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No excuses for slow progress into industrialization : HM



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam inspected the traditional guard of honour parade mounted by uniforms contingents in conjunction of his birthday.

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Size won't hinder progress

Being a small nation with shortage of manpower is not a major barrier for the Sultanate to develop further and be on par with the other developed countries.

Shortly after she regained sovereignty as an independent nation, Brunei Darussalam spread its diplomatic tie regionally and internationally.

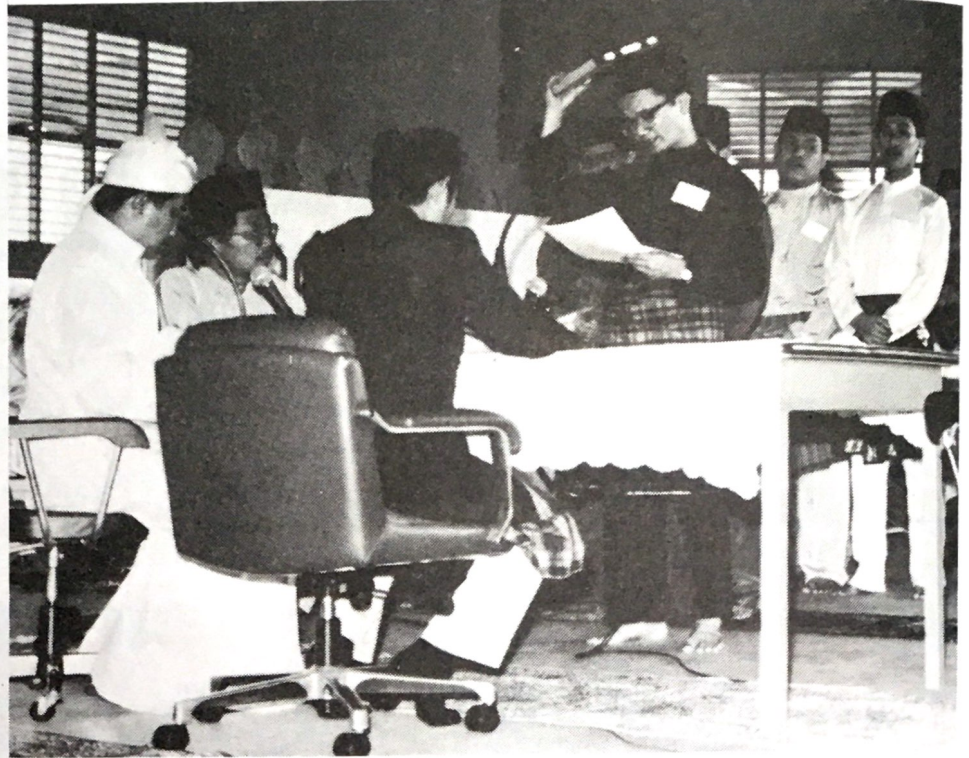
The newly independent country now show more readiness to shoulder wider responsibilities in ASEAN as the Sultanate was announced as Chairman of the Standing Committee of ASEAN.

Just a month ago, citizens and people of Brunei Darussalam celebrated the forty-second birthday of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam in the traditional peaceful and jubilant mood. Such an environment reflected the stability and prosperity of the country under the wise leadership of His Majesty.

However there should not be any complacency. This message was driven home in His Majesty's birthday message to the nation as he outlined development plans including oil revenue, discipline, education, communication, defence and international affairs.

In defence, the Sultanate keeps on upgrading her armed forces by purchasing modern aircraft and making joint-exercises with other forces to increase military standard and to strengthen understanding and friendship.

His Majesty's move towards a more positive development and security conscious nation as well as to diversify from petro-based economy into industrialisation is wholly supported by citizens and people.



His Majesty pardons more detainees

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal bolkih Mu'izzadin Waddaulah Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam has granted pardon to 34 more persons who have been in detention in the country.

Among those released on July 15, 1988 to coincide with His Majesty's 42nd birthday was Abdul Samad bin Jamaluddin who is a former member of the outlawed *Partai Rakyat Brunei* (PRB).

The other 33 persons who were also freed last month were students who fled to a foreign country. On their return to the Sultanate they were all detained at the Jerudong Detention Centre

for a period of less that a year.

The 34 ex-detainees took oaths of allegiance to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam and the country.

Before their release the detainees were given a two-week rehabilitation course included visits to government departments where they were updated on Brunei Darussalam's latest development.

They were also granted an audience by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkih Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan dan Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam at Nurul Iman Palace

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New High Commissioner to S'pore

Brunei Darussalam has appointed new head for its diplomatic mission in the Republic of Singapore.

Dato Paduka Awang Haji Mohd. Yunos bin Haji Mohd. Husien received his letter of appointment from His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkihah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam at Nurul Iman Palace on July 4, 1988.

The 45-year old diplomat is taking over the post of His Excellency Dato Paduka Awang Haji Abdullah bin Haji Mohd. Jaafar, who is now Brunei Darussalam's High Commissioner to Australia.

Dato Paduka Awang Haji Mohd. Yunos has previously served in various government departments including that of the Director of the Printing Department before joining the diplomatic corps.



Dato Paduka Awang Haji Mohd. Yunos received his credentials from His Majesty at the Nurul Iman Palace.



His Excellency Awang Haji Jaya bin Abdul Latif, Brunei Darussalam's Permanent Representative to the United Nation (left) has been appointed as the non-resident High Commissioner to Canada. He presented his appointment papers to Her Excellency Madam Jeanne Suave, the Canada Governor-General at her office on March 16, 1988. Awang Haji Jaya, a civil-servant-turned-diplomat has previously served at the Sultanate's missions in Britain, Malaysia and the Philippines.

Sri Lanka FM visits

The Honourable Mr. A.C. Shahul Hameed, the Sri Lanka Foreign Affairs Minister paid a courtesy call on his counterpart His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkihah during his two-day goodwill visit to Brunei Darussalam beginning June 22, 1988.

While in the Sultanate the Sri Lanka Minister also call on the Special Adviser to His Majesty the Sultan cum the Home Affairs Minister, the Religious Affairs Minister and the Development Minister before returning home.

Sultanate welcomes signs to solve Kampuchean problem

Brunei Darussalam has welcomed Vietnam's announcement to withdraw 50,000 of its troops from Kampuchea by the end of the year.

Speaking at the 21st ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand on July 4, 1988, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister said that Vietnam was showing signs of flexibility in wanting to resolve the Kampuchean problem.

High Royal Highness said, "While welcoming the announcement we should make it clear that the withdrawal of the troops must be linked to an acceptable political solution of the problem."

The Minister also commended ASEAN's effectiveness which has ensured an era of political stability in the region since its 21 years of formation.

He added that ASEAN has contributed to the economic development of the six member countries, as resources had been channeled towards economic development rather than towards maintaining large forces for defence purposes.



His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, the Foreign Affairs Minister represented Brunei Darussalam at the meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand last month.

"In order to continue our economic development and prosperity, this peaceful era of political stability must be maintained," the minister said.

The minister also stressed that commitment to the association permeates all sectors of the populations and future generations.

"As the association is vital to our security and to ensuring political stability in our region, the more people are committed to it, the more

assured the future of ASEAN and its member countries will be," he continued.

His Royal Highness also reiterated His Majesty the Sultan's suggestion at the Third ASEAN Summit held last December on the programmes involving the participation of ASEAN youth.

He said, "Viability of ASEAN in the future depends on the younger generation."

The two-day meeting reviewed the developments and the activities of ASEAN cooperation on fields including political, economic and social matters during the year.

At the close of the meeting ASEAN Foreign Ministers have agreed and signed the Declaration on the Advancement of Women in the ASEAN region aimed at advancing the role and contribution of women in the progress of the region.

The Joint communique issued at the end of the meeting among other things tendered on the situation in Kampuchea, the Indochinese refugees, the realization to work towards the Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality (ZOPFAN) in Southeast Asia and the direction to continue consideration of the concept of a Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (SEAN-WFZ), polysectoral programme for the Philippines, the drug problems and the international economic issues.

The Kampuchean issue remain the concern of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers in which they reaffirmed their commitment to continue efforts in seeking political settlement to the Kampuchean problem at an informal meeting held in Jakarta late last month.

The 22nd ASEAN Ministerial meeting will be held in Bandar Seri Begawan next year.



His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, Brunei Darussalam's Foreign Affairs Minister and the other ASEAN foreign Ministers have been conferred Thailand to honour by the King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand. His Royal Highness received 'The Knight Grand Cross of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant' presented by Thailand's Prime Minister General Prem Tinsulanonda during the 21st ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and the Post Ministerial Conference held in Thailand last month.

US 212th independence anniversary marked

The United States Embassy in Bandar Seri Begawan hosted a reception marking the 212th anniversary of the United States of America independence on July 3, 1988.



Pengiran Laila Kanun Diraja Pengiran Bahrin, the Law Minister (centre) with the host His Excellency, Mr Thomas C. Ferguson, the United States Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam at the independence day celebration.

Pengiran Laila Kanun Diraja Pengiran Bahrin, the Law Minister was the chief guest at the function who represented the government. On hand to receive guests was His Excellency Mr Thomas C. Ferguson, the United States Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

Also present at the function were diplomats and senior government officials and US nationals residing in the country.

The function took place on the visiting American ship, USS San Bernardino which anchored at Muara Port for four days. The ship, under the command of Commander James W. Carter was opened to public.

Malaysian Minister calls for more trade

Members of the Brunei National Chamber of Commerce and Industry have been called to invest more in Malaysia by the Malaysian Trade and Industry Minister, Datin Paduka Rafidah Aziz.

The call was met at the meeting between the minister and the local businessmen during her three-day visit to the country, beginning June 22, 1988.

In his welcoming speech the president of the Chamber, Dato Paduka Awang Haji Abdul Hapidz Laksamana said that there is a wide scope for trade expansion between the two countries, but poor communication such as shipping links should be improved.

He added that Brunei Darussalam imports from Malaysia had increased from \$70 million in 1985 to \$80 million in 1986. Meanwhile in 1986 Brunei Darussalam exports to Malaysia amounted to \$55 million.

While in the country, Datin Paduka Rafidah Aziz was granted



Dato Paduka Awang Haji Abdul Hapidz Laksamana, the president of BNNCI (centre) welcomes Datin Paduka Rafidah Aziz, the Malaysian Trade and Industry Minister, (second from right).

an audience by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkih Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam at Nurul Im-an Palace.

She also called on the Development Minister, Pengiran Dato Dr. Haji Ismail and the Deputy Finance Minister, Dato Paduka Seri Laila Jasa Haji Awang Ahmad Wally Skinner.

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Brunei Darussalam last month celebrated the forty-second birthday of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam.

In an address on July 15, 1988 to mark the occasion in the capital, His Majesty said that the country's small size and relatively small manpower should not be made as excuses for slow progress in diversification into industry.

Speaking before an audience and investiture ceremony at the Throne Room of Nurul Iman Palace he said that Brunei Darussalam should implement its industrialization programme immediately so that it does not lag behind other countries.

His Majesty also spoke of projects which had been implemented such as public utilities, improved roads and water supplies. Positive steps are also being taken to develop potential forest and fisheries resources aimed at diversifying the country's oil-based economy.

His Majesty also announced that the Sultanate is opening missions in Saudi Arabia, Australia dan Switzerland and he also noted that Brunei Darussalam is now Chairman of the standing Committee of the Association of South-East Asia Nations (ASEAN).

In the investiture ceremony that followed several people received state honours from His Majesty in recognition of their service to the nation.

Earlier in the capital, Bandar Seri Begawan that morning His Majesty inspected the traditional parade mounted by the Royal Brunei Armed Force and contingents made up of other uniformed groups.

In the evening His Majesty hosted a Royal banquet at Nurul Iman Palace for leading citizens.

His Majesty's forth-second birthday was also celebrated at a later dates in the other districts.

As in Bandar Seri Begawan, celebration in Temburong, Tutong and Belait districts begun with His Majesty inspected traditional parades and audience ceremonies for community leaders in the districts.

Lantern processions and regattas were among the highlights of the birthday celebration programmes.



His Majesty delivered his birthday message at an audience and investiture ceremony.



One of the leading citizens received his state honour.



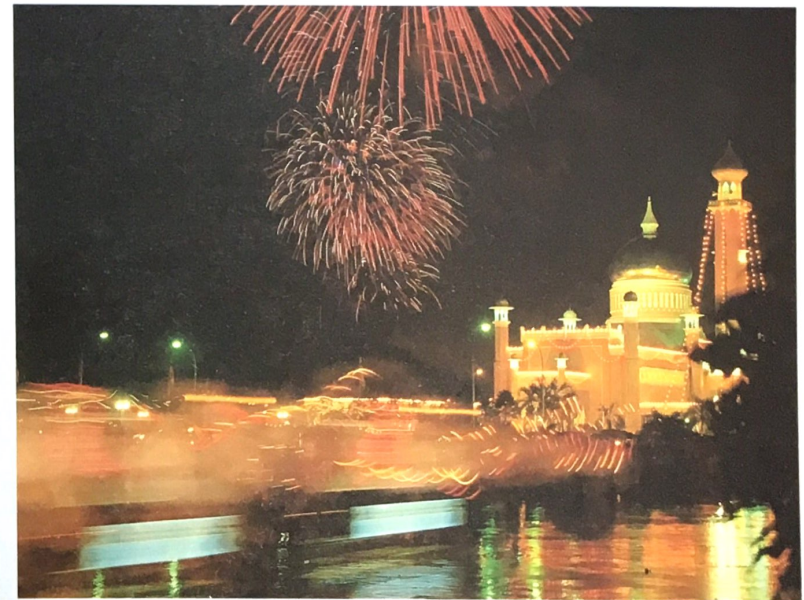
Royal salute with helicopters passed by the Royal Dais at the Taman Haji Omar Ali Saifuddin.



His Majesty accompanied by Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam left the Throne Room after an audience and investiture ceremony.



School children line the route waving the national flag to mark His Majesty's birthday celebration at the Temburong district.



Fireworks display has lit up Bandar Seri Begawan adding to the festive mood of His Majesty's birthday celebration.

The French Embassy in Bandar Seri Begawan celebrated its national day, the Bastille Day with a reception on July 14, 1988.

The celebration was held at the Royal Brunei Polo Club near Bandar Seri Begawan and was attended by Pengiran Dato Seri Laila Jasa Dr. Haji Ismail, the Development Minister as the chief guest representing the Brunei Darussalam's government.

On hand to greet the guest was His Excellency Mr. Patrick Amiot, the French Ambassador to the country.

Others at the function included foreign diplomats, senior government officials as well as French nationals residing in the Sultanate.

Bastille Day marked



Pengiran Dato Seri Laila Jasa Dr. Haji Ismail, the Development Minister (centre) with the host His Excellency Mr. Patrick Amiot, the French Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam during the Bastille Day celebration.



Singapore Minister, Dr. Yeo Ning Hong inspected an honour guard amounted by the armed forces during his visit.

**S'pore
minister
on BSB
visits**

Singapore's Communications and Information Minister cum the Second Minister of Defence (Policy), Dr. Yeo Ning Hong was in Brunei Darussalam on an official three-day visit beginning July 11, 1988.

Dr. Yeo Ning Hong was accompanied by seven senior officials from the Republic.

While in the country the visiting minister met his Bruneian counterpart, Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Aziz, the Communications Minister.

At the Nurul Iman Palace in the capital, His Majesty Sultan Haji

Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam who also holds the Defence portfolio, granted an audience to the minister. Also present at the function was His Excellency, Mr. Edward Lee, Singapore's High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam.

The Singaporean minister and delegations also met Pengiran Sanggamara Diraja Major General Pengiran Haji Ibnu, the Deputy Defence Minister and the Royal Brunei Armed Forces Chief of Staff, Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Major General Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Mohammad.

The media can play an important role in enchancing people's awareness of common bond of friendship and goodwill and at the same time cultivating the sense of belonging and civic responsibilities.

The role of the media was highlighted by Pehin Jawatan Luar Pekerma Raja Dato Seri Paduka Awang Haji Hussain, the Culture, Youth and Sports Minister at the opening of the 18th Meeting of the ASEAN-Committee on Culture and Information in the capital on June 27, 1988.

Earlier in his welcoming speech Pengiran Badaruddin bin Pengiran Ghani, the Chairman for ASEAN-COCI, said, "The friendly ties amongst ASEAN people are facilitated by the implementation of objective and realistic programmes of which it does not only cater for a very selected few of the ASEAN population."

The year 1988 marks the start of a three-year term of chairmanship for ASEAN-COCI to be taken over by Brunei Darussalam.

Cultural links bond of friendship



Pehin Jawatan Luar Pekerma Raja Dato Seri Paduka Awang Haji Hussain at the rostrum officially opens the meeting.



Pehin Jawatan Luar Pekerma Raja Dato Seri Paduka Awang Haji Hussain (right) accompanied by Professor Theunmer (centre) looks at the exhibits displayed and at left is Dr. E. Cuntz, Ambassador of the Republic of Germany.

Depicted cities style

The importance of our culture should be taken into consideration when making plans in to develop the country, we could learn from experience from developed and developing countries in ensure good and pleasant living condition.

These are some of the points raised by Pehin Jawatan Luar Pekerma Raja Dato Seri Paduka Awang Haji Hussain, the Culture, Youth and Sports Minister at the official opening of the exhibition and symposium on Living In the

Cities held at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium on June 29, 1988.

The one-week exhibition was organised by the Federal Republic of Germany Embassy with the co-operation of the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports.

At the exhibition five model cities of the world was put on display. The depicted cities were set up by Professor Theunmer for the exhibition in the Sultanate with the help of his wife.

ASEAN radio frequency experts meet

The fourth ASEAN Radio Frequency Co-ordination Committee meeting was held in Bandar Seri Begawan beginning July 22, 1988.

The meeting was to study the various aspects of frequency management in order to effectively utilise the frequency spectrum without causing interference to any other administrations, training aspects, and requisite data base for a computerise management system.

On the second day, the meeting was concentrated on the preparation of the second session of the world Administrative Radio Conference held in Geneva late this month, for the use of Geostationary orbit and planning of space services.

The two-day meeting was officially opened by Dato Paduka Awang Haji Abdullah, the Brunei Darussalam Director of Telecommunications and attended by 12 participants from ASEAN member countries.

SATC Produced 22 More Agriculture Graduates



Awang Al Jeffrey bin Yahya receives his award from Dato Paduka Awang Haji Selamat Munap, the Deputy Development Minister.

The Sinaut Agriculture Training Centre in Tutong held its third convocation on June 18, 1988.

22 graduates received their certificates after completing a two-year course from Dato Paduka Awang Haji Selamat Munap, the Deputy Development Minister.

Awards were also presented to four of the graduates for their outstanding performance.

The golden award for Brunei National Diploma in Agriculture went to Awangku Abdul Malek bin Pengiran Badaruddin, Dayang Noraini Anggas received the silver award.

The Brunei National Diploma in Agriculture Engineering golden award went to Awang Al-Jeffery bin Yahya and the silver award was won by Awang Saidin bin Namit.

The Sinaut Agriculture Training Centre has produced 50 graduates since its first convocation in 1986.

Brunei Malay in a minute

Each month in the Brunei Darussalam newsletter we introduce readers to common Malay words as used in this country. This month the word selected is *cangkir*.

The word *cangkir* is an adjective referring to the physical appearance of a person who is lean or thin. The word can also be applied to animal or object with similar characteristic.

Let us use the word *cangkir* in a sentence:

Orang *cangkir* itu berlari laju.
The lean man runs very fast.

Kaki bangau itu sangat *cangkir*.
The legs of the stork are very thin.



These bandmen who performed at the Taman Haji Omar Ali Saifuddin in Bandar Seri Begawan on July 6, 1988 were the Indonesian navy cadet trainees who were here for a three-day goodwill visit. They displayed a traditional march and other popular pieces including a selection of Indonesian songs. The visitors also entertained Bruneian spectators with a demonstration of arts of self defence. The young Indonesians sailed to Brunei Darussalam in their training ship, the "Kri Dewaruci". The ship with a complement of 140 men including 70 cadets trainees were led by Lieutenant Colonel Ripa Gamhadi Prawirofaspro. While in the country, Lieutenant Colonel Ripa met Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Major General Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Mohamed, the Royal Brunei Armed Forces Chief of Staff.

The Royal Brunei Polo Club has clinched the Citi Corp Trophy in a match against a visiting team from the United States.

The Brunei Darussalam side defeated the visitors, the Citi Bank Polo Club 11-6 in a match played at Jerudong Park Polo ground near Bandar Seri Begawan on June 29, 1988.

Among the players for the home team was His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam who scored two goals.

Also playing in the match was His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Digadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Haji Jefri Bolkhiah the Finance minister who bagged three goals.

Prizes were presented by Mr Hans Angrmuker, the Vice-Chairman of the Citi Bank Corporation of New York.

Sultanate bags Citi Corp Trophy



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan receives the prize presented by the Vice-Chairman of the Citi Bank Corporation of New York, Mr Hans Angrmuker.

Mitsubishi trophy

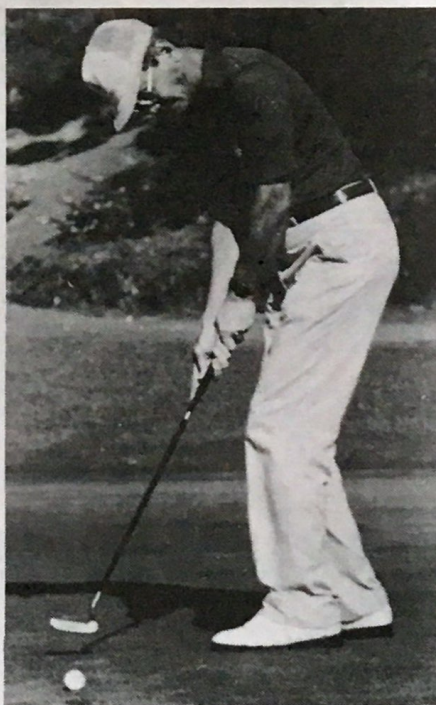
More than 100 golfers pitted themselves against the Pantai Mentiri Golf Club Course outside Bandar Seri Begawan for the Mitsubishi Corporation Trophy on June 22, 1988.

Razali Johari emerged as champion with 65 best nett points in the one-day tournament organised by Mitsubishi Corporation with the cooperation of the Mentiri Golf Club.

Meanwhile in the VIP category the champion title went to Pengiran Sanggamara Diraja

Major General Pengiran Haji Ibnu, the Deputy Defence Minister.

Winner received their trophies from Mr. T. Masuda, the General Manager for Mitsubishi Corporation Tokyo.



Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Isa, clinched the runner-up title at the tournament for the VIP category.

New Visa-Free Rules Announced

The government has announced that Brunei Darussalam's nationals are exempted from visa requirements for visit to Denmark of up to ninety days.

The new rules took effect from June 1, 1988 also allowed visa-free entry of the Danish passport holders to visit the Sultanate for up to two weeks.

The waiver of the visa requirement does not exempt citizens of Brunei Darussalam going to Denmark from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations in force in Denmark concerning entry, residence and work.

The Danish government further accepts that a permanent agreement on the abolition of visa requirements between the two countries, on reciprocal terms, may be entered into a later date and regarded the present decisions on the matter as an interim arrangement to facilitate the exchange of visitors and the further development of bilateral ties.

Your turn

The next issue of the *Brunei Darussalam* newsletter will appear during the first week of September 1988. If there are events relating to our country you would like featured in this newsletter please call us on Tel: 02-40400 or better still, send us a report with a picture, if possible. Contributions for our next issue should arrive by August 15, 1988. All editorial rights reserved.



Brunei's traditional handicraft

Silversmithing is among the longest established cottage industries in Brunei Darussalam.

Early silversmithing began around kampong Pandai Mas in the water village which was also famous for its goldsmithing, brass making and cloth weaving industries.

The special skill is only possessed by certain Bruneian families who passed it down from generation to another.

With the setting up of the Brunei Arts and Handicraft Centre, silversmithing is one of the courses offered to school-leavers. The apprentice both, men and women are under the guidance and watchful eyes of experienced mastercraftsmen. The silversmithing is one of the popular courses offered.

On passing out they are given government assistance including the setting up of their own workshops and the purchase of tools as well as raw materials.

This tradition handicraft is not only being preserved, but has become as a profitable cottage industry with finished products could cost you up to thousands of dollars depending on its size and artwork.

The most common pattern used is know as 'bunga air mulih' a stylised floral design much of a favourite among Bruneian silver or brass workers.



BRUNEI IN BRIEF

Capital City :	Bandar Seri Begawan
Land size :	5765 sq.km
Population :	226,000 (1986)
Official Language :	Malay
Official Religion :	Islam
June 1988 rainfall :	165.5 mm.
(annual 2,818mm)	

PRIME LENDING RATE

August 6.25%. (quoted by Bankers' Association).

