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His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzadin Waddaulah First Chancellor of the University of Brunei Darussalam



UNIVERSITI
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Crest of the University of Brunei Darussalam

Lectures begin 120* days
after formation announced

National university born

By the time this newsletter reaches you, reader, the pioneer batch of students of the University of Brunei Darussalam would have experienced about a week of life as undergraduates.

The university which opened its doors on October 28, 1985 represents the latest and most formidable thrust in the government's concern to bring higher education to as wide a spectrum of its population as possible.

Nearly 200 students have signed on with the two faculties that have been set up.

Degree programmes at the University of Brunei Darussalam will lead to Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts with Education and Bachelor of Science with Education degrees. Courses of study include history, geography, economics, business studies and public administration, Malay language, Malay literature, Islamic studies and social policy and planning.

The university is staffed by a mix of Bruneian and overseas lecturers. To increase the number of Bruneian academic staff the Education and Health Ministry is planning to send away for training each year 30 to 40 of its staff. They would mainly be studying for higher degrees.

As is common in academia teaching staff would also be hired

on short stints for specific courses. This would initially be done in co-operation with universities in Malaysia and the United Kingdom.

Plans are already being made to increase the number of faculties. The most immediate interest being a faculty of biology.

In an interview with *Brunei Darussalam*, Education and Health Minister Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Aziz said that admission to the University of Brunei Darussalam was, for the moment, open only to citizens of the country.

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Youth must participate for development goals

Nation building depends much, on the involvement of youth in development activities.

In Brunei Darussalam, where about three-quarters of the population is under the age of twenty four youth are the necessary factor that always need to be considered in any development planning.

The government has been keen to involve youth in agriculture, hoping some will take it up as a livelihood. Youth participation in this area of development can be regarded as a contribution towards nation building.

Nation building cannot be achieved through economic stability and the socio-cultural system alone. It also demands the participation of youth in development activities like agriculture.

The numbers of Bruneian young people involved in private enterprise and manual labour is quite encouraging. This does not represent a significant proportion of our youth. As a result large numbers of foreign workers are still being employed. Youth participation in the business sector has so far been confined only to the managerial level while foreign workers are dominant at the executive level.

The interest shown by Bruneian in private enterprise and manual labour indicates a desire to compete with others who have established themselves. This interest should begin among young people if national development is to take on a dynamic timbre.

His Majesty reiterates policy of co-operation

His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam has again reminded friendly nations of his country's policy of cooperation for peace and economic progress.

Speaking at the three-day Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Meeting in the Maldives on October 1, 1985, His Majesty who also holds Brunei Darussalam's Finance Ministry portfolio, hoped that the meeting would find ways to help developing Commonwealth out of the 'more pressing economic difficulties' they

faced.

Accompanying His Majesty at the meeting were His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Di-Gadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Jefri Bolkiah, Culture, Youth and Sports Minister cum Deputy Finance Minister and Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama Awang Haji Isa, the General Adviser to His Majesty. The permanent secretaries to the Prime Minister's Department and the Finance Ministry were also in the delegation.

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University



YDM Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia Awang Hj. Abd. Aziz.

Commenting on the need for a university within the country, the minister said that the University of Brunei Darussalam would have the unique role of "training Bruneians not just to be graduates but Bruneian graduates."

"That means Bruneians given the highest possible level of knowledge while at the same time imbuing them with the national concepts of the Malay Muslim Monarchy that we are" the minister added.



Brunei concerned about regional stability : HM

His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam says that Brunei like other small states is concerned about the future.

Speaking at the recently ended Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in the Bahamas, His Majesty said 'Given its location Brunei is especially sensitive to developments in Southeast Asia and particularly to any which threaten the stability and prosperity of our region'.

"Events in Indochina are a stark reminder to us of how vulnerable small states are to external intervention", the Sultan added.

● Full report in the December 1985 issue of *Brunei Darussalam*.

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Full text of the speech of His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam delivered on October 1, 1985, at the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' meeting held in the Maldives.

Your Excellency President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, Your Excellency Secretary-General Shridath S. Ramphal distinguished delegates.

It is a great honour for me to be given the opportunity to address this distinguished gathering.

At the outset I wish to express my sincere thanks to you Mr President for inviting me to attend this meeting of Commonwealth Finance Ministers and thus giving me the opportunity to make new friends and to meet old ones.

Like many countries of the Commonwealth, Brunei Darussalam is a small nation. Our land area is modest, our popula-

tion small, and our resources are not as abundant as those of some member countries. Nevertheless the hopes and aspirations of our people for an even better life are no less intense than those of others. We are only too well aware that we live in an increasingly inter-dependent world, in which problems faced by some countries are also felt by others and in which the current economic situation and prospects for growth, especially in the developing countries of which Brunei Darussalam is one, are at best uncertain.

It is my country's declared policy to work together with all our friends and allies towards the

achievement of peace, economic progress and friendship among nations. It is, therefore, my hope that the deliberations and recommendations of this meeting will point the way towards helping to ease the more pressing economic difficulties being faced by developing countries of the Commonwealth.

In conclusion I wish to express my deep appreciation to you Mr President your government and the people of the Maldives for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to me and my delegation, and for the meticulous arrangements for our comfort and well being while on these beautiful Islands of the Maldives.

Her Majesty graces charity event

Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha was the guest of honour at an international handicraft and food exhibition sale organised by BISTARI, the welfare body of government officers' wives.

The fundraising event held on September 29, 1985 was also participated in by wives from the diplomatic community in Brunei Darussalam.

On display were glassware, food, textiles like batiks and embroidered fabrics, woodware, sweetmeats, brassware and silverware.

Diplomatic missions that participated in the fair included those from ASEAN countries, that is, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, Bangladesh, the United Kingdom, Korea, the Netherlands and Pakistan.



Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha toured the exhibition accompanied by the President of BISTARI, Datin Edah Hj. Mohd. Noor.

In her opening remarks Datin Edah Hj. Mohd Noor, the President of Bistari said that the event was held to introduce to the public the handicrafts and foods of various participating countries and for the wives to get together.

Other royal guests at the function were Her Royal Highnesses Pengiran Anak Puteri Masna and Pengiran Anak Puteri Amal Umi Kalthum Al-Islam.

Funds raised at the event will eventually go towards the welfare of handicapped children in the country.

Korea marks Foundation Day

The Korean Embassy in Brunei Darussalam celebrated National Foundation Day on October 3, 1985.

Pehin Orang Kaya Setia Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohd Taib, Minister of Development was chief guest at a function hosted by the Korean Embassy at the Hassanal Bolkiah national stadium in Bandar Seri Begawan. Other guests included senior Government officials and members of the diplomatic community.



Royal birthday celebrant cuts cake presented by the Royal Brunei Armed Forces.

Sultan's father turns 74

Kebawah Duli (Yang Maha Mulia) Maulana Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan, General Sir Muda Omar Ali Saifuddin Saadul Khairi Waddien celebrated his 74th birthday on September 22, 1985.

The father of His Majesty the Sultan, who is also known as the 'Architect of Modern Brunei Darussalam' was guest of honour at a celebration given by members of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces.

Later at the officer's mess the Royal birthday guest later cut a cake.

At the Istana Nurul Iman, the official residence of Kebawah Duli (Yang Maha Mulia) Maulana Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan, General Sir Muda Omar Ali Saifuddin Saadul Khairi Waddien, thanksgiving prayers were said for the birthday.

Among those who attended the prayers were Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Bendahara Seri Maharaja Permaisua Pengiran Muda Haji Sufri Bolkiah and Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Di-Gadong Sahibul Mal Pengiran Muda Jefri Bolkiah, Minister of Culture Youth, and Sports cum Deputy Minister of Finance.

New answers needed

Brunei Darussalam has called for incentives to generate educational innovations in South-east Asia.

Opening a meeting of the governing board of the South-east Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO) Regional Centre for Educational Innovation and Technology (INNOTECH) in Bandar Seri Begawan on September 23, 1985, Pengiran Dr. Ismail bin Pengiran Haji Damit, Permanent Secretary (Technical) to the Ministry of Development said, 'Every member country in SEAMEO should therefore strive to create a suitable climate and provide appropriate incentives for educational innovation and technology to flourish in this region.'

The Permanent Secretary also called for efforts to relate state-of-the-art knowledge to daily tasks so that 'complex educational problems in our region' would be solved.

He added that adequate properly trained manpower at every level would be needed for an effective manufacturing economic base in the region.

He called on INNOTECH to find ways of maximising present investment in education through innovative solutions to problems.

Dr Abraham Felipe, chairman of the governing board of INNOTECH and Deputy Minister of Education, Philippines who also spoke at the opening said that INNOTECH had become a symbol of unity and cooperation in a region with diverse culture.

'In our needs, and opportunities to meet those needs our fates are linked to each other' he said as he

drove home clearly the necessity for such regional cooperation.

He said that in giving INNOTECH a home in the Philippines his country reaffirmed its faith in the value of regional cooperation and undertaking and sought to share this perspective with the other members of SEAMEO.

Referring to the plans for the third five-year development plans for INNOTECH he said it would cover areas including computerization, vocational and technical education and the development of management and supervisory skills.

Dr L. B. Soriano, INNOTECH Director said that the plans would 'contain a much more expanded programme of training and research activities and special programmes in which Brunei Darussalam will play an important role.'

Among those who attended the opening of the meeting were representatives from associate member countries of SEAMEO.



Pengiran Dr Ismail bin Pengiran Haji Damit speaking at the official opening ceremony of the INNOTECH board meeting.

Youth work professionals get help from Commonwealth Youth Programme

International Youth Year has seen yet another effort to ensure that Asian youth are given optimum guidance and leadership.

Youth trainers from eight Asian Commonwealth countries last month attended a course in Brunei Darussalam conducted by the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP), Asia Region, Chandigarh, India. The CYP is a division of the Commonwealth Secretariat in London.

Twenty-two youth trainers from Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Malaysia, the Maldives, Singapore, Sri Lanka, India and Brunei Darussalam took the ten-day course beginning on October 7, 1985.

Speakers at the course were Mr W. de S. Ratnaweera, Regional Director of the CYP, Asia Region, Mr Ravi Bakshi and Mr Devendra Agochiya both faculty members

at Chandigarh and Awang Maslin bin Pender, Training Officer of the Welfare Youth and Sports Department.

The trainers' course was followed by a national short course for youth work leaders beginning on October 21, 1985. The nine-day course had 28 participants from the Welfare Youth and Sports Department and youth bodies.

In an interview with *Brunei Darussalam*, Mr Ravi Bakshi said that there was a need for professionally trained youth workers who were knowledgeable, skilled and motivated.

Casual untrained efforts can only be discouraging because they will not be effective, he added.

Although youth training is the special expertise of the CYP, it also provides consultants on a short term. The CYP does research and publishes reports and data pertaining to youth.

Artist on a search

Like a painter, the artist is always on a search for the perfect form, the perfect line, the perfect colour. He is always on a search for the perfect expression of his inner self.

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He has participated in several group exhibitions in Brunei and in Kuala Lumpur, 1981 and 1985.



Awang Maslin bin Pender

The artist who was once known for his naive expressionism is now trying to combine his energy and creativity with a more realistic style. This evolution is also reflected in his transition from the thought of being a painter and now to the idea of being a youth worker. He has always been on a search for the perfect form, the perfect line, the perfect colour.

This time, playing artist, he is looking for a new language with his youth workers.

I have been on a search for the perfect form, the perfect line, the perfect colour. He is always on a search for the perfect expression of his inner self. He has always been on a search for the perfect form, the perfect line, the perfect colour. He is always on a search for the perfect expression of his inner self.



'Pain in a T-shirt' one of the artist's favourite paintings

Cowboys round up cattle astride motorcycles

On a 490 — hectare site some 14 km. out of Bandar Seri Begawan the Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan has started a farm naturally named MCfarm (pronounced mac-farm).

MCfarm, started in 1978, is a pilot project on the viability of producing beef within the country. Being a muslim nation, beef features frequently in local cuisine and each year about 9200 head of cattle end up on the butcher's block. Current local beef production meets about 10 percent of consumption while the balance is imported on the hoof from Australia.

MCfarm, at present, mainly functions as a source of young bulls for Bruneian farmers to raise for the market. Each year 250 calves are born at the farm of which 60 percent is sold to the Government Department of Agriculture and the rest for restocking. MCfarm's delivery rate of 74 percent has been described as 'good'.

Farmers after training at the Sinaut Agricultural Training Centre, are being encouraged to include beef cattle farming to their mixed farming activities.

The ranch which shares one boundary with Kampong (village) Tungku has obviously built a good rapport with its neighbours.

Mr. H. Sawada, the Technical Manager, described the villagers



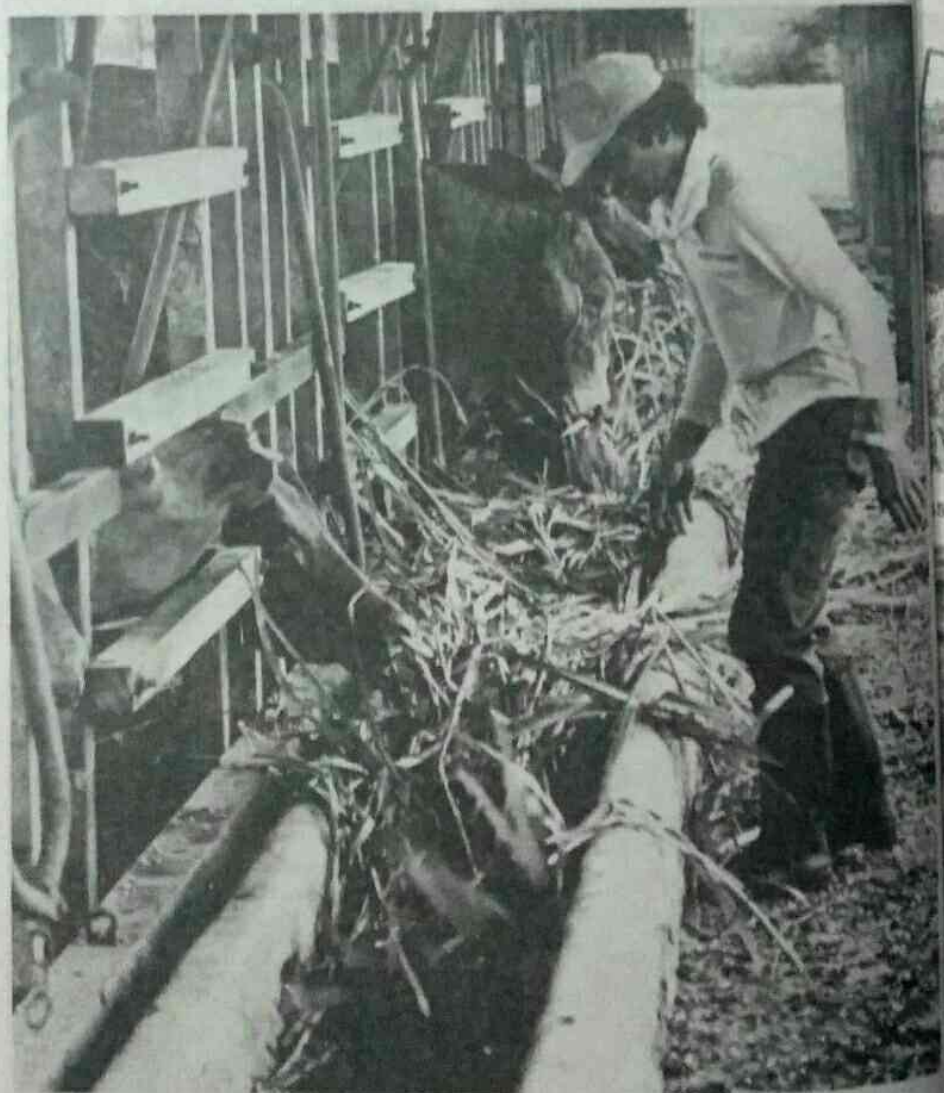
Mr. H. Sawada, Technical Manager.

as being helpful when cattle stray. 'When lost, they find it and bring to us' he said. Otherwise each of the nicely fattened steers could end up in the pot.

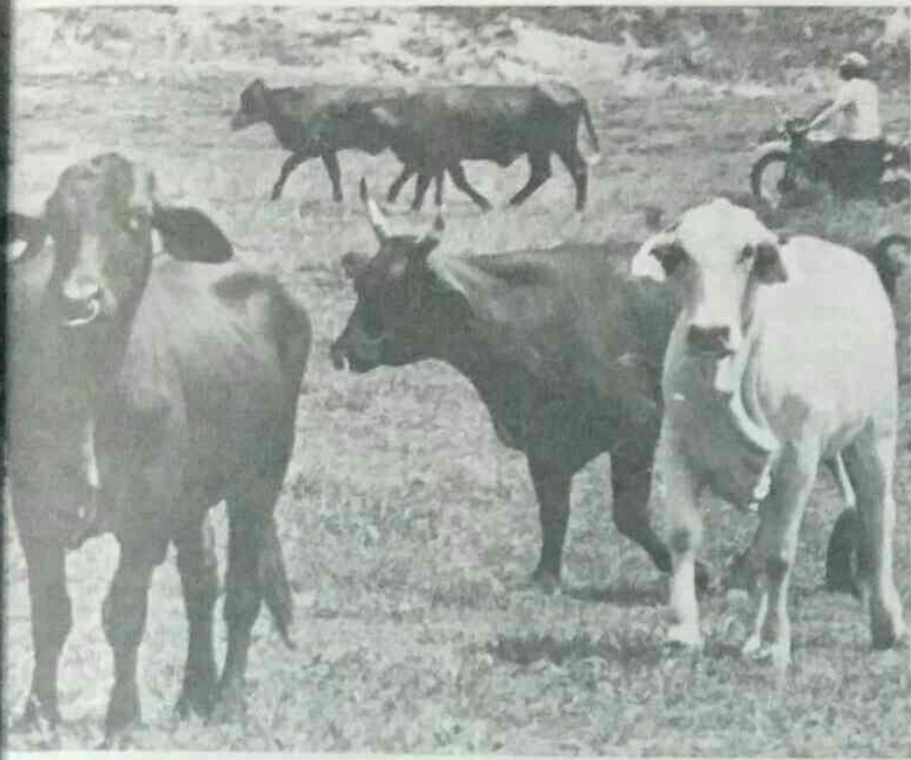
In some parts of the farm are planted with originally imported napier grass. This has resulted in a higher than average grazing density of 3.8 head of cattle per hectare. Another 160 hectares of jungle is being cleared for napier grass.

Apart from six office staff, 12 napier guards who tend the grassland, 15 stockmen together with two Japanese experts run the ranch.

Instead of horses, stockmen, astride scrambler motorcycles rattle around the hilly ranch to check on their charges.



Chief Stockman Sarikon Haji Amat Salden looks into stall feeding at the end of the day



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...ch, just the rat-tat-tat of cowboys on motorbikes



...grass being loaded for the stalls.



...cows weighing around 150 kilos, waiting to be
...rms.



The cows get a regular dipping to control ectoparasites.



At the audience with Kebawah Duli (Yang Maha Mulia) Maulana Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan, General Sir Muda Omar Ali Saifuddien Saadul Khairi Waddien, the Defence Minister (right), Sheikh Al-Azhar (centre) presented a memento.

Al-Azhar don visits

Hadrat Sahibul Fadhilah Al-Imam Al-Akbar, Sheikh Jadal Haq Ali Jadal Haq, Sheikh Al-Azhar Ash-Sharif of the Republic of Egypt paid a four-day visit to Brunei Darussalam beginning on September 11, 1985.

Sheikh Al-Azhar, leading a party from the Al-Azhar University in Egypt, was granted an audience by His Majesty, Sultan Hassanah Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam at the Istana Nurul Iman in Bandar Seri

Begawan. He was accompanied at the audience ceremony by Mr Magdy Sabri, the Egyptian Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam and Sheikh Abdul Razak Nacer, the General Manager of Secondary Education at Cairo's Al-Azhar University.

The visiting scholar also had an audience with Kebawah Duli (Yang Maha Mulia) Maulana Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan General Sir Muda Omar Ali Saifuddien Saadul Khairi Waddien, the Defence Minister.

While here the visitors met with top officials of the Islamic Religious Affairs Department and were given a briefing on the activities of the department.

that 'it was guaranteed under the national constitution'. He said that the constitution allowed non-muslims to practise their faiths but did not permit propagation of their faith.

He added that differing

religious faiths should not be seen as grounds for disunity. He said that for generations goodwill had prevailed among the country's multi-religious people ruled by monarchs who were staunch Muslims.

Muslims have been urged to be more conscious of their faith in order to make it their whole lifestyle. They have also been told to make an effort to understand non-muslim viewpoints of Islamic values.

The Director of Information, Pehin Udana Khatib Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin bin Pengarah Haji Othman made the call when he briefed members of the Tutong New Converts Association on October 10, 1985.

Referring to the freedom of religious belief and practice in Brunei Darussalam, he stressed



Director of Information, Pehin Udana Khatib Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin bin Pengarah Haji Othman briefing members of the Tutong New Converts Association

Labour policy geared to youth

Brunei's national employment policy is geared toward training and the career advancement of youth.

Speaking at the Asian and Pacific Labour Ministers' conference in Melbourne Australia on October 2, 1985, Pengiran Laila Kanun Diraja Pengiran Bahrin bin Pengiran Haji Abbas Brunei Darussalam's Minister of Law cum Minister of Communication said that Brunei Darussalam like many developing countries needed help from more advanced nations to accelerate its development programmes.

The Minister who was leading a three-man delegation said that the government was keen to extend present training assistance into regional and sub-regional cooperation.

Brunei Darussalam is also reviewing its membership to international conventions as a result of independence, this included to the International Labour Organisation.

Delegations from 34 countries attended the four-day conference where the key-note address was delivered by Mr R J L Hawke, Prime Minister of Australia.

Excerpts of a speech by His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Mohamed Bolkliah, Minister of Foreign Affairs on the occasion of the 18th Annual Ministerial meeting in Kuala Lumpur, July 8, 1985.

Brunei Darussalam Hosting Meetings

On February 11-14 1985 we hosted the First ASEAN Working Group Meeting on Livestock and Animal Protection Programme in Bandar Seri Begawan. On 29 April - 3 May 1985, we hosted the First Permanent Committee Meeting when the committee on Science and Technology met in Bandar Seri Begawan. On 12 - 13 May 1985 we hosted the Senior Officials Meeting and on 14 May 1985 the working group of ZOPFAN. All these meetings have given our officials invaluable experience and in 1986, we will host our first ASEAN Ministerial Meeting when the ASEAN Labour Ministers meet in Bandar Seri Begawan.

Tackling Drug Abuse

I believe that the two committees COSD and COCI can really rationalize and integrate their projects to a selected number which will have a wider impact on the community as a whole. These projects should involve the young, so that we can harness their vitality and energy, and to channel it to useful ends. As we all know, many of our youth, are involved with drug abuse. They become a burden not only to their families but also are a menace to society. This problem must be tackled regionally and in a worldwide context. This is the area where we can really work to combat the menace. I would like to congratulate Malaysia for initiating such a bold and imaginative step in this direction.

Economic Co-operation

In the field of economic co-operation, ASEAN is moving in small but sure steps towards full economic co-operation. The Economic Ministers in their meeting in February in Kuala Lumpur approved several AIJV projects.

However, the global economic situation is still gloomy and unsettled. As a result many of the developed countries have adopted protectionist policies and have made it difficult for ASEAN exports to enter their markets.

We would, therefore, like to call upon the developed countries especially our dialogue partners to give due consideration



Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Perdana Wazir Sahibul Himmah Wal-Waqar Pengiran Muda Mohamed Bolkliah

especially to the access to markets to ASEAN goods, for our economic future is interdependent on one another.

In our strive to ensure economic growth in a turbulent economic situation, the political instability in the world makes the situation more difficult for without political stability, economic growth will only remain a dream.

Kampuchea

The problem in Kampuchea still remains unresolved. From the beginning of the conflict, ASEAN has committed itself to seeking a comprehensive political solution to this problem. ASEAN has consistently demonstrated her flexibility on the issue by advancing various proposals of its own and by considering those of others in the hope of achieving a comprehensive and lasting political settlement. Only recently, ASEAN has proposed the convening of proximity talks between the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea on one side and Vietnam in order that the differing parties to the conflict can start talks to achieve a comprehensive political settlement. This was made because of ASEAN's conviction that it is the

Kampuchean themselves who should determine and settle their own future. We are also convinced, that only national reconciliation among the Kampuchean factions can ensure a permanent peace in Kampuchea. Only then can we hope to achieve peace, security and stability in our region.

Thai Border Clashes

Brunei Darussalam has previously expressed our abhorrence of the clashes between Vietnamese and Thai soldiers as a result of the spillover of the fighting in Kampuchea into the Thai territories. We wish to reiterate once again our call on Vietnam to respect the territorial integrity of Thailand and to desist from launching further incursions. We join other ASEAN countries as well as the international community in strongly condemning the aggressive acts of Vietnam on Thai territory.

World Peace

We are also concerned at the lack of progress in the arms control talks between the United States and the Soviet Union. As a small country our hopes for survival lies in the common sense of those who sit to decide the fate of the world and we therefore, implore upon all those concerned to pursue a reasonable course in order to achieve world peace.

Afghanistan

Brunei is very much concerned with the problem in Afghanistan. Brunei Darussalam has always maintained firmly that foreign intervention of a sovereign country cannot be condoned and we support the call of the international community for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Afghanistan. The Afghan people must be allowed to exercise self determination and Afghanistan's non-aligned and independence status must be restored.

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Helicopters brought supplies to this seismic survey party

HELICOPTERS HELPED HANDILY

Helicopters were used for the first time to ship men, machines and supplies to the interior parts of Brunei Darussalam as the search for new hydrocarbon deposits continues

The Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sendirian Berhad which started a seismic data acquisition campaign in the Ulu Belait pressed its own Sikorsky S-61N helicopters into service to support the survey parties.

Some eight tons of nails and fuel were underslung in nets 37 metres below the helicopters so that they could be placed on the ground without having to land the helicopter. Nearly 200 kilometres of narrow wooden walkways and bridging had to be laid through the jungle requiring, literally, tonnes of nails. The logistics would have taken 300 man-days had the materials been back-packed into the jungle.

With some 450 men eventually working in the remote area it was

a comfort to know that in the event of an accident or illness helicopters could be there in a very short time. Three helipads were cleared in the jungle at strategic places in the survey

area. Without the helicopters the casualty would have needed stretcher-bearing for up to 25 kilometres and another 90-minute boat ride to the nearest road access.

Brunei Malay in a minute

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

Kita which is a second person pronoun has the same meaning as the words 'awak' or 'engkau' (you).

When two persons are talking to each other kita is used to show respect. This word is normally us-

ed when talking to elders or persons of the same age eg :

"Apabila kami belayar ke luar negeri, tolong kita jagakan rumah kami."

"When we are away, can you please look after our home."

The word kita does not correspond in meaning as the word 'kita' in the standard Malay which is a personal first person pronoun (I and we).

Singapore's Madasamy Balraja carried off the Sultan's Challenge Trophy when he won the eighth Brunei 1985 Amateur Open Golf Championship.

The 23-year-old, two-handicapper and member of the Singapore national team, beat a field of 162 golfers from Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia and Singapore. Peter Wong and Lee Thau John both of Sabah, Malaysia took second and third place respectively.

The 1985 women's title went to Grace Ebalde of the Sabah Country Club, Sabah, Malaysia. Grace took on a field of 21 later whittled down to six to win the title and the PND Pengiran Abdul Momin Challenge trophy. Club-mate Nicholette Cuenca took second place while Eva Williams of the Panaga Club, Brunei Darussalam came third.

The three day tournament was played at the Pantai Mentiri Golf Club near Bandar Seri Begawan.

GOLF

1985 Brunei Amateur Open



M. Balraja receives the Sultan's trophy from Pehin Orang Kaya Setia Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Abdul Rahman the Minister of Development.

WINNING PARACHUTISTS

Members of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces jungle rescue team have again being showing their mettle at parachuting.

At the Sixth Malaysian Armed Forces Parachuting Championships in Malacca from September 25 to 30, 1985, Sergeant Adli bin Md Yusof beat 68 competitors to take the top prize for the individual accuracy event while the RBAF team took third place in the team accuracy event.

The RBAF team also took top honours in the canopy relative work with a six-way speed stack.

Eighteen teams from Singapore, Thailand and host

Malaysia took part in the championships.

The parachutists are popular and a regular feature at national celebrations and train under Lieutenant Matlimin bin Mumin.

Your turn

The next issue of Brunei Darussalam will appear during the first week of December 1985.

If there are events you would like featured in 'Brunei Darussalam' please call us on Tel: 02-21872 or better still, take a photograph yourself and write a short article to accompany your pictures. Contributions for our next issue should arrive by 15 November 1985. All editorial rights reserved.



Team-mates Sergeant Mintir bin Hj Duraman (right) and Warrant Officer Agan bin Hj Suli (left) give Sergeant Adli a victory hoist at the championships in Malaysia.

courtesy of rbat



Market stalls in the heart of the capital, Dhaka, are a mix of modern and traditional. Many of the stalls are run by women.

Traditional bazaars preserved

Like many other cities in Bangladesh, Dhaka has a long history of traditional bazaars. These markets have been a part of the city's life for centuries.

These bazaars have played a vital role in the city's economy. They have provided a place for people to buy and sell goods, and they have also been a place for social interaction. In the past, the bazaars were often held in open spaces, but now they are often held in covered markets.

One of the most famous bazaars in Dhaka is the Chittagong Bazaar. This market has been a part of the city's life for over 300 years.

Today, the Chittagong Bazaar is still a busy place. It is a place where people can find everything from fresh produce to traditional crafts. The market is also a place where people can find a sense of community.

These bazaars are an important part of the city's heritage, and they should be preserved for future generations.

Many people in Dhaka still prefer to shop at these traditional bazaars. They like the atmosphere and the variety of goods available. They also like the fact that they can find things that are not available in modern shopping centers.

FOUNDED IN 1947

Capital City: Dhaka
Location: Bangladesh
Population: 150 million

Official Language: Bengali
Religion: Islam, Hinduism, Christianity, Buddhism

Prime Minister: Sheikh Hasina
President: Md. Abdul Kalam

