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His Majesty's State Visit to the Republic of Singapore

Official Welcoming Ceremony of the State Visit

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, April 21 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam, are currently in the Republic of Singapore for a three-day State visit. Their Majesties consented to attend the Official welcoming Ceremony of the State Visit held at the Istana President.

Their Majesties were welcomed by His Excellency Dr. Tony Tan Keng Yam, President of the Republic of Singapore and wife, Mrs. Mary Chee Bee Kiang.

Accompanying Their Majesties were His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam with His Excellency Dr. Tony Tan Keng Yam, President of the Republic of Singapore and wife, Mrs. Mary Chee Bee Kiang.

His Majesty attends Defence Services Asia Exhibition 2014



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the 14th Defence Services Asia (DSA) Exhibition, held at the Putra World Trade Centre. Present to greet His Majesty was Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Sri Mohd. Najib Tun Haji Abdul Razak, the Prime Minister of Malaysia; and Yang Berhormat Dato' Seri Hishammuddin bin Tun Hussein, the Minister of Defence Malaysia.

KUALA LUMPUR, April 14 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, consented to attend the 14th Defence Services Asia (DSA) Exhibition, held at the Putra World Trade Centre.

The Defence Services Asia Exhibition and Conference was first introduced in 1988. This year's exhibition will showcase about 1,000 companies from 50 countries.

Upon arrival, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was greeted by Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Sri Mohd. Najib Tun Haji Abdul Razak, the Prime Minister of Malaysia; Yang Berhormat Dato' Seri Hishammuddin bin Tun Hussein, the Minister of Defence Malaysia; Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Dato' Sri Zulkifeli bin Mohd. Zin, the Chief of Defence Forces; the Chairman of DSA, Tan Sri Asmat Kamaluddin, the Chairman of DSA and other Senior Officers.

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His Majesty receives audiences

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam received in audience at the Istana Nurul Iman:



His Excellency Souvanna Phouyavong, outgoing Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to Brunei Darussalam on April 3.



His Excellency Major General (Rtd) Muhammad Ijaz Hussain Awan, outgoing High Commissioner of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Brunei Darussalam on April 3.



The Honourable Bruce Scott MP, the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of Australia on April 9.



His Excellency Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister of Environment and Water Resources of Singapore on April 30.

His Majesty sends congratulatory message

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to send a congratulatory message to:

- His Excellency Manuel Valls on the occasion of his appointment as Prime Minister of the Republic of France on April 2.

His Majesty sends message of condolences

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to send a message of condolences to:

- Her Excellency Park Geun Hye, President of the Republic of Korea following the recent shipping accident involving the sinking of a ship off the waters of the Republic of Korea on April 17.

His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah receives audiences

His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien received in audience at the Balai Penghadapan, Bukit Kayangan:



His Excellency Sheikh Ahmed bin Hashel bin Rashed bin Hashel Al-Maskari, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Sultanate of Oman on April 3.



His Excellency Dr. Ashok Kumar Amrohi, High Commissioner of the Republic of India on April 3.



Her Excellency Nurul Qomar, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia on April 3.



His Excellency Major General (Rtd) Muhammad Ijaz Hussain Awan, outgoing High Commissioner of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Brunei Darussalam on April 3.



His Excellency Kenichi Suganuma, outgoing Ambassador of Japan on April 29.

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His Majesty was then invited to the special dais with His Excellency where and received an Honorary Salute followed by the national anthem of Brunei Darussalam and the national anthem of the Republic of Singapore. This was followed by the hoisting of the flag of both countries.

His Majesty then consented to inspect the Guard of Honour mounted by 72 personnel from the Singapore Land Forces.

His Majesty and Her Majesty together with His Excellency Dr. Tony Tan Keng Yam and wife then proceeded to the President Palace. At the State Room, His Majesty consented to sign a

Visitors' Book.

Their Majesties were then introduced to Singapore's Highest Ranking Officials. His Excellency Dr. Tony Tan Keng Yam and wife, were also introduced to the Official Delegation of Brunei Darussalam.

His Majesty then proceeded to the West Drawing Room for a meeting where both leaders exchanged views on bilateral issues as well as regional and international matters while Her Majesty proceeded to the East Drawing Room for a Morning Tea Ceremony hosted by the wife of the President of the Republic of Singapore.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam inspecting the Guard of Honour mounted by 72 personnel from the Singapore Land Forces.

Four-Eye Meeting with Singapore Prime Minister



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore during the Four-Eye Meeting.

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, April 21 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam held a Four-Eye Meeting with His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore at the President Palace. Upon arrival, His Majesty and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha were greeted by His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, and wife, Mrs. Ho Ching followed by a joined Photo Session.

His Majesty and His Excellency then proceeded to the Prime Minister's Office for a Four-Eye Meeting while Her Majesty proceeded to the East Drawing Room for a Morning Tea Ceremony hosted by the wife of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore.



Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam with Mrs. Ho Ching, wife of the President of the Republic of Singapore during the Morning Tea Ceremony.

Visit to Institute of Technical Education



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam during the visit to ITE.

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, April 21 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to visit the Institute of Technical Education (ITE).

ITE was established as a post-secondary education institution in 1992 under the Ministry of Education under its 'One ITE System, Three Colleges' Model of Education and Governance. ITE has three colleges, comprising ITE College Central, ITE College East and ITE College West, with a total of around 20,000 students.

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

His Majesty was then invited to the Board Room where His Majesty was briefed on background of ITE.

After the briefing, His Majesty consented to visit the Centre of Technology in 3D Applied Technology (iCUBE); Maritime Hub; and Aerospace Hub.

His Majesty concluded his visit with a photo session in front of ITE Aircraft.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in a group photo with students during the visit to the Institute of Technical Education (ITE).

Visit to Singapore Zoo

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, April 21 - With 26 hectares of Wildlife Park, the Singapore Zoo is nestled within the rainforest and houses more than 2,800 animals representing over 300 species of mammals, birds and reptiles.

Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam consented to visit the Singapore Zoo.

Upon arrival at the zoo, Her Majesty was greeted by the wife of the Deputy Prime Minister as Coordinating Minister for National Security, Minister of Home Affairs, Mrs. Teo Chee Hean.

Accompanying Her Majesty was Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Her Majesty was invited to tour the zoo which is well-known for having the most beautiful wildlife park settings in the world, where animals roam freely in open and natural habitats.



Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam with Mrs. Teo Chee Hean, wife of the Deputy Minister of the Republic of Singapore. Accompanying Her Majesty was Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



Her Majesty during the visit to the Singapore Zoo.

Brunei - Singapore enjoy special relationship

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, April 21 - Brunei Darussalam and Singapore have enjoyed a deepening of an expansion in the special relations for almost half a century.

The friendship began when His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's late father first met His Excellency Lee Kuan Yew in Brunei 54 years ago, and has developed over time and across generations.

His Majesty stated the matter in a *titah* (royal speech) at a State Banquet hosted by His Excellency Dr. Tony Tan Keng Yam, President of the Republic of Singapore, and wife, Mrs. Mary

Chee Bee Kiang, held at the President Palace.

Singapore has always been a good and close friend of Brunei Darussalam. In this regard, His Majesty in the *titah* thanked His Excellency the President most warmly for his contributions throughout his distinguished career in nurturing the unique friendship between two countries.

His Majesty added that it is important that the special ties between the two countries are always nurtured so that future generations continue to benefit and uphold the significance of the relationship.

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His Majesty also highlighted that the bilateral relations have continued to flourish over the years.

"Trade between the two countries has progressed steadily and Brunei Darussalam appreciates the valuable contribution of Singaporean companies in Brunei's development efforts," said His Majesty.

The country's respective currencies have been customary tender in each other's countries for more than 45 years. This arrangement has facilitated trade, tourism and investment, thus benefitting the people.

His Majesty was also pleased that officials from both countries have agreed to work even closer in the area of finance and Brunei Darussalam welcomes the knowledge of Singaporeans in developing Brunei's financial markets.

His Majesty acknowledged that Singapore is a prime example of a multicultural global city and has been at the forefront of many commendable accomplishments.

"Singapore has become a confluence of numerous centres of excellence in law, business and finance, education, medical care, the arts, and also in technologies and biological research," said His Majesty.

The achievements of Singapore and its people have definitely inspired Brunei Darussalam as the country pursues its own development vision.

Touching on defence cooperation, the Monarch stated that cooperation is an integral part of the relations. The links between the countries' armed forces are stronger than ever, with regular military exercise and training.

On the other hand, health institutions have continued to care for patients from the Sultanate where Brunei Darussalam also appreciates the practical training offered to Bruneian doctors and nurses.

His Majesty suggested that both governments develop a 'Future Generation' programme to instil greater friendship and appreciation between the peoples of both countries, particularly youths.

Hence, His Majesty encouraged more exchanges amongst students, teachers, higher education institutions and think-tanks of the two countries.

The Monarch acknowledged that Singapore has proven itself as a global player with the best interest of the regional



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Excellency Dr. Tony Tan Keng Yam, President of the Republic of Singapore proceeding to the State Banquet.

and international community at its heart, especially in promoting peace, prosperity, harmony and upholding the rule of law.

As in the past, Brunei Darussalam and Singapore should continue to work closely together in contributing to and shaping the future of our region as both countries face similar political, economic and social challenges as well as similar aspirations.

Whether in ASEAN, the United Nations or in other forums, Brunei Darussalam has always found a good friend in Singapore. In this regard, His Majesty thanked the President and the Government of

Singapore for the support and goodwill that have been extended to His Majesty and to Brunei Darussalam.

Accompanying His Majesty at the State Banquet were Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam; His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam mingling with His Excellency and wife at the State Banquet.

Four-Eye Meeting with His Excellency Lee Kuan Yew

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, April 21 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaullah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented for a four-eye meeting with His Excellency Lee Kuan Yew at the President Palace.

During the four-eye meeting, His Majesty and His Excellency shared views on bilateral relations of both countries.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaullah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with His Excellency Lee Kuan Yew during the four-eye meeting at the President Palace.

34th Singapore Lecture



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaullah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam delivering a lecture *titah* (royal speech) at the 34th Singapore Lecture at St. Regis, Singapore.

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, April 22 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaullah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has observed that much has changed in geopolitics and the global economy. Many countries in the region have seen remarkable progress. East Asia and Asia-Pacific has contributed significantly to global growth and world trade. ASEAN has changed too, growing in membership and confidence and emerging as a community next year.

His Majesty consented to deliver a lecture *titah* (royal speech) titled: 'The Future of ASEAN' at the 34th Singapore Lecture at St. Regis, Singapore.

At the lecture His Majesty recalled the world was a different place to when His Majesty attended his first 'ASEAN Heads of Government Meeting' in 1987, and was fortunate to be surrounded by many good friends, including former Prime Minister of Singapore, His Excellency Lee Kuan Yew. His Majesty, in his *titah*, noted that this Century has been called the Asian Century, and Asia's rise will bring changes to the current global strategic configuration

and the pace of change in the region will speed up.

Thus, His Majesty predicts that the shift of relative economic weight towards Asia will also bring shift in political power. The role of non-state actors such as civil society, multi-national corporations and international institutions will also increase.

His Majesty believes the challenge for ASEAN, will be finding its strategic place in this new configuration by playing a greater role in regional and world affairs to ensure the security and prosperity of its people.

His Majesty noted that ASEAN will be confronted with different and possibly more intense challenges, and these challenges constituted present and imminent danger to our people.

"It is crucial that we address and resolve regional problems or issues through peaceful dialogues and initiatives. We need to ensure that ASEAN's three community pillars serve the region's interest. We must continue to be more responsive and strive to be a people-oriented organisation," reiterated His Majesty.

His Majesty also touched on ASEAN's way of reaching out beyond the region in contributing peace, stability and prosperity by strengthening confidence and trust with its many partners.

Significance of rules-based relations among countries needs to be promoted. At the same time it is important to work hard to raise ASEAN's GDP, build better infrastructure, expand markets for the goods, develop stronger integrated financial markets, enhance financial literacy and create more jobs for our youths. Sustained economic growth is important to avoid future social problems.

His Majesty concluded by sharing his wish to see the ASEAN region progresses on the basis of stronger neighbourly relations, closer friendship, pragmatic cooperation and interdependence so that peace and prosperity is shared by all.

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

The Singapore Lecture Series was inaugurated in 1980 by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS),

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His Majesty receiving a *pesambah* (souvenir) presented by Mr. Wong Ah Long, Deputy Chairman of ISEAS.

His Majesty receives 'Advance Combat Skill', tours Singapore military facilities

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, April 22 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaullah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF), consented to tour Singapore Armed Forces' (SAF) facilities.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, first consented to visit the Multi-Mission Range Complex (MMRC) at Pasir Laba Camp. Accompanying His Majesty was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik.

His Majesty then consented to receive the 'Advance Combat Skill' badge presented by Chief of Army, Brigadier General Perry Lim. From the MMRC, Pasir Laba Camp, His Majesty then visited the Headquarters of 3rd Division at Jurong Camp.

Upon arrival at the headquarters, His Majesty proceeded to inspect the Guard of Honour mounted by 24 personnel from the Land Forces.

His Majesty was then invited to the Conference Room in the Headquarters of the 3rd Division building for a video briefing on Land Forces.

On board an infantry carrier, Terrex, His Majesty proceeded to the Static Display area and observed various military equipment displayed. His Majesty was also invited to drive one of the Terrex vehicles and a Light Strike Vehicle.

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His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaullah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Defence and Supreme Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) at the Multi-Mission Range Complex (MMRC) at Pasir Laba Camp.



His Majesty receiving the 'Advance Combat Skill' badge presented by Chief of Army, Brigadier General Perry Lim.

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During the visit, His Majesty consented to meet five personnel from the RBAF who are undergoing a training programme at the camp.

At the end of the visit, His Majesty consented to receive a Terrex Driving Licence and a Light Strike Vehicle Driving Licence presented by the Chief of Army.

Before departing Jurong Camp, His Majesty consented to receive a memento in a form of a miniature Terrex presented by His Excellency Dr. Ng Eng Hen, the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Singapore.



His Majesty driving the Light Strike Vehicle.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Singapore watering the 'Dryobalanapos Lanceolata' tree sapling, commonly known as 'Kayu Kapur Paji'.

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, April 23 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, consented to join a Morning Walk and Breakfast at the Gardens By The Bay with His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Singapore.

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

At the World of Plants, His Majesty planted a 'Dryobalanapos Lanceolata' tree sapling, commonly known as 'Kayu Kapur Paji' and was invited to take a closer look at the Gardens By The Bay.

Visit to Peranakan Museum

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, April 22 - Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam consented to visit the Peranakan Museum, accompanied by Mrs. Ho Ching, wife of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore.

The Peranakan Museum houses a comprehensive collection of artifacts collected from the past.

At the end of the visit, Her Majesty was invited to True Blue Cuisine for a Tea Dinner hosted by Mrs. Ho Ching.



Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha being greeted upon arrival by Mrs. Ho Ching, wife of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore.

Meeting with Emeritus Senior Minister of the Republic of Singapore



REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, April 23 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to meet with His Excellency Goh Chok Tong, Emeritus Senior Minister of the Republic of Singapore, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

During the meeting, His Majesty and His Excellency reaffirmed the long established close relationship, especially the friendship of its peoples. Both countries also discussed Brunei and Singapore's current developments.

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with His Excellency Goh Chok Tong, Emeritus Senior Minister of the Republic of Singapore, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

Visit to SNLG



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in a group photo with staff of the Singapore Liquefied Natural Gas Corporation (SLNG). Accompanying His Majesty was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik.

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, April 23 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, consented to visit the newly operational Singapore Liquefied Natural Gas Corporation (SLNG), at Pulau Jurong.

Upon arrival at the SLNG Terminal at Jurong Island, His Majesty was greeted by the Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Trade and Industry of the Republic of Singapore, Mr. S. Iswaran as well as the Chief Executive Officer of S-LNG, Mr. John Ng.

Accompanying His Majesty was His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik. Upon arrival, His Majesty consented to view an exhibition.

His Majesty was later briefed on safety prior to visiting the Control Room and the Terminal.

SNLG was officially opened in February 2014. The 1.7 billion Singapore Dollar Terminal was the first LNG terminal in the Republic and started operations last May.

The terminal allows Singapore to import natural gas from around the world, thereby ensuring the security of supply sources to meet Singapore's current and

future energy demand. S-LNG now makes up 20 per cent of Singapore's natural gas demand.

Also present were His Excellency Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister of Environment and Water Resource of the Republic of Singapore, as Minister-In-Attendance; Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Aziz bin Pengiran Jaya Negara Pengiran Haji Abu Bakar; Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong, the Minister of Education; Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Laila

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Setia Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Ibrahim; Second Minister of Finance at the Prime Minister's Office; Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Pekerma Dewa Dato Seri Setia Lim Jock Seng, Second Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Singamanteri Colonel (Rtd) Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Awang Haji Mohammad Yasmin bin Haji Umar, Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office.

His Majesty's arrival at the SLNG Terminal, Pulau Jurong was greeted by Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Trade and Industry of the Republic of Singapore, Mr. S. Iswaran as well as the Chief Executive Officer of S-LNG, Mr. John Ng.



Her Majesty visits Singapore's Girl Guides Headquarters



Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam with Mrs. Mary Chee Bee Kiang, wife of the President of the Republic of Singapore in a group photo with some of the girl guides during the visit Singapore's Girl Guides Headquarters.

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, April 23 - Her Majesty Duli Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam constented to visit

Singapore's Girl Guides Headquarters. Accompanying Her Majesty were Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien,

Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Mrs. Mary Chee Bee Kiang, wife of the President of the Republic of Singapore.

Upon arrival at the headquarters, Her Majesty was greeted by Ms. Kim Lay Eng, Chief Commissioner of Singapore's Girl Guides, followed by a Girl Guides Guard of Honour comprised of 20 brownies and 20 girl guides, who later on performed a welcoming song upon Her Majesty's entrance.

Her Majesty also viewed a performance by the girl guides before proceeding to tour the facilities available at the headquarters.

Currently, there are more than 9,000 girl guides in the Republic of Singapore volunteering in community work to teach its members devotion and responsibility, in addition to discipline.



Her Majesty during the tour to take a closer look at the facilities available at the headquarters.

His Majesty attends Defence Services Asia Exhibition 2014 (continued)

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At the DSA Exhibition, His Majesty consented to witness the Bell Venom Helicopter outside the PWTC building. His Majesty then proceeded to Hall 4 to view the exhibits on display and consented to witness a demonstration performed by the Malaysian Armed Forces.

After, His Majesty consented to proceed to view the exhibits in Hall 2 and Hall 1 which showcased Deftech, Sapura, SMEO from Malaysia, Denel (South Africa), Rheinmetall (German), Turkey Pavilion and many more.

Before leaving, His Majesty consented to attend a luncheon hosted by Yang Berhormat Dato' Seri Hishammuddin bin Tun Hussein, the Minister of Defence Malaysia at the Bunga Raya, Hall 1, PWTC.



His Majesty being briefed by one of the exhibitors from the United States of America.



A performance by the Malaysian Armed Forces demonstrating a rescue mission as one of the attractions of the 14th DSA Exhibition.



1,033 receive house keys



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam presenting a house key to one of the recipients of the Meragang National Housing Scheme and the Tanah Jambu National Housing Scheme.

JERUDONG, April 8 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to present house keys to 1,033 recipients under the Meragang National Housing Scheme and the Tanah Jambu National Housing Scheme. The presentation ceremony was held at Indera Samudera Hall, The Empire Hotel and Country Club.

A total of 390 recipients were awarded houses under the Meragang National Housing Scheme. Meanwhile, 164 recipients each received a semi-detached house and another 497 each received a terrace house under the Tanah Jambu National Housing Scheme.

Awang Haji Jamain bin Momin, the Brunei-Muara District Officer, in his welcoming address expressed gratitude and appreciation to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam for His Majesty's presence at the ceremony.

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His Majesty in a group photo with the family of one of the recipients of the house keys during His Majesty's visit to the recipient's house.

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The implementation of the National Housing Programme through the National Housing Scheme and the Indigenous Citizens Land Award Scheme since 1996 has provided a total of 21,333 housing units nationwide. Of the total, 14,426 houses have been awarded to eligible recipients, of whom 8,616 are from the Brunei-Muara District.

In order to fulfil the ever-increasing demand for housing, the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam through the Housing Development Department, the Ministry of Development is continuously striving to speed up overall housing construction.

The supply of houses for the citizens is aimed at realising the objective of ensuring a high quality of life, consistent with the goal of the Brunei Vision 2035 in placing Brunei Darussalam among the top ten countries in the world in that aspect. Social security is one of the eight policy strategies of the Brunei Vision 2035.

After the key presentation ceremony, His Majesty consented to visit two educational institutions, several private firms and homes of the new recipients.

Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah Religious School (SUPAPHSB) in Kampung Perpindahan Berakas was the first facility visited by the Monarch. At this school, His Majesty witnessed a storytelling in Arabic, a Tausyeh and a Jawi learning plan presented by the students. His Majesty also witnessed the teaching of the Al-Quran using Info-Communication Technology (ICT).

SUPAPHSB was built in 1987 and was previously known as Jalan Dato Ahmad Perpindahan Berakas Religious School.

Another school that received His Majesty's



His Majesty taking a closer look at one of the products made by a student from Sayyidina Abu Bakar secondary School.



His Majesty taking a closer look at how pharmaceutical products are being produced at Syarikat Simpor Pharma Sendirian Berhad.

attention was the Sayyidina Abu Bakar secondary School at Jalan 77, Lambak Kanan National Housing.

During the visit, His Majesty witnessed an exhibition about students' activities which

includes the school's achievements, 'Food and Nutrition' and 'Design and Technology'. His Majesty also witnessed a material arts performance by the students of the school.

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A local company involved in food processing and production, Syarikat ASLI-KTM Sendirian Berhad at the Lambak Kanan Industrial Site also had the honour of receiving the Monarch.

Upon arrival, His Majesty was introduced to the officers of the company and took a closer look at the products of the company.

Beginning as a small business, the company was established in 1982, producing various types of noodles. With the cooperation of the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources through the Brunei Industrial Development Agency (BINA), the company was awarded a piece of land as a site for the company's noodle factory in 2007.

The Monarch also consented to visit Syarikat Simpor Pharma Sendirian Berhad, the first local company to produce pharmaceutical products, as well as health nutrition and cosmetics products. Located at the Salambigar Industrial Site,



His Majesty receiving a brief explanation on the products made by Syarikat Asli-KTM Sendirian Berhad.

the company has 38 employees, where 36 of them Bruneians.

The Monarch then consented to visit the home of Awang Haji Basri bin Abu Bakar,

Ketua Kampong of Area 2, Lambak Kanan National Housing and a number of terrace and detached houses at the Tanah Jambu National Housing belonging to today's key recipients.

Crown Prince graces Islamic Cultural and Arts Performance

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, April 26 - His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman consented to grace the Islamic Cultural and Arts Performance organised by the Council of Religious Ministers of Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore (MABIMS), held at the International Convention Centre, Berakas.

The arrival of Their Royal Highnesses was greeted by Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Mohammad bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman, Minister of Religious Affairs.

Upon arrival, the Minister of Religious Affairs as Chairman of the event committee delivered a welcoming speech.

The event commenced with a performance by 19 participants from the Republic of Indonesia titled 'Seri Qasidah dan Seri Selawat Nabi', followed by a declamation of poetry titled 'Sang Pencerah' presented by a representative from Singapore, Haji Abdul Manaf Rahmat.

This was followed by a skit performed by undergraduates of various higher educational institutions titled 'Ilmu Guna-Guna' and a contemporary nasyid



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab Rahaman at the Islamic Cultural and Arts Performance organised by the Council of Religious Ministers of Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore (MABIMS).

performance titled 'Di Bawah Redha Allah', by 'Simponi Imam Muda'.

The event was further enlivened with a storytelling performance delivered in Arabic by students of the Bandar Seri Begawan Arabic Preparatory School titled 'Tentang Singa dan Tikus' (About the lion and mouse).

The series of performances concluded with a tableau titled 'Suluh Permata' by

youths who have finished their sixth form studies and 'Putera Seni'.

The theme of the Islamic Cultural and Arts Performances was 'Membangun Peradaban Islam Nusantara Melalui Penghayatan Sejarah Islam dan Seni Budaya Melayu' (Developing Islamic Civilisation of the Archipelago through the Islamic History and Malay Culture and Arts).



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah in a group photo with committee members of the Islamic Cultural and Arts Performance and members of MABIMS.

His Royal Highness attends 4th Annual Investment Meeting 2014

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, April 8 - His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade consented to attend the 4th Annual Investment Meeting (AIM) 2014.

With the theme 'Investment Partnerships for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth in Frontier and Emerging Market', AIM 2014 was held at the Dubai International Convention & Exhibition Centre.

At the meeting, His Royal Highness joined other leaders in a Round Table Session and shared on international trade and experiences.

In the afternoon session, prior to the Official Opening of AIM 2014, His Royal Highness attended a joint audience with His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, Vice President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai who is also the patron of the event.

Meanwhile, the Round Table Session was attended by ministers responsible for foreign investment and trade; experts in economy, finance and development; business leaders and heads of international institutions.

The focus of the session was the overall theme of the meeting as well as the sharing of experience and knowledge, in addition to



His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade at the 4th Annual Investment Meeting (AIM) 2014.

the presentation of the value of investment in terms of economic growth which is rapidly changing and growing.

Among the activities of AIM 2014 include and expo and exhibition participated by various agencies.

A number of plenary sessions were also held to discuss the economic environment and investments by panel members consisting of various government and private sector leaders.



His Royal Highness during the joint audience with His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, Vice President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai who is also the patron of the event.

Brunei-Vietnam strengthen cooperation in education



The Minister of Education and the Minister of Education and Training of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in a group photo during the goodwill visit.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, April 9 - Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong, Minister of Education received a goodwill visit from His Excellency Professor Dr. Pham Vu Luan, Minister of Education and Training of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, as the President of the 47th Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Council.

The visit took place at the Ministry of Education (MoE), Berakas.

Among the issues discussed during the visit include collaborative opportunities that can benefit both countries in the field of education and training including exchange programmes.

The visit included the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the field of Education between the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Signing on behalf of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong, Minister of Education and signing on behalf of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam was His Excellency Professor Dr. Pham Vu Luan.

The signing of the MoU will strengthen



Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong, Minister of Education, shaking hands with His Excellency Professor Dr. Pham Vu Luan, Minister of Education and Training of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, as the President of the 47th Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Council after the signing of Memorandum of Understanding in Education between both countries.

further the existing relationship between both countries especially in education, other than allowing agencies of both countries to collaborate through exchange programmes in the field of education and training for the benefit of both countries.

Under the MoU, collaboration includes the exchange of educational leaders, senior officers, researchers, teachers, administrators, students, publications, teaching aids, seminars and exhibitions related to education.

The MoU also covers interaction through meetings, workshops, exhibitions,

conferences, competitions, trainings, joint research in the field of Mathematics and Science, Language, Communication and Information as well as sports.

His Excellency and delegation are in the country from the 8th until the 10th of April as part of a working visit to SEAMEO member countries.

Also present were Yang Mulia Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Yusoff bin Haji Ismail, Deputy Minister of Education; Permanent Secretaries; Deputy Permanent Secretaries; senior officials; officers and staff of the Ministry of Education.

Minister of Religious Affairs receives Omani and Indonesian Ambassadors

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, April 2 - Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Mohammad bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman, Minister of Religious Affairs received separate courtesy visits from Omani and Indonesian Ambassadors.

The visits took place at the Ministry of Religious Affairs (MORA), Berakas.

The Minister of Religious Affairs first

received a courtesy visit from His Excellency Ahmed bin Hashel bin Rashed bin Hashel Al-Maskari, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Sultanate of Oman to Brunei Darussalam. His Excellency previously held the post of adviser to the Minister of Social Development of the Sultanate of Oman.

His Excellency presented his Letter of Credence to His Majesty Sultan Haji

Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam on the 25th of February 2014.

The Minister of Religious Affairs then received a courtesy visit from Her Excellency Nurul Qomar, Ambassador

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Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to Brunei Darussalam. Her Excellency previously held the post of deputy head of mission at the Indonesian Embassy in Brunei Darussalam.

Her Excellency presented her Letter of Credence to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam on the 25th of February 2014.

Also present were Yang Mulia Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Bahrom bin Pengiran Haji Bahar, Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs; Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Aziz bin Orang Kaya Maharaja Lela Haji Yussof, Permanent Secretary at MORA; and Awang Haji Harun bin Haji Junid, Deputy Permanent Secretary at MORA.



Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Mohammad bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman, Minister of Religious Affairs (second, right) with Her Excellency Nurul Qomar, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to Brunei Darussalam (centre).

Japan Ambassador bids farewell to Minister of Home Affairs

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, April 22 - Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Haji Othman, Minister of Home Affairs received a farewell visit from His Excellency Kenichi Suganuma, outgoing Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Brunei Darussalam.

Also present were Yang Dimulikan Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd. Yussof, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs; Permanent Secretaries and Deputy Permanent Secretaries of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The farewell visit was held at the Ministry of Home Affairs building.



Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Haji Othman, Minister of Home Affairs with His Excellency Kenichi Suganuma, outgoing Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Brunei Darussalam during the farewell visit.

AMBD launches coins to mark 30 years of Brunei-Japan diplomatic ties



The silver commemorative coins launched in conjunction of the 30th Anniversary of Brunei-Japan diplomatic relations.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, April 2 - In conjunction with the 30th Anniversary of Brunei-Japan diplomatic relations, Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam (AMBD) launched commemorative silver coins that are legal to be used in the country.

The silver coins weighing 31.10 grams carry a BND30-face value.

There are only 500 silver coins available and are sold at BDN 100 per piece.

The coins were manufactured by Japan Mint under the authorisation of AMBD.

One side of the coin features a portrait of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, and on the other side, the coin features national flags and symbolic flowers of Brunei and Japan; the Dilenia Suffruticosa and cherry blossoms.