



## *Another MOU on enhancement of Brunei-Malaysia relations*

The already strong and close relation between Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia will be enhanced further with yet another Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) expected to be signed soon between the two countries. The latest MOU is on the setting up of a joint commission.

The two countries have previously signed several Memoranda of Understanding in defence, air services, education and training, and information and broadcasting.

Speaking at Istana Nurul Izzah at a dinner in honour of the visiting

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*His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Malaysian Prime Minister, Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad sharing a light moment during a dinner at Istana Nurul Izzah given by the Brunei Ruler in honour of the visiting Malaysian Premier.*

## *ASEAN meets challenges in practical way*

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations, ASEAN is meeting challenges in a practical way. And its efforts since the 1992 ASEAN Summit has resulted in a process in operation that should help it reach its objectives in spite of the many uncertainties which exist elsewhere.

Making these points was Brunei Darussalam's Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah in his opening statement at the 26th ASEAN

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*Brunei Darussalam's Foreign Affairs Minister, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah delivering his statement at the opening of the 26th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM) in the Republic of Singapore, 23 July.*

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## YOUR TURN

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Prime Minister of Malaysia, His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, among others, touched on the existing close ties between Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam, and pointed out the reasons behind Brunei's support for the EAEC (East Asian Economic Caucus).

The Prime Minister of Malaysia, Yang Amat Berhormat Dato Seri Dr Mahathir was in Bandar Seri Begawan for a three-day official visit at the head of a 37-member delegation including the Foreign Minister and the Chief Minister of Sarawak, from 1 to 3 August.

Said the monarch in his titah: "At the moment, I am very satisfied with the way ASEAN member countries conduct their relations with a spirit of understanding that is based on unity. This can be seen from the way decisions are made which involve common interests such as the agreement on EAEC reached recently by ASEAN's Foreign Ministers."

They have also stood up for ASEAN's interests and have not allowed themselves to be influenced by any opinion or conflicting views from outside the grouping and finally could prove that the initiative (EAEC) does not affect anyone. We can therefore take pride that the Malaysian initiative is finally understood by the world, the Monarch added.

It is a wise and fair move to set up the caucus [EAEC], said His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, as others are free to form their own trading blocs and set up exclusive clubs. We, the developing countries, are only going to sit in a forum and discuss our fate, added the Monarch.

"We only ask that others respect the rights of developing countries, particularly the weak and poor. For these countries, basic rights mean the freedom to get adequate food and a decent place to live. Therefore a just and considerate attention to these needs constitutes the climax in meet-

ing the people's welfare."

This will be one of the bases we have, added the Monarch, and which we shall continue to adopt in tackling problems, such as the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina. It has been more than a year now since war broke out. The people there are still victimised and their basic rights violated. The solutions offered so far remain dubious and complicated, the Monarch lamented.

"This is a lesson to everyone, including us in Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia and ASEAN as a whole."

Brunei Darussalam is impressed with Malaysia's achievements particularly in the fields of development and the PM's vision for 2020 motivates Malaysians to work harder and inspire other developing countries, the Monarch continued.

The Brunei ruler further hoped that Malaysia and Brunei would be able to achieve their respective objectives through beneficial cooperation and on the basis of two neighbouring brotherly countries.

Earlier, His Majesty spoke of the cultural, geographical and historical affinities which contribute to the existing close ties of the two countries.

The Monarch further expressed his confidence that these close ties would be further enhanced and continued in the future. We would foster these relations based on "semangat setia kawan" (spirit of true friendship) and a deep sense of mutual respect, he said.

His Majesty expressed his appreciation to the Malaysian Government for its various assistance and cooperation to Brunei particularly in education, religion, military, communications as well as other fields. He also hoped that such cooperation and assistance would be expanded from time to time.

Brunei Darussalam for its part is willing to extend its cooperation in any suitable field either bilaterally or regionally and within international organisations, the monarch assured.

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## Proposed Joint Commission

In his speech at the same function, Yang Amat Berhormat Dato Seri Dr Mahathir expressed his hope that the agreement to set up a joint commission between the two countries would further enhance bilateral cooperation and that any problem would be solved peacefully and in a spirit of brotherhood.

"This understanding and co-operation are important not only as a basis for regional peace and stability but they also provide a positive contribution to the peace and stability of Southeast Asia."

The Prime Minister further added: "Also significant is the fact that these close relations between Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam can further promote the glory of the Malay race and culture which we treasure. The rich Malay cultural heritage should be promoted so that it continues to live and gain a respected place internationally."

## Brunei's support sought to help Bosnia-Herzegovina

Whilst Malaysia is enjoying peace and prosperity under the leadership of Barisan Nasional and while Brunei Darussalam is similarly enjoying peace and prosperity under the leadership of His Majesty, Malaysia, in its effort to contribute to world peace and stability, said the visiting Prime Minister, had sent peacekeeping forces to Cambodia and Somalia under the United Nations auspices.

At the moment, Malaysia is giving serious attention to Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina who are suffering the atrocities of the Serbs. Their cries for help and assistance to defend themselves, are met with a cold response from European countries.

At present, he added, Malaysia, along with other countries are trying to help Bosnia Muslims to defend their lives and their rights. The Malaysian Government, he said,

welcomes whatever support and assistance His Majesty's Government could provide to save Bosnia-Herzegovina and helps it achieve these objectives.

## Brunei's support for EAEC

The visiting Malaysian Prime Minister also thanked His Majesty for Brunei Darussalam's support to many of Malaysia's initiatives including the EAEC, an initiative that has been agreed to by East Asian countries.

The Malaysian Government is greatly satisfied with the close bilateral ties and cooperation, he pointed out. Besides bilateral co-operation, the two countries mutually help each other in ASEAN and at international fora such as the United Nations and the Organisation of Islamic Conference. The two countries share similar views on important issues that involve both regional

and international peace, stability and prosperity.

The Prime Minister also underlined the significance of cooperation of ASEAN member states in an attempt to make the regional grouping firm and united. While cooperation and support from other countries are welcomed ASEAN, he stressed, should become the main driving force and lead whatever efforts related to the economy, peace and stability of Southeast Asia.

ASEAN's ability in playing this role is illustrated by its success in finding a settlement to the Cambodian problem, the agreement to set up AFTA within 15 years, and the agreement to set up EAEC, Yang Amat Berhormat added.

While in the country, His Majesty granted audiences to the visiting Prime Minister. Yang Amat Berhormat was also briefed on Brunei's economy and the Sixth National Development Plan.



Above: Members of the royal family including HRH Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah (far left) and HRH Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah (2nd From Left) at one of the audience ceremonies granted by His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam to the Malaysian Prime Minister. Below: Some of Brunei's cabinet ministers attending the dinner in honour of Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir bin Mohammad.



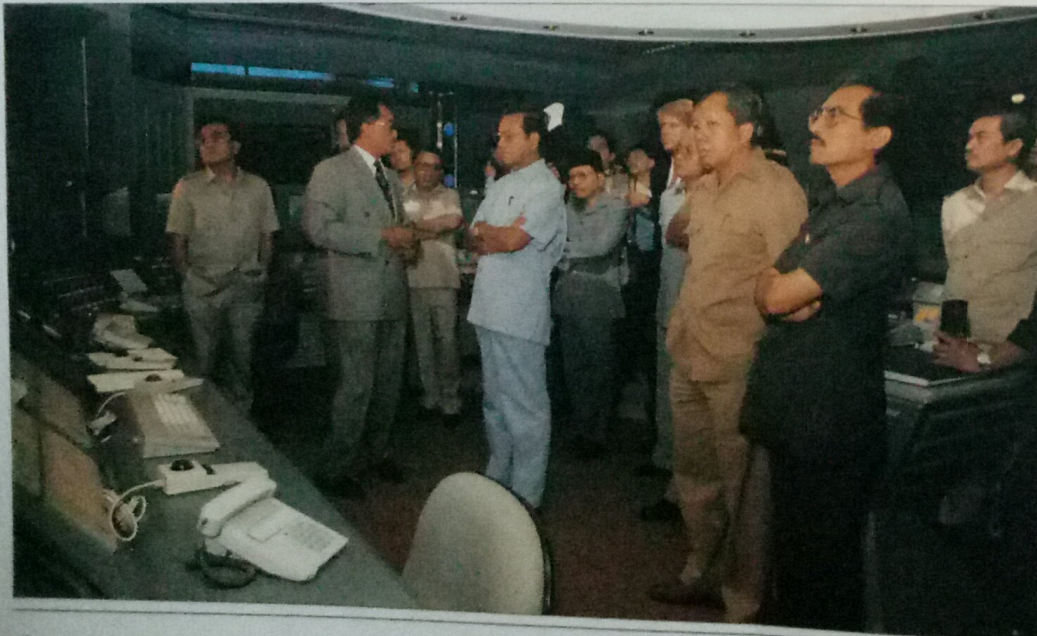
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# Malaysian PM's visit

Right: His Majesty granted audiences to the visiting Malaysian Prime Minister both on arrival and shortly before he left for home at the end of his three-day official visit to Brunei Darussalam. They discussed enhancement of relations between the two countries, including cooperation in trade and investment and exchanged views on regional and international economic and political issues.



Left, below: His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, as personal representative of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam headed the welcome for Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir and delegation at the Brunei International airport. Right, below: The Malaysian Prime Minister introducing members of his delegation that included Foreign Minister Yang Berhormat Datuk Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi (looking on second from left) and Sarawak's Chief Minister, Yang Amat Berhormat Dato Seri Paduka Tan Sri Dato Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib bin Mahmud (extreme left).



Left: The Malaysian Prime Minister being briefed while on a visit to the Brunei Liquefied Natural Gas Plant at Lumut, 80 kilometres south of Bandar Seri Begawan.

# 3,000th Brunei LNG cargo off to Japan

The gas industry of Brunei Darussalam achieved a significant milestone last month with the shipment of the 3,000th liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargo to Japan.

The 3,000th cargo is the first milestone of a new 20-year contract for the supply of LNG to Japan, which has just been concluded between Brunei Coldgas Sdn Bhd and its three existing buyers - Tokyo Electric, Tokyo Gas and Osaka Gas.

In a speech at the launching ceremony on 19 July, the Minister of Law said the achievement "marks another milestone for the Brunei project as a reliable producer and supplier of LNG and further strengthens the 20-year Brunei-Japan LNG relationship."

The 3,000th cargo was loaded just four months after the new sales and purchase agreement was signed extending the project for a further 20 years from 1st April 1993.

"The nature of an LNG business however necessitates the maintenance of uninterrupted and reliable supply of LNG to the buyers over the whole 'supply chain'. Professionalism and dedication to excellence in all operations and high safety standard have been the key to success."

Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Laila Kanun Diraja Pengiran Haji Bahrin further added: "This success story started with the loading of LNG into the tanker *Gadinia*, now called *Bebatik*, on 8th December 1972. The

fact that the same tanker now being loaded to carry the 3,000th cargo augurs well for the new 20 year contract."

"Over the years, a high level of reliability was maintained through good operation and sound maintenance not only here in the plant at Lumut but also in BSP's (Brunei Shell Petroleum) offshore facilities which supply the feed gas; on the shipping side which have kept the seven LNG tankers ploughing to and from Japan as regularly as clockwork; commercially, where Brunei Coldgas have kept communications wheels running smoothly with the Japanese buyers."

The success of the Brunei LNG project reflects the excellent collaboration between the Petroleum Unit of the Prime Minister's Office, the Brunei LNG, Brunei Coldgas, the Mitsubishi Corporation and the Shell Company, the Minister said.

The Government of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has always been and will continue to be supportive of the endeavours which the industry seeks to achieve for the country, he stressed.

The recent amendments to the petroleum mining legislation and the establishment of the Brunei Oil and Gas Authority clearly demonstrate His Majesty's Government's commitment and its close involvement. The setting up of the Authority further enhances the Government's overall control and supervision of the



*The Minister of Law, Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Laila Kanun Diraja Pengiran Haji Bahrin attributed success of LNG operations to professionalism, dedication and high safety standard.*

oil and gas industry, he added.

After the speech, the Minister pushed a button at the Control Room to start the loading operation of the 3,000th cargo on the gas carrier *Bebatik*. The loading operation took about 18 hours.

The first 1,000th cargo was launched in November 1980 by Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Isa, then General Adviser to His Highness The Sultan, now the Special Adviser to His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in the Prime Minister's Office and the Home Affairs Minister.

In 1987, the 2,000th cargo was launched by the Minister of Law.

## Diplomatic relations

The Governments of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, in conformity with the interest and desire of the two peoples, have decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at the ambassadorial level as from 27 July

1993.

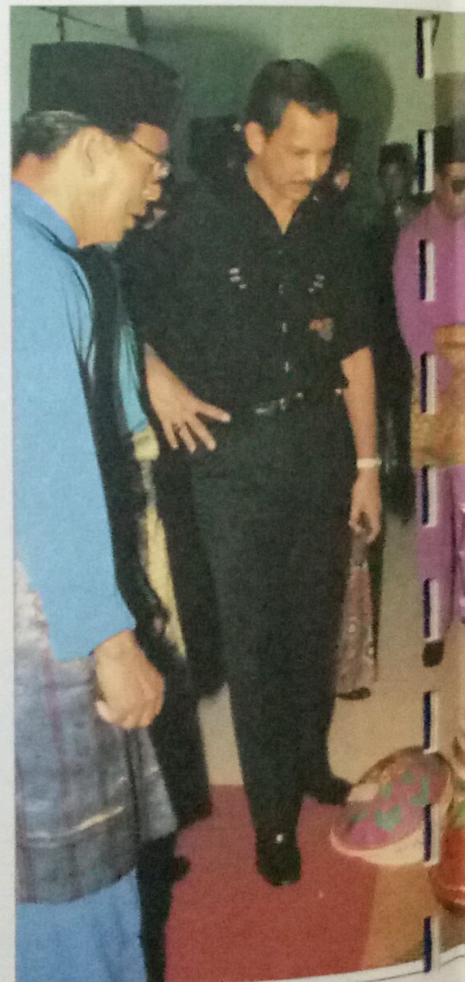
The two Governments have agreed to develop friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries on the basis of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

# Thousands greet HM Sultan in birthday



His Majesty Sultan  
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Darussalam has celebrated  
in the Brunei Muara  
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*Pictures above and below: Men and women alike anxiously await turn to greet His Majesty as the Ruler walked past long lines of well-wishers during his birthday get-together with subjects and residents of the Brunei Muara district.*



# get-together

Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam get-together with his subjects and residents of the Belait district in conjunction with the Ruler's 47th birthday.

The Belait district is the most populated of the four districts of Brunei Darussalam and is the seat of the national capital, Bandar Seri Begawan.

The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan will be in the capital place on 25 July at the Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddin Jubilee Park and its open grounds, where some 30 galleries of various exhibitions organised by the Ministries of Natural Resources, Religious Affairs, and Education. The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan will be accompanied by more than 6,000 lining the routes leading to the park. Thousands more inside greeted the Ruler who was accompanied by two of his brothers, Their Royal Highnesses Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Alauddin Ali and Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda Alam. Other members of the Royal Family include Paduka Seri Pengiran Dugang Sahibul Maliki and Paduka Seri Pengiran Dugang Sahibul Maliki.

On the occasion of the Monarch's arrival, the Brunei-Muara District Officer, Dato Paduka Awang Othman bin Awang Damit, among other officials, officers, and citizens and residents in the district will always shoulder together their responsibility towards supporting His Majesty's leadership, for the peace and prosperity of the country.

The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan explained that the various exhibitions put up were aimed at showing the people the extent they have benefitted from the numerous efforts of His Majesty's Government through its educational, economic and religious policies which have produced successful and useful citizens.

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam later toured the exhibitions and before leaving, exchanged greetings with his subjects and residents in the district.

The Brunei Monarch had earlier attended similar gatherings with his subjects and residents in the Belait, Temburong and Tutong districts.



Proper rites according to Islam of treating the dead were illustrated in one of the exhibitions put up by the Islamic Da'wah Centre of the Religious Affairs Ministry.



Left: One of the handicrafts for which Brunei Darussalam is renowned is tudung saji or tudung dulang, used for covering food from flies and dusts. Produced largely in the Brunei Muara district, a wide varieties of these went on show in one of the exhibitions.



Right: Another facet of the exhibitions previewed by the Brunei Ruler.

# *Emergency (Extradition) (Malaysia and Singapore) (Amendment) Order, 1993*

The Ministry of Law issued the following press release on the Emergency (Extradition) (Malaysia and Singapore) (Amendment) Order, 1993:

"It is hereby notified for general information that His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan has been graciously pleased to approve the Emergency (Extradition) (Malaysia and Singapore) (Amendment) Order, 1993.

This Order amends the Emergency (Extradition (Malaysia and Singapore)) Order, 1984 by repealing the

First Schedule which deals with extradition to Malaysia.

Under these new arrangements, a warrant authorising the arrest of a person accused or convicted of an offence issued by the judicial authority in Malaysia can be executed in Brunei Darussalam by a Magistrate in Brunei Darussalam endorsing the warrant and thus enforcing the Malaysian warrant as if it is a Brunei warrant. Before this amendment, a wanted person can only be returned to Brunei Darussalam or Malaysia after a hearing in the court to deter-

mine the existence of a case against him.

The law in Brunei Darussalam is now the same as in Malaysia which was amended last year whereby a warrant issued by a Magistrate in Brunei Darussalam can be enforced in Malaysia.

The arrangements between Brunei Darussalam and Singapore since 1984 already allow for the mutual enforcement of warrants.

The amendments affecting extradition to Malaysia came into force on 19th May 1993.

## *Encourage students to be creative and self-confident*

The education system must adapt to modern teaching methods in order to keep pace with the current political, economic and social developments of the country instead of laying emphasis on students' performance at exams.

Students must therefore be encouraged to be more creative and self-confident. They should not depend on other peoples' views or rote learning or any spoon-feeding, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Education has said.

Under the traditional teaching method, most of the time students are told by teachers how examination questions are to be answered. In a situation like this, even if they are able to obtain excellent [examination] results, the country would not be able to produce dynamic and creative people, he pointed out.

In his speech to teachers attending the Cognitive Research on Trust Thinking (CoRT) course, 19 July, Dato Paduka Haji Abdul Razak also said that teachers should carry out their duties efficiently and smoothly



*The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Dato Paduka Awang Haji Abdul Razak says students should not rely on rote or spoon-fed learning, but they should be creative and self-confident.*

for any education system to be effective.

The CoRT course aims at teaching thinking skills to help students enhance their thinking abilities. The Permanent Secretary further hoped that the course would encourage teachers to make teaching more creative and attractive.

## *Brunei Darussalam declares Exclusive Economic Zone*

The Ministry of Law issued the following press release on the Declaration of Brunei Darussalam's Exclusive Economic Zone on 21 July 1993:

"His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has made a Proclamation declaring Brunei Darussalam's Exclusive Economic Zone.

The boundaries of the Exclusive Economic Zone are identical to the boundaries of Brunei Darussalam's Fishery Limits which are declared in 1983. These are based on the separate Orders in Council made by Great

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Ministerial Meeting, AMM, held in the Republic of Singapore for two days from 23 July.

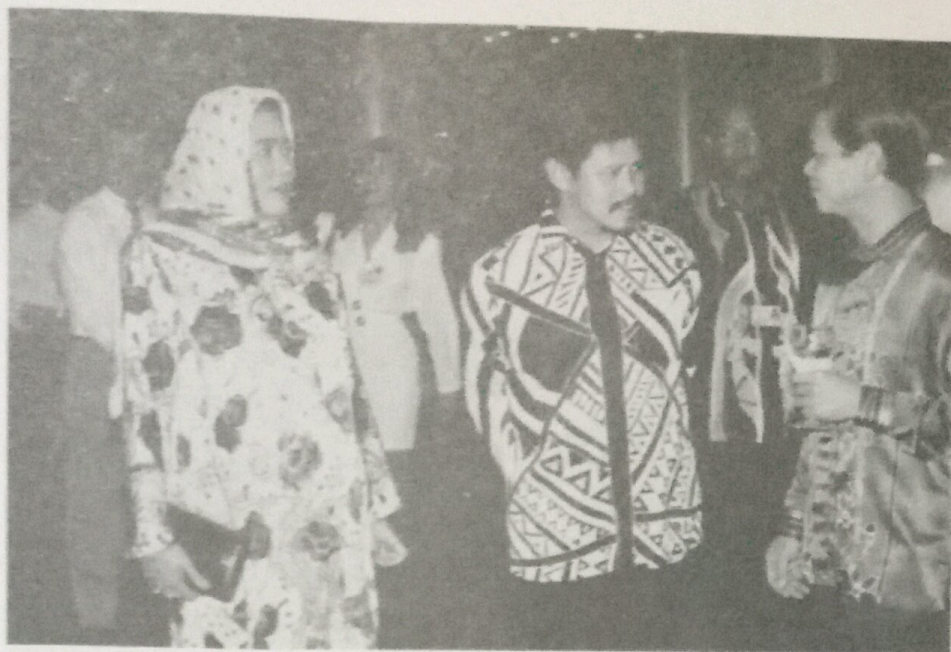
His Royal Highness had earlier said that such challenges are presented by various events which often assume their own force, especially in this period of great economic and political change.

He also said that neither stability nor peaceful development are much in evidence around the world today and furthermore, attempts to impose control can sometimes make difficult situations harder to resolve.

"We have seen this happening in many recent conflicts and in various efforts to deal with economic recession", he said.

Nevertheless ASEAN, which stands for stability and peaceful development is meeting these challenges in a practical way, he asserted.

The Brunei Darussalam Foreign Affairs Minister also pointed out that ASEAN has clearly begun to widen and deepen its dialogue on security matters during the past year, a move which "should strengthen our bilat-



*His Royal Highness and his wife, Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Zariah at a dinner with Singapore's Foreign Minister, His Excellency Mr. Wong Kan Seng.*

eral security arrangements and help United Nations efforts".

His Royal Highness continued: "The events which have recently taken place in Cambodia offer us some encouragement in this respect", adding that much still remains to be done in that country especially in helping to maintain law and order.

"However, I think ASEAN's

contribution has shown what can be achieved when regional associations work successfully alongside the United Nations", he asserted.

His Royal Highness pointed out that ASEAN has also continued to recognise the importance of sustained economic growth in maintaining peace and stability.

"AFTA is proceeding on course and, as well as dealing with economic matters, the council meetings have served to strengthen our unity and cooperation. This will be essential during a long period of careful future development."

"These last eighteen months, therefore, have seen sound political and economic development and valuable cooperation. However, in order to strengthen our position, I see two immediate tasks ahead," His Royal Highness further said.

"Firstly, for the ASEAN secretariat to be effective, it must have the research capability to produce papers which are timely."

His Royal Highness explained that the secretariat must enable ASEAN to keep pace with all global development. It must help the grouping set up policies and programmes which develop the region and attract others to what it has to offer through peace-

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Britain in 1958 defining the lateral maritime boundaries up to the 100 metre mark between Brunei Darussalam and North Borneo (Sabah) and Brunei Darussalam and Sarawak. The lateral lines established by these two Orders in Council are extended in parallel towards the median line between Borneo and mainland Asia up to 200 miles to define the frontal limits of the Zone in conformity with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The Exclusive Economic Zone map is marked Series: Misc 1 Edition: 1 JUAB Sheet 4.

The Proclamation declares that within this Zone Brunei Darussalam has to the extent permitted by international law sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring, exploiting, conserving and managing natural

resources both living and non-living, of the seabed and subsoil and the superjacent waters. Brunei Darussalam will have jurisdiction with regard to the establishment and use of artificial islands and installations and structures, control of marine scientific research and the protection and preservation of the marine environment.

Under the Continental Shelf Proclamation of 1954, Brunei Darussalam already enjoys rights by virtue of international law to areas of continental shelf beyond the limits of the Exclusive Economic Zone.

With this Proclamation on the Exclusive Economic Zone there are now 4 separate large scale maps showing Brunei Darussalam's maritime boundaries that is to say dealing with the Exclusive Economic Zone, Continental Shelf, Fishery Limits and Territorial Waters."

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ful cooperation.

Secondly, he pointed out, ASEAN must continue to develop a good relationship with all its dialogue partners and other Asia-Pacific countries.

"The efforts we have made have established a process which, I believe, will serve us well. I am pleased to see it underway. I feel it is a good starting point for our present conference," he told delegates from all the ASEAN member countries attending the meeting.

"My hopes here are that, even though we are all going through a very difficult period in international affairs, our discussions will encourage others to continue to see this

region as stable, secure and attractive.

As a result, ASEAN may be seen as not only promoting its own development but also showing that it is prepared to play its part in helping to reduce some of the world's uncertainties, His Royal Highness concluded.

The 26th AMM was officially opened at the Raffles City Convention Centre by Singapore's Prime Minister, His Excellency Mr. Goh Chok Tong, who among other things said that although Southeast Asia is still a diverse region, "We have learned to manage our diversity and our differences. We have avoided the kind of vicious blood-letting that we sadly witness in the former Yugoslavia, the original Balkans".

He said ASEAN has worked because we have made it work by adopting sound internal and external policies.

"Whatever the differences of style or policy, all ASEAN countries have always put the well-being of their peoples above all else", he emphasised.

His Excellency Mr Goh Chok Tong added: "All of us knew that we could achieve a high standard of living for our peoples only if regional peace and stability were maintained".

He also stressed that the grouping has cooperated through an active network of regional and extra-regional agreements and processes. These multiple forums, he said, draw on difference sources of strength.

## *ASEAN-US private sectors to aid economic growth*

The two-day 26th AMM was followed by Post-Ministerial Conferences commencing 26th July between ASEAN and its dialogue partners comprising Australia, New Zealand, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Canada, the United States and the European Community (EC).

Speaking on behalf of ASEAN during the dialogue session with the United States, the Brunei Darussalam Foreign Affairs Minister, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah among other things expressed pleasure over the role of the private sectors from both ASEAN and the United States in the economic growth of both parties.

"ASEAN considers the private sector to be what we have termed 'the engine of growth', His Royal Highness said.

"It is good to see that our private sectors are now regularly meeting and exchanging views on how to create economic growth which will



*Brunei Darussalam chairing for ASEAN the dialogue with the United States.*

benefit both sides", he stressed.

The Brunei Darussalam Foreign Affairs Minister also expressed hope that the two sides would reach understanding on political issues of mutual concern, for this

would clear the way for achieving their economic objectives.

"I see our acceptance of an important role in helping the

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Cambodians restore peace and stability to their country as a good example of what can be achieved."

His Royal Highness further said that in assessing broad regional trends, ASEAN would welcome a continued United States presence in Southeast Asia.

"In the past, this has brought not only peace and security but has also helped our economic cooperation with our leading trading partner".

His Royal Highness added: "On our part, we feel that ASEAN can offer many opportunities for United States entrepreneurs through the ASEAN Free Trade Area which is intended to make the ASEAN region more competitive for trade and business".

His Royal Highness expressed optimism that the ASEAN-US cooperation will continue to prosper and continue to bring progress and development for the benefit of their peoples.

The United States delegation at the meeting was headed by its Secretary of State, His Excellency Mr. Warren Christopher.

During the meeting, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers and the US Secretary of State reaffirmed the need for a continued US presence in the region. HE Mr. Warren Christopher thanked ASEAN for their continued support for such a presence. He called for a new Pacific community based on security, prosperity and democratic values. He noted ASEAN's growing economic dynamism and stressed that the US wanted to launch a new era of US-ASEAN cooperation based on full partnership.

He also emphasised that the North America Free Trade Area, NAFTA, would not erect barriers against other countries. It was not meant to be exclusive and could even be extended beyond North and South



Above: The Brunei Darussalam Foreign Affairs Minister with the US Secretary of State, His Excellency Warren Christopher during an ASEAN-US bilateral working lunch. Below: His Royal Highness Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkuiah signing a new agreement on Economic Cooperation between ASEAN and Canada while his Malaysian counterpart looks on.



America. There were suggestions by ASEAN that it might be useful to explore the possibility of a linkage between NAFTA and AFTA and that the US consider conducting seminars in the ASEAN countries about NAFTA. The US responded positively to the suggestions. ASEAN raised concerns over the US's concept of managed trade as it would work against the principles of GATT and free trade. In this context, the US was urged to play a constructive role in bringing the Uruguay Round to a successful conclusion.

US Secretary of State Mr.

Warren Christopher said that he was reassured that the EAEC would be a caucus within APEC although the US wanted clarification about how it would work in practice. Nevertheless he emphasised that the US now viewed the development of the EAEC with interest and without hostility. He hoped that the EAEC would enhance a more open trading system.

The ASEAN Foreign Ministers highlighted the need for the US to promote greater US investments in ASEAN. The US agreed that this

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was important and informed the ASEAN Ministers that the US Ambassadors to ASEAN would make a tour around the US to promote investment opportunities in ASEAN.

Each of the other ASEAN Foreign Ministers also spoke on behalf of the grouping during the conferences with ASEAN's other dialogue partners.

While he was in the Republic of Singapore for the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and Post-Ministerial Conferences with the dialogue partners (AMM-PMC), His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Haji Mohamed Bolkiah also held bilateral talks with the Foreign Ministers of the Republic of Korea, His Excellency Dr. Han Sung-Joo, Cambodia: Prince Norodom Sirivudh, Papua New Guinea: His Excellency Mr. John Kaputin, Vietnam: His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Mahn Cam and Democratic Republic of Laos: His Excellency Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad.



*His Royal Highness Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah (2nd from left) along with other ASEAN Foreign Ministers, His Excellency Mr. Ali Alatas of Indonesia (far left), His Excellency Wong Kan Seng of Singapore (3rd from left), His Excellency Squadron Leader Prasong Soonsiri of Thailand and His Excellency Roberto Romulo of the Philippines (extreme right) look on as their Malaysian counterpart, Yang Berhormat Datuk Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi exchanges documents with New Zealand's Foreign and Trade Minister, The Rt. Hon Don McKinnon on the establishment of the ASEAN-New Zealand Joint Management Committee (ANZJMC).*

Laos, Vietnam and Papua New Guinea had attended the AMM-PMC as observers, ASEAN has also established consultative relations with Russia and China, both of which had

sent their foreign ministers for the meetings.

ASEAN established its first dialogue partnership with Australia way back in 1974.

## *Brunei in Brief*

Capital : Bandar Seri Begawan  
Land size : 5765 sq. km  
Population : 260,000 (1991)  
Official Language : Malay  
Official Religion : Islam  
July rainfall : 472mm  
(annual 2,818mm)

### **PRIME LENDING RATE**

July 5.75%

(quoted by Bankers' Association)

## *Brunei Malay in a minute*

**I**n each edition of the Brunei Darussalam Newsletter, we introduce our readers to a Brunei Malay word that is used in Brunei Darussalam only.

For this edition we bring to you the word **ambau**.

**Ambau** is to call a person from some distance away with a

loud voice. In standard Malay **ambau** is melaung.

In a sentence.....Fatimah **mengambau** anaknya yang bermain di luar rumahnya.

Fatimah called out loudly at her son who was playing outside their house.

**THE TRAFFICKING IN AND THE ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF CONTROLLED DRUGS ARE VERY SERIOUS OFFENCES IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM AND THE PENALTY FOR SUCH OFFENCES IS DEATH.**