Eng Hen, the Minister for Defence of the Republic of Singapore on July 7.
- ② His Excellency Dr. Thomas C Bruns, the outgoing Ambassador of Federal Republic of Germany to Brunei Darussalam on July 27.
- ③ His Excellency Wendell J. Sanford, the outgoing High Commissioner of Australia to Brunei Darussalam on July 27.

Meanwhile on health, His Majesty said that we do not have an option but to change its focus of service from cure to prevention so it is able to sustain for a longer period.

This can be implemented by increasing public awareness on the importance of practising an inclusive healthy lifestyle or 'Health in All Policies' in daily actions as a key to effective prevention, said the sovereign.

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#### (Three schemes introduce under HR Fund)

Institution Scheme specifically for 'O' and 'A' level school leavers who are qualified but do not obtain the limited opportunity to study at government's technical and vocational institutions.

And in addition, His Majesty also consented for changes to the provision of education allowance to officers and staff in the civil service especially for their children who are studying at private institutions recognised by the government, who are undertaking courses at tertiary level.

This education allowance for tertiary level is also extended to citizens and residents who are working in the private sector, who are active members of the Employees Trust Fund. This allowance will commence from January 1, 2012.

"I hope that these measures will increase the capacity and strengthen the private sector especially in creating more employment opportunities for locals," added His Majesty.

## Change on passage allowance and introduction of new tariff

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 15** – His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday royal speech has consented for change on passage allowance including extending it to all female officers and staff in the civil service.

This change will take effect on January 1, 2012, and as one of the benefits that is still extended to current members of civil service, this allowance will continuously be reviewed from time to time subject to the ability of government resources.

On the context of energy consumption, His Majesty also announced that the government is currently examining one new tariff, which among others, aims to assist low

income group, and at the same time, to encourage public to avoid wastage. The new tariff will be enforced on January 1, 2012.

Earlier in his *titah*, His Majesty spoke on the continuous increase of consumption of domestic natural gas as fuel and national energy consumption per capita with Brunei being the highest in ASEAN. Government subsidy on petroleum product had also increased more than 45 per cent last year, compared to the previous year.

At the same time, payment of arrears for electricity for housing and business sectors are also continuously increasing, said His Majesty.

To overcome this problem, His Majesty had consented for the replacement of post-paid electrical power meter to pre-paid meter for private housing, which will be implemented for free and fully borne by the government.

## HM expresses concern on housing and health issues

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 15** – His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday royal speech expressed his concern on housing and health issues.

"These will also be the same with housing for the people. The construction programme will not only be implemented quickly, but will also be sustainable in terms of land usage, construction cost and government subsidy, and the owner's capability to pay," said His Majesty.

As for the owner's capability, His Majesty had consented for a research to be conducted to identify a saving system, where housing applicants can save for housing the earliest possible. This saving system will be introduced as soon as the research is completed.



PHOTO: RAWILI TENGAH

## His Majesty attends 65<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary honour parade

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 15** - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam attended an honour parade in conjunction with His Majesty's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary at the Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien in the capital.

His Majesty's arrival was greeted with the royal salute, accompanied by the national anthem and a twenty-one gun salute.

Also present at the parade were His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah and His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah.

**His Majesty inspects the guard-of-honour and contingents comprising of uniformed personnel.**

## 61 receive state decorations and medals

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 15** - In conjunction with the 65<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, 61 people were awarded Brunei Darussalam's State Decorations and Honorary Medals at the Audience and Investiture Ceremony.

The ceremony was held soon after His Majesty delivered his *titah* (royal speech) at the Balai Singgahsana Istana Buana (Throne Chamber), Istana Nurul Iman.

His Majesty first awarded the Most Exalted Order of Paduka Keberanian Laila Terbilang First Class (D.P.K.T.) which carries the title *Dato Paduka Seri* to His Excellency Laksamana Agus Suhartono, Penglima Tentera National Indonesia and the Commissioner of Police, Yang Dimulikan Pehin Orang Kaya Pendikar Alam Dato Paduka Haji Hasrin.

Five recipients received the Most Gallant Order of Pahlawan Negara Brunei, First Class (P.S.P.N.B.) which

carries the title *Dato Seri Pahlawan*.

Three received the Most Blessed Order of Setia Negara Brunei First Class (P.S.N.B.) which carries the title *Dato Seri Setia*.

The Most Honourable Order of Seri Paduka Mahkota Brunei, First Class (S.P.M.B.) which carries the title *Datin Seri Paduka* was awarded to Yang Berhormat Datin Paduka Hajah Hayati, The Attorney-General.

A total of five people were awarded with the Most Distinguished Order of Paduka Seri Laila Jasa (D.S.L.J.) Second Class, which carries the title *Dato Seri Laila Jasa*.

The Most Honourable Order of Seri Paduka Mahkota Brunei Second Class (D.P.M.B.) carrying the title, *Dato Paduka* were awarded to 13 recipients.



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**The two recipients of Most Exalted Order of Dato Paduka Keberanian Laila Terbilang First Class (D.P.K.T.) received their state decorations from His Majesty.**

Five people received the Most Eminent Order of Islam Brunei, Third Class (S.S.U.B.). 25 recipients were awarded The Most Blessed Order of Setia Negara Brunei Third Class (S.N.B.) and two people received the Most Distinguished Order of Paduka Seri Laila Jasa (S.L.J.) Third Class.

## Special assistance for NGOs

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 15** - His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in his *titah* in conjunction with 65<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary announced for a special assistance for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to enable them to provide more effective contribution.

"In the field of community, Alhamdulillah, I am happy and appreciate the caring attitude among citizens and residents in together helping groups of people with special needs through efforts implemented by NGOs," said His Majesty.

The special assistance for NGOs will be in the form of providing land site, design and permission for them to build a building and main facilities for welfare including infrastructure which are not against regulations.

Besides that, the sovereign also consented for annual financial assistance suitable to partially accommodate respective operational cost.

## Patent or Copyright Order to be enforced

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 15** - Another vital factor towards sustainable development is the increase in productivity in the public and private sectors by utilising latest technology and investing in research and innovation.

Towards this, the government is currently preparing the legal protection for copyright, in the form of Patent or Copyright Order, which will be enforced soon.

The government will also be providing an appropriate financial allocation in the upcoming Nation Development Plan for the purpose of research and innovation, announced His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam 65<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary's royal speech.



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Their Majesties and members of the royal family at the State Banquet.

## Banquets celebrate His Majesty's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday

**JERUDONG, July 26** – 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 attended a state banquet held in conjunction with His Majesty's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary on July 15 at the Istana Nurul Iman.

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

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

On July 17, a banquet for uniformed personnel of government department and civilian organisations was held at the Istana Nurul Iman.

The Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) also held similar occasion on July 22 at the BRIDEX Hall in Jerudong.

Meanwhile on July 26, a banquet was hosted by the Royal Brunei Police Force at the Indera Samudera Grand Hall, The Empire Hotel and Country Club.



PHOTO: AZMAH HAJI AHAD

His Majesty receives greetings from members of uniformed personnel after the banquet. Picture shows His Majesty with members of Brunei Darussalam Scouts Association.

## His Majesty awards state decorations

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 23** – His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam presented Brunei Darussalam's state decorations to 306 recipients in conjunction with His Majesty's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary.

Accompanying His Majesty were His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Sufri Bolkiah, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah, His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

The state decorations awarded were:

- The Most Honourable Order of Seri Paduka

Mahkota Brunei – 3<sup>rd</sup> Class (Darjah Seri Paduka Mahkota Brunei Yang Amat Mulia Darjah Ketiga – S.M.B.) to 81 recipients.

- The Most Eminent Order of Islam Brunei – 4<sup>th</sup> Class (Darjah Seri Ugama Islam Negara Brunei Yang Amat Bersinar Darjah Keempat – S.U.B.) to four recipients.

- The Most Blessed Order of Setia Negara Brunei – 4<sup>th</sup> Class (Darjah Setia Negara Brunei Yang Amat Bahagia Darjah Keempat – P.S.B.) to 218 recipients.

- The Most Eminent Order of Islam Brunei – 5<sup>th</sup> Class (Darjah Seri Ugama Islam Negara Brunei Yang Amat Bersinar Darjah Kelima – P.U.B.) to three recipients.

The ceremony took place at the Balai Singgahsana Indera Kenchana, Istana Nurul Iman.

## Meet-the-people ceremony



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Meet-the-people ceremony is a much awaited event by the people and residents of the country during His Majesty's birthday anniversary.

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 24** – His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam attended a meet-the-people ceremony in the Brunei-Muara District at the Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin in the capital.

The ceremony was held as part of His Majesty's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary celebration.

Accompanying His Majesty 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, His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

Similar ceremony was also held at other districts, Belait on July 17, Temburong on July 19 and Tutong on July 21.

This is a much awaited event as the people and residents of each district are able to personally greet His Majesty in conjunction with His Majesty's birthday anniversary.

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

- His Excellency the Right Honourable David Lloyd Johnston, Governor-General of Canada and to the Right Honourable Stephen Joseph Harper, Prime Minister of Canada as well as the government and people of Canada on the occasion of 144<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada Day on July 1.
- Mrs. Yingluck Shinawatra on the occasion of her winning the recent elections in Thailand on July 5.
- The President of the Republic of France, His Excellency Nicolas Sarkozy; the Prime Minister, His Excellency Francois Fillon and the government and people of the Republic of France in conjunction with the republic's National Day on July 13.
- The President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, His Excellency Truong Tan Sang on the occasion of his appointment as President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on July 27.

## His Majesty officiates 3<sup>rd</sup> BRIDEX 2011

**JERUDONG, July 6** - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) officiated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brunei Darussalam International Defence Exhibition (BRIDEX 2011) at the BRIDEX complex in Jerudong.

Also present were His Royal Highness Crown Prince General Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, who is also the General of the RBAF; and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik.

At the event, His Majesty witnessed aircraft aerobatic manoeuvres demonstrated by the Royal Brunei Air Force, Royal Malaysia Air Force, the Republic of Singapore Air Force, and the United States Pacific Command.

His Majesty also took a closer look at the outdoor static display consisting of various armoured infantry vehicles participating in the BRIDEX 2011. His Majesty also launched BRIDEX 2011 and the Defence White Paper 2011 and had a closer look at the land demonstration by units from the Royal Brunei Land Force, the Royal Brunei Air Force and the Special Forces Regiment.

BRIDEX serves as an exclusive marketplace to showcase the latest, innovative and value-enhancing technology solutions on land, sea, air and security systems to address the wide spectrum of security challenges being faced by countries in the region and around the world. This year's



His Majesty visits the military equipment exhibit at BRIDEX.

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exhibition is themed 'Leveraging Technology for Future Defence Needs'.

BRIDEX 2011 is part of the Ministry of Defence's efforts to promote the development of defence industries and reflect the ministry's dedication in obtaining cost-effective solutions for the Royal Brunei Armed Forces' operational requirements. The 3<sup>rd</sup> BRIDEX 2011 explores latest defence and security technology based solutions and services to cater to the dynamic challenges in all areas of defence and security.

## More houses for citizens

**KUALA BELAIT, July 30** - As one of its continuous effort to provide shelter and comfort to its citizens, the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam through its National Housing Programmes have awarded more people and citizens with land grants and homes.

On July 30, a total of 812 people received keys to semi-detached and terrace houses under the Panaga National Housing Scheme, in the Belait District. Out of the number, 411 people received keys to semi-detached houses, while 401 people received terrace houses.

Present to personally award the keys to their new homes was His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam held at the Conference Hall in Kuala Belait.

Soon after the house key presentation, His Majesty visited the Perdana Wazir Secondary School at Jalan Setia Pahlawan. The Perdana Wazir Secondary School was initially known as Kuala Belait English School, but it was upgraded to its current name on September 12, 1970. Currently, there are 811 students registered at the school with a teaching workforce of 85 people.

His Majesty also stopped over at the residence of Penghulu Mukim Kuala Belait who is also acting as Village Head of Pekan Kuala Belait, Awang Haji Pungut bin Ali, at the Kampung Pandan National Housing Programme and visited several residence of the recipients.

Prior to that, on July 12, His Majesty also had presented the house keys to 650 recipients of the semi-detached and terrace houses under similar housing programme. The ceremony took place at Conference Hall in Kuala Belait.



One of the recipients receives the key to his new home from His Majesty.

PHOTO: RAMLI TENGAH

Out of the number, 315 people received keys to semi-detached houses, while 335 people received terrace houses.

Soon after the house key presentation, His Majesty visited Kampung Pandan 'C', Sayyidina Ali Secondary School at Jalan Singa Manteri and several homes of recipients. Provision of houses under the National

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Housing Scheme by the government reflects His Majesty's caring leadership in giving attention to the welfare,

prosperity and harmony of the people and residents in the country.

In the Financial Year 2011/2012 Provision alone, the Housing Development Department received

a total of more than \$14 million. The national housing policy is in line with His Majesty's vision towards enhancing the standards of living of the people in the country.

## Mushaf Al-Quran commemorate His Majesty's birthday

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 14** – As part of the celebration of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary, 45 local youths from various backgrounds produced a hand-traced Mushaf Al-Quran. The process of publishing this *Mushaf Al-Quran* took 65 days to complete.

The making of the *Mushaf* also portrays the youths' wishes for His Majesty's prosperity and guidance from Allah The Almighty as well as peace and progress for his subjects.

A presentation ceremony of the *Mushaf Al-Quran* took place at the Istana Nurul Iman where His Majesty personally received the *Mushaf Al-Quran* from the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Hazair.

Also in attendance were His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik; and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.



Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports presents the *Mushaf Al-Quran* to His Majesty.

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Life-long learning among the matters highlighted by His Majesty in his *titah* (royal speech).

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## Knowledge Convention 2011

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, JULY 26** - All agencies, intellects and knowledgeable persons are called to deliver knowledge and motivate people to become knowledgeable.

Intellects in particular, are suggested to contribute energy, while teachers have to do extra mile in delivering beneficial knowledge to the people, with a mission: towards knowledgeable community.

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 Official Launching of the Knowledge Convention 2011 held at the International Convention Centre in Berakas.

It is the nation's responsibility to make the people knowledgeable, in other words to accept and receive the knowledge through education and reading. Project and programme

towards this must be provided, said His Majesty.

His Majesty added that, life-long learning is not a strange matter for Islam as it had become doctrine and soul in our Prophet's mission.

Knowledge convention can be civilised at home, at community hall, at the mosque and others, so that on the change of generation, Brunei's generation at that time will be diligent readers, and their culture is knowledge civilised, said His Majesty.

His Majesty further added that we should ask from those knowledgeable if we did not know and if nobody knows, do research. It must be available, as Islam had provided everything.

Also attending were His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah, His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim, His Royal Highness

Prince 'Abdul Malik and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Mateen.

His Majesty and members of the royal family also visited the Knowledge Convention Exhibition 2011 (MajEx2011) which focused on life-long learning through the time tunnel that featured human cycle from new born until death. Also visited were exhibition from various government and private agencies.

The Knowledge Convention 2011 was held as part of His Majesty's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary. It was also held at the three other districts.

This year Knowledge Convention carries the title: 'Pendidikan Membentuk Sahsiah Bangsa' which focused on three main areas in realising Brunei Vision 2035 that are educated, high-skilled and successful citizens, high quality of living; and sustainable and dynamic economy.

## Produce trained, experienced and competent officer

**SUNGAI AKAR, July 28** – The Officer Cadet School (OCS) should be strong and continue its effort to produce trained, experienced and competent officers.

The matter was stated by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) at the Sovereign's Parade for the Fifth Intake of Officer Cadets at OCS, Sungai Akar Military Camp.

"Also included are the things they must have, is its ability to offer training to cadets from overseas.

I hope this matter will be realised in the nearest time as it takes place at similar institutions at other places," added His Majesty.

Other than that, said His Majesty, the external validation report issued by the Defence Academy Headquarters will be made as measurement for the implementation of positive change and also to enhance OCS prestige to the highest level.

Similar to the Joint Command and Staff Course where for the first time, RBAF Staff College will produce local and overseas graduates.

Participation from abroad should be appreciated as value-added, or idea brainstorming forum and enhancing defence cooperation with neighbour countries.

Therefore, His Majesty recommended for strengthening efforts to be brought into the Defence Academy wholly.



**His Majesty presents the Sword of Honour Award to Awang Muhammad Adib bin Haji Hashim, Air Force Officer Cadet.**

In relation to this, His Majesty, under the National Development Plan 9 had consented for the Defence Academy to have its own complete campus and able to fulfill training requirements.

Looking at the importance of that academy in the RBAF progression, His Majesty called for its construction to be completed on time.

At the event, His Majesty also officially commissioned the officer cadets of the fifth intake.

Awang Muhammad Adib bin Haji Hashim, Air Force Officer Cadet received Sword of Honour Award. It is the most prestigious award given to an Officer Cadet bestowed by

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

Meanwhile the Best Military Skill Award was received by Dayang Sa'adatul Hayah binti Haji Mat Yassin, Naval Officer Cadet, while Best Academic Study Award was presented to Awang Emad Hamdi bin Haji Sawal, Air Force Officer Cadet. And the Best in Physical Training Endurance Award was received by Awang Eddy Sahrany bin Emran, Naval Officer Cadet.

These awards were in recognition of best achievement by an Officer Cadet in respective areas.

## Her Majesty presents prizes at Domestic Science Exhibition



**Her Majesty and members of royal family take a closer look at the exhibited items.**

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 19** - Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha officiated and presented the prizes at the Domestic Science Exhibition 2011. The exhibition was organised in conjunction with His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

The ceremony took place at the International Convention Centre in Berakas.

Also present were Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah; Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Bini Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah.

At the event, Her Majesty consented to present the prizes to the winners of the Domestic Science Competition.

This year's exhibition was also participated by Brunei-based foreign dignitaries. The exhibition represented a manifestation of cooperation, understanding and commitment among women. Through the exhibition, women are hoped to continuously increase their productivity as well as competitiveness in generating the nation's economy.



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Her Majesty and women members of royal family attending the Female's Mass Khatam Al-Quran ceremony.

## Mass Khatam Al-Quran ceremony

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 25** - In conjunction with the 65<sup>th</sup> birthday of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the 65-times Khatam Al-Quran ceremonies involving members of Mukim and Kampung Consultative Councils throughout the country were held simultaneously at Istana Nurul Iman.

Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha attended the Khatam Al-Quran Ceremony comprising 520 Female Adults and Youths representing Mukim and Kampung Legislative Councils throughout the nation.

Accompanying Her Majesty The Raja Isteri at the Banquet Hall of Istana Nurul Iman were Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah; Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah; 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



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The Male's Mass Khatam Al-Quran ceremony is attended by His Royal Highness The Crown Prince.

Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna.

Meanwhile, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Senior Minister at the

Prime Minister's Office attended the Khatam Al-Quran Ceremony for 520 Male Adults and Youths.

Accompanying His Royal Highness was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik.

## Her Majesty attends Premier Lecture

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 27** - Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha attended the Knowledge Convention 2011 Premier Lecture.

The ceremony took place at the International Convention Centre in Berakas.

Also present were Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah; Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah, Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul

Bolkiah; Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna.

The Premier Lecture entitled 'The Role of Women and Parental Obstacles in Nation Character Development' was presented by the Education Lecturer at Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia, Associate Professor Doctor Mastura binti Badzis.

At the event, Her Majesty also took a closer look at the Knowledge Convention 2011 Exhibition.



PHOTO: HERNIE SULLANA HAJI OTHMAN

Her Majesty The Raja Isteri at the Knowledge Convention 2011's Premier lecture.

## BRIDEX 2011 Conference

**JERUDONG, July 5** – As part of the events for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brunei Darussalam International Defence Exhibition (BRIDEX 2011) organised by Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF), a BRIDEX 2011 Conference was held.

Present to officially open the conference was His Royal Highness Prince General Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office held at BRIDEX Complex.

His Royal Highness also consented to deliver a *sabda* (royal speech) where His Royal Highness felt that BRIDEX could provide an additional avenue through which to focus on these challenges of interconnectivity and security in an open and sincere manner to promote multilateral cooperative efforts in seeking the solutions to best guard the interests of our people whilst preserving peace in the region.

The conference brought together delegations of officials from India, Singapore, the United Kingdom and other countries that brought forward various topics of discussion in efforts to share experience in the field of defence and security.



His Royal Highness delivers a *sabda* (royal speech).

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## HRH Crown Prince attends BIFR City Parade



His Royal Highness inspects the guard-of-honour.

PHOTO: AK-AMIRULIZAM PG-HAJI MOHD-ALI

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 8** – His Royal Highness Crown Prince General Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and General of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) officiated the City Parade of the Brunei International Fleet Review (BIFR) 2011 held in the capital.

The BIFR City Parade featured some 800 sailors from 12 foreign Navies marched from the Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddin in the capital, along Jalan Sultan and Jalan pretty before ending at the Bandar Seri Begawan Waterfront.

The participating ships in the BIFR were from Australia, the People's Liberation Army Navy of China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Sabah of Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and the United States of America.

Also involved in the parade were bands from uniformed personnel that are RBAF, Royal Brunei Police Force, Fire and Rescue, Prison Department, and schools.

## Portal e-Darussalam launched

**JERUDONG, July 13** - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office has launched Portal e-Darussalam.

The ceremony took place at Indera Samudra Grand Hall, Empire Hotel and Country Club.

His Royal Highness also took a closer look at the Portal e-Government Exhibition and received briefings from government agencies involved such as the Department of Electrical Services, the Land Transport Department, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources as well as the private sectors.

The setting up of the portal is another milestone in Brunei's information technology sector and e-government initiative towards stimulating the country's economic development. It is a 'One Government Portal' that integrates all online e-government services.

The portal is available at [www.gov.bn](http://www.gov.bn).

**His Royal Highness launches e-Darussalam, the One Government Portal.**



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## HRH Crown Prince attends Knowledge Convention Forum

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 28** – His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office attended the Knowledge Convention 2011 Premier Forum.

The event took place at the International Convention Centre, Berakas in conjunction with His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

Also present was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik.

The Premier Forum entitled: 'Pendidikan Membentuk Sahsiah Bangsa' or 'Education Shaping the

Nation's Identity' discussed the role of education as the main fundamental in moulding the nation's personality and self-integrity in the context of Brunei Darussalam based on the Malay Islamic Monarchy Concept, MIB.

The three panels were the former Minister of Education, Pehin Dato Dr. Haji Awang Abdul Aziz; the Dean of Knowledge Education Study Centre of University Science of Malaysia, Professor Dr. Abdul Rashid Mohamed; and Assistant Professor, Institute Education, Islamic International University



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**The Knowledge Convention 2011 Premier Forum attended by His Royal Highness The Crown Prince.**

of Malaysia, Dr. Mastura Badzis. The forum was chaired by the Permanent Secretary for Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Dr. Haji Junaidi bin Haji Abdul Rahman.



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**Their Royal Highnesses take a closer look at one of the exhibitions.**

## BRIDEX 2011 receives royal visit

**JERUDONG, July 9** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Brunei Darussalam International Defence Exhibition (BRIDEX) 2011 has received a royal visit from Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah and His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Muntaqim.

During the visit, Their Royal Highnesses watched the military demonstrations such as aircraft aerobatic manoeuvres from Brunei Darussalam, United States, Malaysia, Singapore and Japan; and parachute

from Parachute Airbone Tactical Delivery Unit (PATDU).

Their Royal Highnesses also took a closer look on outdoor static display comprising armoured infantry vehicles, various facilities as well as the latest defence equipment and technologies.

On July 8, the exhibition was also visited by His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel and Her Royal Highness Princess Ameerah Wardatul Bolkliah.



**ASEAN Foreign Ministers in a group photo. Brunei Darussalam is represented by Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkliah (fourth from right).**

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## HRH attends SEANWZ

**BALI, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, July 18** – His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkliah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade attended the meeting of the Southeast Asian Nuclear Weapons Free Zone (SEANWZ) Commission with other ASEAN Foreign Ministers.

The meeting was held at Bali International Conference Centre (BICC).

The meeting was chaired by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, His Excellency Dr. R. M. Marty M. Natalegawa.

The meeting among others discussed the results of the Executives Committee of the (SEANWFZ) and to review the implementation of the Plan of Action to strengthen the SEANWFZ agreement.

The meeting was held in conjunction with the 44<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM), Post Ministerial Conferences (PMC) and 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF).

## ASEAN needs to broaden capacity

**BALI, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, July 19** - ASEAN has been urged to broaden its capacity, creativity, confidence and courage in order to contribute to regional peace and stability. The urge was made by the President of the Republic of Indonesia, His Excellency Doctor Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono at the opening ceremony of the 44<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM); Post Ministerial Conferences (PMC) and 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF).

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His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah attended the official opening ceremony held at the Bali International Convention Centre (BICC).

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 Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Aziz.

The Indonesian President also urged ASEAN member states to be

open-minded, to get moving and step up efforts to strengthen the ASEAN Momentum toward an ASEAN Community in a global Community of Nations by 2015.

Earlier, His Royal Highness and other ASEAN Ministers attended a courtesy call to His Excellency Doctor Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia.

## Brunei - Indonesia to strengthen cooperation

**BALI, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, July 18** - Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Indonesia have achieved an agreement to strengthen cooperation including trade, agriculture and manpower, education, health and communications.

The agreement was reached during the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation (JCBC) between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Indonesia in Bali International Conference Centre (BICC).

The meeting was co-chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Brunei Darussalam

and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, His Excellency Dr. R.M Marty M. Natalegawa.

During the meeting, both leaders expressed their satisfaction with the progress achieved in the bilateral relationship and stressed on the importance to further strengthen the relationship between both countries.

At the end of the JCBC meeting, His Royal Highness and His Excellency signed an agreement between the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Indonesia



The signing of agreement is hoped to further strengthen cooperation between both countries.

on Consular Notification and Consular Assistance and the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on diplomatic training and education.

The first JCBC meeting between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Indonesia was held in 2003 in Jakarta.

## His Royal Highness attends Plenary Session

**BALI, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, July 19** - His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Brunei Darussalam with other ASEAN Ministers attended the Plenary Session, Retreat and the Closed Plenary of the 44<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting.

The Plenary Session was chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, His Excellency Dr. R. M. Marty M. Natalegawa.

During the session, the ministers discussed regional and international

affairs and various matters including ASEAN Development Community; the implementation of ASEAN Charter and relations with ASEAN Foreign Partner.

The 44<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM), Post Ministerial Conferences (PMC) and the 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) were held on July 16 to 24 with the theme 'ASEAN Community in a Global Community of Nations'.

In the evening, His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah and Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri

Pengiran Anak Hajah Zariah together with other ASEAN Foreign Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste attended a dinner hosted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia.

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 Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Aziz.

## HRH attends closing ceremony of AMM, PMC, ARF

**BALI, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, July 23** - His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade together with the other ASEAN Foreign Ministers attended the closing of the 44<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Foreign Ministerial Meeting (AMM), Post Ministerial Conference (PMC), and the 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) in Bali, Indonesia.

The closing ceremony was officiated by the Indonesian Foreign Minister, His Excellency Dr. R. M. Marty M. Natalegawa.

Also in attendance were Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Aziz.

Earlier, Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, attended the signing ceremony of Instrument of Accession to the Third Protocol Amending the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia by Canada.

## Brunei - USA exchange views on multi-lateral cooperative relations

**BALI, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, July 23** - His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade held a bilateral talk with the American Secretary of State, Her Excellency Hillary Rodham Clinton at the Westin Hotel in Bali.

During the meeting, His Royal Highness and Her Excellency exchanged views on multi-lateral cooperative relations of mutual interest. Relations between Brunei Darussalam and the United States have long been established and the two countries had signed a number of cooperation agreements that include trade, investment, education and defence.

## ARF needs to change its future direction

**BALI, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, July 23** - His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade in his *sabda* stressed on the need for the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) to change its future direction in relation to more complex Global Security Challenges.

His Royal Highness made the *sabda* at the 18<sup>th</sup> ARF Retreat session.

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His Royal Highness said today's security threats should be defined in detail with accurate analysis and handled politically. The threats are divided into several categories such as Food Security, Energy and Cross-border Crime.

His Royal Highness said, concern on uncertainty in the region is also

caused by the widespread health and financial crises, environmental disaster or social violence. In realising this, His Royal Highness proposed the ARF to take immediate action by providing assistance as what had occurred in Japan, Myanmar and Aceh.

The ARF which took place at the Bali International Convention Centre was chaired by the Foreign Minister of Republic of Indonesia, His Excellency

Doctor R. M. Marty M. Natalegawa. It was attended by member countries namely Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Canada, Korea, European Union, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Mongolia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor Leste, United States of America and Viet Nam.

## 4000 youths attend Motivation Programme 2011

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 27**—About 4000 youths attended the Motivation Programme 2011 co-organised by Youth and Sports Department and Anti-Corruption Bureau; which aimed to enhance public awareness on the

danger of corruption.

The motivation programme was held at the Indoor Stadium, Hassanal Bolkiah Sports Complex in Berakas.

Among the objectives of the programme is to uphold the vision of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in the development of youth identity in this country.

In addition, the programme also seek to provide exposure to the youths about the dangers of corruption and cultivate positive values such as honesty, trust and sincerity to serve as a culture in everyday life as well as provide awareness and encouragement to the youth about the importance of youth involvement

as national assets in the process of nation development.

The educational programme focused on the 'musical talk' presented by a special speaker from Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission (SPRM), Mohd. Radzi bin Omar.

The musical motivation is one of the new approaches introduced to bring the youth to realise the importance of positive values in them through direct interaction with the presenter.

Present at the programme was His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim.

Also present were the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Pehin Dato Paduka Haji Hazair and his Deputy, Datin Paduka Dayang Hajah Adina.



His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul 'Azim attending the programme.

## 143 metric tonnes dates personal gift of His Majesty

**TUNGKU, July 12** - A total of 143 metric tonnes of Safawi dates would be distributed to the Brunei's Muslim citizens and residents. This amount has increased by five metric tonnes more due to the increasing number of Muslim residents in the country. Every Muslim living in the country regardless of age or nationality will each receive their gift of dates in a small box containing 300 grams of dates.

His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik officially launched the distribution of dates which are personal gifts from His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, in conjunction with the forthcoming fasting month of Ramadan 1432 Hijrah.

The ceremony took place at the Chancellor Hall of Universiti Brunei

Darussalam.

The dates, a personal gift of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam were distributed to representatives of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, Ministry of Defence, Royal Brunei Police Force, *penghulus* and village heads who will in turn distribute to the residents of respective villages.

## Hari Keputeraan Run celebrates His Majesty's birthday



His Royal Highness (centre), Minister of Health (left), Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports (right) taking part in the run.

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 16** - In conjunction with the 65<sup>th</sup> birthday of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, a *Hari Keputeraan Run* was held involving more than 5000 people.

The run which was held for the first time was divided into four categories and conducted in each district.

In Brunei-Muara District, about 3000 people took part in the run which started and ended at the Indoor Stadium Hassanal Bolkiah National Sports Complex in Berakas.

Among the participants was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik, who took part in 3.5km Fun Run Category. His Royal Highness also presented the prizes to the winners of each category.

Meanwhile in the Tutong District, similar run was participated by nearly 900 runners. The run began and ended at the Tutong Sports Complex; while in the Belait District, more than 800 participated in the run which began and ended at the Mumong Sports Complex, Kuala Belait. Similar run was also held at Temburong District where it attracted participation of 400 people. The run started and ended at open area of the Pekan Bangar jetty.

According to the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Hazair, *Hari Keputeraan Run* which was opened to public's participation will be held annually and the categories will be further added to enliven the royal birthday celebration.

**KAMPUNG KILANAS, July 8** - A total of five categories were competed at the annual Brunei Darussalam Girl Guides Al-Quran Reading Competition as competed in this year's competition.

The winners of each category were; Brownie Category - Dayang Siti Waznah binti Major (Rtd.) Haji Abdul Rahman; Girl Guides and Girl Rangers Category - Dk. Fauziah Nadhirah binti Pg. Haji Jofri; Young Leaders Category - Dk. Sa'adatul Hanah binti Pengiran Dato Dr. Haji Mohammad; Adult Leaders Category - Dayang Norazrina binti Haji Sarbini; and Council and Commissioner Category - Pg. Hajah Sarah binti Pg. Haji Kamaludin.

Present to grace the prize presentation ceremony was Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah, the President of the Brunei Darussalam Girl Guides Association. Also present were Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bolkiah; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna who is also the Vice-President of the Girl Guides Association of Brunei Darussalam.

Each winner of the Council and Commissioner and Adult Leaders Category were awarded a challenge trophy from the Royal Patron, Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha. The champion of the Young Leaders Category received the President's challenge trophy from Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah, while the winner of the Girl Guides and Girl Rangers Category was awarded the Vice President's challenge trophy from Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna.

The ceremony took place at the Sayyidina Hassan Secondary School.

## Brunei Darussalam Girl Guides Al-Quran Reading Competition



PHOTO: MOHD. ZUL-IZZI HAJI DURAWAN

One of the winners receives her trophy from Her Royal Highness.

## Local mortality rate decreases

**TUNGKU, July 2** - Brunei Darussalam's health sector continues to show positive developments. The latest indicator showed that its mortality rate in 2009 showed a decrease which was 7.4 for every 1,000 deliveries. This showed a vast difference when compared to the mortality ratio of pregnant mothers in 1960 where it was 487.2 for every 100,000 births which was about 20 deaths annually; where as in 2009 there were 15.1 deaths in every 100,000 births indicating one death per year. The establishment and continuous health services for pregnant mothers and children have benefited mother's health thus showing a significant decline in mortality rate.

These were highlighted by the Minister of Health, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Adanan at the launching of National Public Health Symposium 2011 held at Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD).

The minister also said that Brunei Darussalam has been declared malaria-free by World Health Organisation (WHO) since 1987 which is a significant achievement in public health.

He further added that with high protection and excellence intake of Expanded Programme of Immunisation (EPI), few diseases in the nation have been prevented such as children vaccination where there have been no cases on diphtheria and tetanus since 1990. The nation has also been declared polio-free since 2000 while childhood tuberculosis pertussis, mumps, measles and rubella are on lower level.

The two-day symposium entitled 'Healthy Environment, Healthy Living, Healthy People' was attended by 250 participants comprising of doctors and nurses working in public health and health officers.



Her Royal Highness receives her Master Degree presented by Baroness Helena Kennedy, QC, President of SOAS, University of London.

## HRH receives Masters Degree

**LONDON, July 21** - Her Royal Highness Princess 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah received the conferment of the Masters of Arts Degree (MA) in Global Media and Postnational Communications with Merit from The School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, United Kingdom.

The conferment ceremony was held at Hogam Hall, Institute of Education, University of London.

Also present at the ceremony was Her Royal Highness Princess Fadzilah Lubabul Bolkiah.

## Positive indicators for tourism industry

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 4** - The launching of Equator Asia - The Heart of Biodiversity in conjunction with ASEAN Tourism Forum held last year has encouraged this region to become a destination for eco-tourism which has a potential in the rainforest and ocean activities.

As a destination, Brunei Darussalam has been promoting its nature and culture as a way to attract tourists to visit Brunei or other parts of the Island of Borneo. Brunei's tourist arrivals by air have recorded 9 per cent average

growth since 2005, reaching to some 200,000 in 2010.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources (MIPR), Dato Paduka Dr. Haji Mohd. Amin Liew bin Abdullah stated the matter at the launching of the 8<sup>th</sup> Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines East Asean Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Cluster Meeting on Joint Tourism Development. The meeting was held at Centerpoint Hotel in Gadong.

Throughout the meeting, delegates

from BIMP-EAGA member countries and partners deliberate and discuss relevant updates and developments on tourism, as well as working towards the resolution of specific issues and concerns in the implementation of flagship programmes and projects, including participation in international tourism events, expositions and fairs.

The two-day meeting involved representatives from BIMP-EAGA, BIMP-EAGA Facilitation Centre, Asian Development Bank and BIMP-EAGA Tourism Council.

## Bruneian women receive equal benefits

**BERAKAS, July 5** – Bruneian women apart from receiving equal benefits are also showing encouraging development. This is evident through their achievements in education such as an increase in literacy rate which have shown an increase from

73 per cent in 1981 to 91.5 per cent in 2001 and presently has continued to increase up to 95 per cent.

A number of regulations have also been enforced to protect them from violence, abuse and exploitations. To name a few, the regulations are the Islamic Family Law Order, 1999; Women and Girls Protection Act; and Children and Young Persons Order, 2006.

The matters were highlighted by the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Hazair at the opening ceremony of a Seminar and Workshop on Advocacy Skills and Formation of Strategy in conjunction with the ASEAN Women's Day 2011.

The government is continuously concern with the welfare and well-being of women in this country. One latest development is the amendment implemented for maternity leave

where it is now 105 days instead of the former 56 days commencing January 1, 2011.

The theme of the two-day seminar and workshop organised by the Brunei Darussalam Women's Council was 'Increasing Women's Involvement in ASEAN Development'. Some 120 participants from non-government organisations including associations affiliated to the Brunei Darussalam Women's Council, government officials and the private sector as well as individuals took part in the seminar. Several talks were presented at the seminar discussing topics on women's rights from Islamic's perspective in Brunei Darussalam, the Convention on Eradication of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the economic strategy.

The seminar was held at the Orchid Garden Hotel, Berakas.



**Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, at the opening ceremony of a Seminar and Workshop on Advocacy Skills and Formation of Strategy in conjunction with the ASEAN Women's Day 2011.**

## Inclusive education fulfil various students' needs

**TUNGKU, July 7** – Brunei Darussalam's education policy reflects Ministry of Education's commitment towards 'education for all' as well as the implementation of inclusive education to address and respond to the diverse needs of all children in school.

This was disclosed by the Acting Minister of Education, Dato Awang Haji Yusoff at the official opening of the ASEAN Cooperative Conference on Inclusive Education, ACCIE 2011 held on July 5.

He said the Special Education Unit in collaboration with members of the group based at the school are responsible for planning and delivery of educational programmes and support services to meet the needs of more than 3,000 children with various needs in schools.

ACCIE was a three-day international conference organised by Special Education Unit and Universiti Brunei Darussalam commencing July 5 to 7 with the theme Inclusive

Education in ASEAN: Best Practices and Regional Initiatives.

It was attended by local and international participants comprising of educators; researchers; professionals; parents; officers from various agencies and non-government; including international participation from Australia, China, Philippines, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Singapore, Spain and United Arab Emirates.

## Brunei 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN country to have National Physical Activity Guidelines

**BERAKAS, July 9** - A poor diet and non-active physical are the cause of the effects of diseases that are not infectious.

The Minister of Health, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Adanan stated the matter at the launching of The National Physical Activity Guidelines for Brunei Darussalam held at the International Convention Centre.

With the launching of the book, Brunei Darussalam is the 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN country to have the National Physical

Activity Guidelines.

The book contains information and practical guidance on the practice of physical activity required per day which is suitable for all ages to obtain optimal health benefits.

The guidelines, among others, aimed as reference and source of information on specific physical activities for Brunei Darussalam and are intended to be used by organisations, agencies, groups and professionals especially in the areas

of health, either from government or non-government sector.

In conjunction with the launching of the book, the Ministry of Health held a symposium on the National Physical Activity Guidelines and invited Sesquicentenary Professor of Public Health, School of Public Health, University of Sydney, Australia, Professor Adrian Bauman as a lecturer specifically on 'Promoting Physical Activity in the Community: Barriers and Facilitating Factors'.

## 10 RBAF personnel join UNIFIL

**RIMBA, July 12** – A total of 10 Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) personnel participated in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

The farewell ceremony was held at Royal Brunei Air Base.

Present was RBAF's Deputy Commander, Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Brigadier General Mohamad

Tawih bin Abdullah who also handed over the national flag to the Head of the Contingent, Officer Commanding of the Royal Brunei Land Force's First Battalion Commanding Company, Major Muhammad Suardi Ariffin.

This is the seventh despatch of the RBAF personnel to Lebanon since 2008. The national contingent

will join troops from Malaysia under the command of Company 7 or MALCOY 7. The deployment of Brunei Darussalam's contingent in Lebanon is in line with the UN's mandate besides being an opportunity for the RBAF to show Brunei's presence in the UN peacekeeping force.

## Public concerns on 'Radio Frequency Field Electro-Magnetic'

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 12** – The Minister of Communications, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Abdullah touched on public's concern on the risk of 'Radio Frequency Field Electro-Magnetic' (RF-EMF).

The minister was speaking at the opening of the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators' Council (ATRC) Meeting held at Songket Hall, Rizqun International Hotel in Gadong.

According to the minister, on May 2011, a task force under the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has issued a report on RF-EMF. The minister added with the growth of mobile users, operators and service providers face a dilemma in addressing public concerns on RF-EMF. The minister also stressed that regulatory actions will be taken against service providers if emissions are found to be above the safe limits set by the international guidelines.

The three-day meeting was attended by heads of the ASEAN telecommunications regulatory authorities, officials and dialogue partners from China and Japan. The meeting among others discussed the implementation of the ASEAN ICT Masterplan (AIM) 2015. AIM is a roadmap that charts the development of the ICT sector in ASEAN over the next five years. The sharing of Policy and Regulatory among ASEAN members will also be discussed.

## Ministers attend receptions



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Present on behalf of the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Minister of Finance II at the Prime Minister's Office, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Abdul Rahman and spouse attended a reception to celebrate the 235<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of United States of America.

Also present was the Ambassador of the United States of America to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Daniel Shields III.

The reception was held at The Empire Hotel and Country Club, Jerudong on July 4.



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On behalf of the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Minister of Development, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Suyoi attended a reception to celebrate the National Day of the Republic of France.

Also present was the Ambassador of the Republic of France to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Louis Le-Vert.

The reception was held on July 12 at The Empire Hotel and Country Club, Jerudong.

## Implement Strategic Medium Term to improve food safety

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 13** – Brunei Darussalam has implemented the Medium Term Strategic Plan (2008-2013) to improve food security and self-sufficiency in food such as rice, fruits, vegetables, poultry meat and eggs.

This is because the contribution of primary industries including agriculture is small compared with other ASEAN member countries which is only accounted for about one per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the country.

The matter was stated by the Acting Director of Agriculture and Agrifood, Dayang Hajah Aidah at the 31<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board Meeting (AFSRB) held at the

Centrepont Hotel in Gadong.

The Acting Director said this can be seen as Brunei Darussalam is importing 60 percent of its food requirements and about 75 percent of the total came from ASEAN countries.

The Acting Director added the agenda for food safety was often the main topic of meetings, conferences, forums and workshops covering issues of human concern caused by natural disasters, political and socio-economic upheaval, either at national, regional or international.

Brunei Darussalam hosted the two-day meeting which was attended by representatives from ASEAN member countries and ASEAN Secretariat.

## Minister attends informal meeting of ASEAN EAS

**BALI, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, July 19** – Brunei Darussalam's Minister of Education, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Abu Bakar attended the Informal Meeting of ASEAN East Asia Summit (EAS) Education Ministers' Meeting in Bali, Indonesia on July 18.

Prior to the meeting, the ministers also attended the Informal Meeting of ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting and Informal ASEAN + 3 Education Ministers Meeting. Both meeting were chaired by the Minister of Education, Pehin Dato Haji Awang Abu Bakar as the Chairman of the ASEAN Ministers of Education.

During the meeting, the minister reviewed progress made in ASEAN

cooperation in education since their last meeting in January in Bandar Seri Begawan, when the ASEAN Five-Year Work Plan on Education (2011-2015) was adopted. The ministers also exchanged views on new ideas and initiatives for regional cooperation.

Meanwhile, in the informal meeting of ASEAN EAS, the minister shared current initiatives in the quality assurance sector which included working closely with other regional and international accreditation agencies such as the Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN); ASEAN Quality Assurance Network (AQAN); and the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA).

## International workshop on Scoliosis

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 23** – Brunei Darussalam had conducted an 'International Workshop On Scoliosis' which aimed to educate local and foreign backbone surgeon on Scoliosis management.

Organised by Neurosurgery Department of Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha (RIPAS) Hospital; the workshop was a result of close cooperation between Brunei's Ministry of Health and AO International Backbone, an international body that

specialise in worldwide development and training of backbone.

The workshop which was held until July 23 were attended by doctors from Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Oman, People's Republic of China and Philippines.

For the past three years, 30 patients had undergone operation for Scoliosis led by scoliosis surgeon specialist from AO Bones Faculty who visited Brunei every six months.

## AMBD issues new polymer currency notes

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 18** - Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam (AMBD) has issued new \$1, \$5 and \$10 polymer notes featuring advanced security features. These new polymer notes will circulate side by side with present notes, and will still remain legal tender in Brunei Darussalam and in countries which accept them.

The issuance of the new polymer currency notes was in conjunction with the 65<sup>th</sup> birthday of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

These new polymer notes contain the following security features:

A. Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Mosque and the ceremonial barge form the complex clear window design incorporating a shadow image and vignette of '1' numeral; Lapau (Royal Ceremonial Hall) forms the complex clear window design incorporating a shadow

design and vignette '5' numeral, and Jame' 'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah Mosque forms the complex clear window design incorporating a shadow design and vignette '10' numeral;

- B. Other security features include His Majesty's portrait, initials 'HB' and a section of the mosque or Lapau design which will appear when the banknote is raised to the light;
- C. Dynamic optical feature alternates between gold and blue when viewed at varying angles;
- D. A flower design is formed through the combination of front and back printing in perfect registration when the note is held up to the light;
- E. Complex fine line background security patterns in multiple rainbow print with fluorescing



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elements illuminate under the ultra violet light;

- F. Multicolour raised fine line printing of His Majesty's portrait, red Crest of Brunei Darussalam, the flower design and surrounding text;
- G. Raised printing of the Braille '1', '5', and '10' for the visual impaired;
- H. Vertical and horizontal serial numbers on the front are printed in varying sizes fluoresce yellow/green under the ultra violet light.

## SNIPPETS

### Brunei-Malaysia: MoU on youth and sports

**JERUDONG, July 2** - A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a closer cooperation in the fields of youth and sports has been agreed between Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia. This MoU among others will enable exchange programmes in respective fields including exchange of trainings for officials and trainers.

Thus a signing ceremony was held at The Empire Hotel and Country Club. Present on behalf of the Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Hazair; while the Government of Malaysia was represented by its Minister of Youth and Sports, The Honourable Dato' Sri Ahmad Shabery bin Cheek.

### Acting Minister of Education attends opening of ASG

**SINGAPORE, July 2** - The Acting Minister of Education, Pengiran Dato Dr. Haji Mohammad and delegate attended the opening ceremony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN School Games (ASG) which took place at Max Pavillion, Expo.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> ASG was officiated by the Singapore's Minister of Education, His Excellency Heng Swee Keat.

ASG is held from July 1 to 7 which aimed to strengthen solidarity through sports event apart from providing opportunities for school athletes. This year's ASG involves about 1,100 athletes from seven ASEAN member countries namely Brunei Darussalam; Indonesia; Malaysia; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand and Viet Nam.

A total of 12 sport events are competed comprising of badminton, netball, golf, gymnastic, hockey, volley ball, takraw, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track and field, and water polo.

### Mass planting of Gaharu trees

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 3** - As part of the government's effort towards preserving the natural environment, 700 *Aquilaria Malaccensis* trees, commonly known as 'Gaharu' were planted at the Bukit Ladan Forest Reserve. This was an initiative under the Mass Tree Planting programme held jointly by Forestry Department, Bureau Veritas, Sealestial Marine, Function Engineering and B-Mas Jaya Shares.

In attendance at the tree-planting ceremony was the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Pehin Dato Awang Haji Yahya.

The expertises from the private sectors involved in this programme are accredited by international body in respective areas such as certification service for health and safety, environment and environment protection expert in marine.

### Commendable achievement by Special Olympic team

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, July 6** - Special Olympic Brunei Darussalam's contingent to the Special Olympics World Summer Games 2011 in Athens, Greece has achieved a commendable achievement by winning three gold medals, three silver medals and five bronze medals.

The gold medals were received through Nur Amrah and Nur Afifah Azimah through athletic events; and through 'bocce double' event by Mardiana and Dk. Amal.

The Brunei contingent was welcomed home by the Deputy Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Datin Hajah Adina binti Othman at the Brunei International Airport.

The games was held from June 25 to July 4.

### Al-Quran Reading Competition among ASEAN Universities

**TUNGKU, July 20** - Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) held an Al-Quran Reading Competition inter-varsity ASEAN in conjunction with its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The male participant (Qari), Ahmad Syafiq bin Mat Razali representing Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and female participant (Qariah), Dayang Hajah Maidah binti Haji Abdul Rahman representing UBD emerged as the champions.

The prizes were presented by the Acting Minister of Education, Dato Awang Haji Yussof bin Haji Ismail.

UBD had organised similar competition in 1998 and 2006.

## Did you know that...

- The first mosque built within the Brunei Town (now known as Bandar Seri Begawan) was during the reign of Sultan Muhammad Jamalul Alam (1906-1924). The mosque was known as Masjid Marbut Pak Tuggal or Masjid Pekan Brunei but it was destroyed by bomb during the Second World War in 1948.
- Brunei Darussalam's total land area of 5,756 sq.km are made of 4 per cent of private land, 3 per cent for institutional used, 37 per cent of forest reserve, and 56 per cent of government land that are not yet allocated.
- In January 2009, Ministry of Education has embarked on the National Education System for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century or (*Sistem Pendidikan Negara Abad ke-21*) (SPN21). SPN21 brought three major changes in the education system namely, the education structure, the curriculum and assessment, and technical education.

## >> 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 414,400 people (2010).

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.bruneiair.com](http://www.bruneiair.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.