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BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

SOUTH CHINA SEA



Brunei Darussalam 'The Abode of Peace'

Location	:	North-west of the Island of Borneo, between latitudes, 4°00 and 5°05' North and longitudes 114°04' and 11°23' East
Land area	:	5,765sq.km.
Highest point	:	1.841 metres above sea level (Bukit Pagon)
Climate	:	Temperature ranges between 21.3 degree Celcius and 34.8 degree Celcius with relative humidity of 69% to 96% and total rainfall of 3,797.4 millimetres (2017)
Population	:	421,300 (2017)
Official religion	:	Islam
Official language	:	Malay but English is widely spoken
Currency	:	Brunei Dollar which is on par with Singapore Dollar
GDP	:	\$16,747.7 million at current prices (2017)
Labour force	:	206, 085 (2017)
Literacy rate	:	96.6 per cent (aged 10 and above in 2017)
Main industry	:	Oil and gas
Mobile phone subscribers	:	544,732 (2017)
Internet subscribers (Fixed and mobile broadband)	:	574,400 (2017)



Brief Historical Background

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Bandar Seri Begawan in the old days

Before the advent of Islam, Brunei Darussalam's early history is unclear but archaeological discoveries supported by historical data indicate that Brunei had wide contacts with its neighbours on the Asian continent around 518 A.D. Chinese historians of that period, for example, made references in their writing of 'Puni' or 'Poli', two of the many names which Brunei was known during ancient times.

Islam took root in Brunei in the 14th century when its first ruler, Awang Alak Betatar, embraced Islam and changed his name to Sultan Muhammad Shah.

By the 15th and 16th centuries, especially during the reign of the fifth ruler, Sultan Bolkiah and the ninth ruler, Sultan Hassan, Brunei was a dominant power in the region with sovereignty embracing the whole Island of Borneo and as far as the Philippines.

When European presence made itself felt in the region around mid-16th century to the 19th century, Brunei began to lose its grip on the empire, which was besieged by problems such as wars, internecine strife, insurrection and piracy. By 1904, Brunei which became a British protected state in 1888, had shrunk to a small sultanate on three sides by Sarawak and to the north by the South China Sea.

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After the turmoil of the Second World War, life gradually returned to normal but progress only began to crystallise during the reign of the 28th ruler, Sultan Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien who utilised Brunei's oil revenue to finance for the first time a five-year development plan (1953 – 1958) which has Brunei an intensive infrastructure and transformed it from a dull and quiet backwater into a modern thriving state.

The year 1959 saw the promulgation of a written constitution which gave Brunei internal self-government and changed the post of Brunei Resident which started in 1906 to High Commissioner.

In 1967, after 17 years of benevolent reign, Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien voluntarily abdicated in favour of his eldest son, His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah who pledged to carry on his father's policies. His Majesty's succession to the throne further pushed Brunei Darussalam on the road to greater development.

Brunei Darussalam and Great Britain signed in 1971 an amended and revised version of the 1959 Agreement, making Brunei fully independent internally and post of High Commissioner, a normal diplomatic position. Only external affairs and defence remained in British hands.

The turning of Brunei's long history came in 1979 when the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation thus paving the way for Brunei's resumption after 1983 of its place in the community of nation-states.

As anticipated months of preparations, a new chapter in Brunei's colourful history opened shortly after midnight December 31, 1983 when His Majesty declared Brunei Darussalam as a fully independent sovereign nation ready to resume its international responsibilities. In consequence, His Majesty announced a six-member Cabinet with himself as the Prime Minister and concurrently holding the portfolios of Home Affairs and Finance.

In October 1986, His Majesty reshuffled the Cabinet. He remained as Prime Minister and relinquished the portfolios of Home Affairs and Finance, and took over the Defence portfolio which his late father had held since 1984. His Majesty also announced the appointment of five new Ministers and eight Deputy Ministers.

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Another reshuffle of the Cabinet took place in May 2005 in which His Majesty appointed His Royal Highness Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Crown Prince as the Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and announced a new post of a Minister of Energy under the Prime Minister's Office. Meanwhile, the posts State Mufti and the Attorney General now hold the ministerial ranks.

On 22 October 2015, His Majesty established Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT) to enhance the growth of the primary resources sectors (namely agriculture, fisheries and forestry) as well as the tourism sector in Brunei Darussalam.

The fourth Cabinet reshuffle was announced on May 29, 2010. Among the Cabinet line-up change saw the post of Minister of Finance II being put under the Prime Minister's Office and the appointment of the first female Deputy Minister.

Under His Majesty's leadership, the government has invested billions of dollars on development plan after another and will continue to do so in an effort to maintain and improve the quality of life of the population through economic growth, productivity enhancement and wider economic diversification.

His Majesty's Government through its 10th National Development Plan from 2012 to 2017, has allocated \$6.5 billion for the country's continuing development and progress.



Kampong Ayer during the 19th century



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

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

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam is the 29th monarch in line of succession, which dates back to the 14th Century. Today, he is one of the longest reigning monarchs in the world.

Born on July 15, 1946 at the Istana Darussalam in the capital, Brunei Town (now known as Bandar Seri Begawan), His Majesty became the Crown Prince in 1961 and ascended the throne on October 5, 1967, a day after his late father Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien's voluntary abdication. His Majesty was crowned the following year on August 1, 1968 in pomp and pageantry befitting Brunei's ancient customs and traditions. On October 5, 2017, Brunei celebrated His Majesty's 50 Years Golden Jubilee as the monarch of the nation.

His Majesty received his early education in the form of a private tuition at Istana Darul Hana and attended top institutions in both Brunei and Malaya (Peninsular Malaysia). His Majesty continued his studies as an officer cadet at Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in the United Kingdom and was commissioned as a Captain in 1967. He left Sandhurst in October the same year to ascend the throne.

Besides being the Sultan, His Majesty is concurrently the Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Minister of Finance, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the country's head of Islam. As such, he is heavily involved in the development and implementation of Brunei state policy both at home and abroad.

Like his illustrious father who is fondly remembered as the Architect of Modern Brunei, His Majesty continues this tradition by working tirelessly to ensure that his citizens continue to live in peace and harmony. The charismatic leader, apart from the usual day-to-day administration of the government, keeps tabs on the latest developments by constantly being on the move; personally visiting government departments and related institutions, and visiting villages including the remote parts of Brunei.

The promotion and strengthening of relations with the outside world is also one of His Majesty's top priorities. He has traveled widely in Southeast Asia, East Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and the United States. He addressed the United Nations (UN) General Assembly on Brunei Darussalam's admission to the UN in September 1984.

His Majesty is an avid and enthusiastic sportsman and takes great interest in sports. Polo, badminton and squash are among the sports that His Majesty regularly partakes in.



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

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

August 10, 1998, corresponding to 17 Rabiulakhir 1419 Hijriah in the Islamic Calendar, was a historic event for Brunei Darussalam. The date marked the royal proclamation of His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah as the Crown Prince of Brunei Darussalam. The proclamation puts His Royal Highness in line to become the 30th Sultan of Brunei Darussalam.

Born on February 17, 1974 corresponding to 24 Muharram 1394 Hijriah, His Royal Highness is the third child of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, 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.

Throughout his academic life, His Royal Highness was not only industrious in his academic studies and extra-curricular activities but was also equally diligent, in which he devoted much time and attention to his religious education, and Islamic and welfare matters.

His Royal Highness progressed through the Brunei Junior Certificate of Education in 1988, the 'O' level examination of the General Certificate of Education (Cambridge) in 1991, and the 'A' level examination of the General Certificate of Education (Cambridge) in 1994. In 1995, His Royal Highness attended a course of tutorials at Universiti Brunei Darussalam and the prestigious Oxford University at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies in the United Kingdom.

His Royal Highness has also been preparing for his responsibilities as the future leader and head of state, with visits to various national and international organisations and institutions in the United Kingdom, Europe, and North America. At home in Brunei Darussalam, the Crown Prince has spent time on attachments to various government agencies as well as to a leading company in the private sector. These attachments gave His Royal Highness the widest possible exposure to Brunei's governing and administrative system.

On September 9, 2004, His Royal Highness married Dayangku Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab Rahaman, who during the Royal Wedding was conferred the title Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah. Their Royal Highnesses welcomed the birth of a prince, Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim, their first child on March 17, 2007; the birth of a princess, Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Muneerah Madhul Bolkiah, their second child on January 2, 2011; the birth of another prince, Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Muda Muhammad Aiman, their third child on June 7, 2015; and the birth of another princess, Yang Teramat Mulia Pengiran Anak Faathimah Az-Zahraa' Raihaanul Bolkiah, their fourth child on December 1, 2017.

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty
Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah,
The Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office

On May 24, 2005, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to announce the reshuffling of the Cabinet Ministers, which includes His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, as Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office.

His Majesty also conferred the rank of General of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) to His Royal Highness on March 24, 2004. The ceremony took place at the Officers' Mess, Berakas Garrison, during His Majesty's visit to the Ministry of Defence and the RBAF. It marked an important chapter for Brunei, particularly the RBAF.

On May 5, 2005, His Royal Highness was conferred the rank Deputy Inspector General of Police by His Majesty at a ceremony held at the Officers' Mess, Gadong. The conferment marks an historic milestone for the Royal Brunei Police Force. On September 4, 2006, during the 18th Convocation Ceremony of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), His Royal Highness was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Literature by His Majesty. His Royal Highness is also Pro-Chancellor of UBD, Brunei's first university.

In 2011, His Royal Highness was installed as Pro-Chancellor of Brunei's first Islamic university, Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) and later on as Pro-Chancellor of Institut Teknologi Brunei (ITB) on November 28, 2013.



National Flag of Brunei Darussalam

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The Brunei Darussalam state flag in its present form, except for the crest, has been in use since 1906 when Brunei became a protected state, following the signing of an agreement between Brunei and Great Britain. The crest was superimposed in 1959 after the promulgation of the Constitution of Brunei on September 29, 1959.



National Flag of Brunei Darussalam

The rectangular shape state flag of four component portions – two parallelograms and two trapeziums – is cut cross by a parallelogram from a point $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches below the top left corner to a point of the same distance from the bottom corner on the right side.

The standard measures 72 inches long by 36 inches wide.

The parallelogram dividing the rectangle in this manner leaves two similar trapeziums at the top and bottom of the flag, with the lower trapezium assuming the inverted form of the upper trapezium. The parallelogram is again divided into two parallelograms of unequal depths, the upper being one inch wider than the lower which is $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches in width.

The centre of the flag is superimposed by the state crest in red. The forefingers of the upright arms which support the red crest are equidistant at 24 inches from the left and right sides of the flag. The state motto is incorporated in the crest. Written in the Arabic script in yellow letterings, it means 'Always render service by God's guidance'.

Four colours are incorporated in the flag, red for the crest, yellow for the trapeziums, white for the upper parallelogram and black for the lower parallelogram.





National Crest of Brunei Darussalam

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The crest consists of:



The national crest of Brunei Darussalam was developed from a royal emblem and in its original form still maintains its status as one of the royal emblems. The present national crest was superimposed on the national flag after promulgation of the 1959 Brunei Constitution.

The crest comprises of the following: -

- Bendera – the flag.
- Payung Ubor-Ubor – the royal umbrella.
- Sayap – the wing.
- Tangan (kimhap) – the hand.
- Bulan – the crescent.

The Bendera and Payung Ubor-Ubor have been royal regalia since the creation of the crest.

The Sayap – the wing of four feathers – symbolises the protection of justice, tranquility, prosperity and peace in the country.

Tangan or Kimhap – the hand – signifies the government's pledge to promote welfare, peace and prosperity.

Bulan – the crescent – is the symbol of Islam, the national religion of Brunei Darussalam.

The characters inscribed on the crescent are the national slogan, 'Always render service by God's guidance'.

The scroll beneath the crest reads 'Brunei Darussalam' which means 'Brunei, the abode of peace'.



National Anthem

National Anthem of Brunei Darussalam

The composer of the tune and the writer of the lyrics were the late Awang Haji Besar bin Sagap and the late Pengiran Haji Mohamed Yusof bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahim (Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Setia Negara Pengiran Haji Mohamed Yusof bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahim) respectively.



The late Awang Haji Besar bin Sagap, the composer of Brunei's National Anthem



The late Pengiran Haji Mohamed Yusof bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahim, the writer of Brunei's National Anthem lyrics

Below are the lyrics of the National Anthem;

Allah Peliharakan Sultan

*Ya Allah lanjutkanlah usia
Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia
Adil berdaulat menaungi nusa
Memimpin rakyat kekal bahagia
Hidup sentosa Negara dan Sultan
Ilahi selamatkan Brunei Darussalam*

The National Anthem can be translated thus:

*Allah Bless His Majesty
With A Long Life
Justly And Nobly Rule The Kingdom
And Lead Our People Happily Forever
Peacefully Be, The Kingdom and Sultan
Lord, Save Brunei, The Abode of Peace*



The Land and People

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Location

Brunei Darussalam is situated on the north-west coast of the Island of Borneo, between east longitudes $114^{\circ}04'$ and $11^{\circ}23'$ and north latitudes $4^{\circ}00'$ and $5^{\circ}05'$.

It has a total land area of 5,765 sq. km. and a coastline of about 161 kilometres.

It is bounded on the north by the South China Sea, and on the other sides by the Malaysian state of Sarawak which also divides Brunei Darussalam into two parts.

The eastern part is the Temburong District while the western portion consists of three other districts; Brunei-Muara, Tutong and Belait.

The land surface is developed on bedrock of tertiary age, comprising of sandstones, shales and clay. The terrain in the western part of the country is hilly lowland, which rises in the hinterland to about 300 metres. To the east, the wide coastal plain reaches up to a height point of 1,840 metres above sea level at Bukit Pagon in the Temburong District.

Brunei Darussalam has a coastline of about 161 kilometres. The beaches facing the South China Sea are largely sandy and a mixture of sand and mangrove in areas away from the sea.





Climate

Like its neighbours, Brunei Darussalam has an equatorial climate, a uniform temperature, high humidity and heavy rainfall.

Vegetation and Wildlife

There are seven types of forests in Brunei Darussalam:

- Mangrove Forest
- Beach Type Forest
- Freshwater Swamp Forest
- Peat Swamp Forest
- Heath (Kerangas) Forest
- Mixed Dipterocarp Forest
- Montane Forest



Seventy-six per cent of the country's total land area is still covered with luscious green forest and more efforts have been taken to ensure its sustainability with 41 per cent have been gazetted as Forest Reserve in which 50,000 hectares have been declared as a National Park.

Wildlife includes honey bears, deers, monkeys and a myriad of reptiles and birds.

The Land and People



Districts

Brunei Darussalam has four administrative districts: Brunei-Muara, Tutong, Belait and Temburong. Each district is administered by a District Officer.

There are three municipal authorities which is known as the Municipal Board, located at Bandar Seri Begawan, Kuala Belait, and Tutong.

Capital and Other Towns

Brunei Darussalam's capital, Bandar Seri Begawan has an area of 100.36 sq. km. Located in the Brunei-Muara District, the most populous of the four districts, Bandar Seri Begawan thrives with activities befitting its status as the hub of government offices and businesses.

Formerly known as Bandar Brunei or Brunei Town, it was renamed on October 4, 1970 in honour of the 28th Sultan of Brunei, Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddien ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Muhammad Jamalul Alam II who became known as Seri Begawan Sultan. During his 17-year reign, the Seri Begawan Sultan set in motion the modernisation of Brunei Darussalam.

Kampung Ayer is a cluster of small villages on the Brunei River and has been in existence for centuries. Prior to the resettlement of the capital, Bandar Seri Begawan (Brunei Town) on to the mainland in 1906, Kampung Ayer was synonymous with Brunei itself.

A renowned Italian traveller, Antonio Pigafetta who sailed with Ferdinand Magellan arrived in 1521 and described Kampung Ayer as a city of 25,000 families. After the resettlement in 1906, the population of Kampung Ayer was further reduced as more people accepted the government's offer to resettle them on land. Today, Kampung Ayer

is still home to thousands of people who live in houses huddled together and built on stilts just as their ancestors did centuries ago.

The similarity, however, ends there: the existing houses feature luxuries normally associated with modern living. The government has virtually made Kampung Ayer self-sufficient in facilities, including electricity and piped water supplies, clinics and schools.

Cottage industries such as clothweaving, silver craft, brass casting, practised generations ago continue to flourish.

Most of the residents work with the government and the private sector, while many have businesses of their own or take up fishing as their means of livelihoods. Most of them have cars, which they keep on the mainland and they commute to and from the shore by motor boats.

Other towns are: Muara, which is 25 kilometres to the north-east of Bandar Seri Begawan; Kuala Belait, Pekan Tutong and Bangar are the administrative centres of Belait, Tutong and Temburong Districts respectively.

Seria, another town in the Belait District, is the most vital as it has been the seat of Brunei's oil and gas industry since oil first struck there in 1929. Just outside this oil-town is Lumut, where one of the world's largest Liquefied Natural Gas Plants, and where another source of Brunei's wealth operates. Brunei's first world-class methanol plant also operates in this district.

Population

The latest 2017 statistical data showed that the population of Brunei Darussalam was estimated to be 421,300 with an annual growth rate of 1.0 per cent. Of the total, 216,400 were males and 204,900 were females.

Brunei Malays consists of Brunei indigenous communities of the Malay race: Belait, Bisaya, Brunei, Dusun, Kedayan, Murut and Tutong. The Malays constitute the major population group numbering at 277,300 persons followed by Chinese with 43,100 persons and other races 100,900 persons.

Brunei-Muara District is the most populous district with 293,300 people; followed by Belait with 69,600 people; Tutong with 48,300 people; and Temburong with 10,100 people.

Overall, the population density of Brunei Darussalam was 73 persons per square kilometre.

The Land and People



A mass prayer held in one of the mosques in Brunei Darussalam

Religion

Islam is the official religion of Brunei Darussalam as stated in the written constitution, with His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam as the head of the Islamic faith. Thus, Islam plays a central role in the life of every Muslim in Brunei Darussalam. Christianity, Buddhism and other religions are also practised here.

Language

Malay is the official language but English is also widely spoken. A number of Chinese and Indian languages and other dialects are also used.

Culture

Brunei's culture is mainly derived from the Old Malay World, which encompassed the Malay Archipelago and from this, stemmed what is known as the Malay Civilisation. Based on historical facts, various cultural influences of the Brunei culture can be traced to four dominating periods of Animism, Hinduism, Islam and the West. Out of the four, Islam is the most influential. It has become a way of life and was adopted as the state's ideology and philosophy.

The setting up of Brunei Arts and Handicrafts Training Centre in 1975 is a living testimony to the preservation and the proliferation of the arts and crafts of the bygone days in which Brunei was renowned for, such as boat-making, silversmithing, bronze casting, cloth weaving as well as mat and basket weaving. In 2011, Batik art was introduced as one of Brunei's newly established handicraft arts.

Relics and other various artistic heritage besides the ones mentioned above include Malay weaponry, wood carvings, traditional instruments, 'silat' (the traditional art of self-defence) and decorative items for women. Some of these are kept in the Brunei Museum and the Malay Technology Museum, not only for the world to see but also most importantly for today's generation to admire and be proud of for future generations to emulate and remind them of the ancestor's natural skills, creativity and innovativeness.



A weaver at the Brunei Arts and Handicrafts Training Centre weaving a beautiful cloth commonly known as 'Kain Tenunan Brunei'



The Government

The Government

Brunei Darussalam is an independent and sovereign nation-state, which is governed based on a written constitution. His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam is the supreme executive authority.

Brunei's administrative system is centered on the Prime Minister's Office, which has provided the thrust behind His Majesty's aim to introduce greater efficiency in the public sector. In the 1987 National Day *titah* (royal speech), His Majesty pointed out that it was essential to keep the country's administrative machinery up-to-date in line with the development of Brunei as an independent nation-state. His Majesty has followed a combination of traditional and reforming policies, moving away from a structure of a Chief Minister and State Secretary, to a full ministerial system with specified portfolios.

The 1959 Constitution

Brunei Darussalam's political system rests on the twin pillars of the country's written constitution and the tradition of Malay Muslim Monarchy. These two facts dominate both the formal political life and its government ethos. An additional and underlying feature is the country's adherence to the rule of law, a system based primarily on the English Common Law System and the independence of the judiciary.

Brunei's first written Constitution came into force in 1959, has since been subject to amendments.

The 1959 Constitution established the Chief Minister as the highest official, with the British High Commissioner as adviser to the Government on all matters except those relating to the Muslim religion and Malay customs.

In 1971, the amended Treaty reduced the power of the Government of the United Kingdom which retained responsibility only for foreign affairs, whilst defence became the joint responsibility of both countries.

The Constitution was amended with effect from January 1, 1984 to make provisions reflecting the status of Brunei Darussalam as a fully independent and sovereign nationstate. The Constitution was again revised and amended in 2004. The Constitution of Brunei Darussalam (Amendment) Proclamation took place on September 29, 2004 at the International Convention Centre, Berakas. This allowed the reinstatement of the State Legislative Council.



Councils of State Building

Constitutional Bodies

The constitution of Brunei provides for a number of constitutional bodies, which includes:

- Council of Succession
- Privy Council
- Council of Cabinet Ministers
- Religious Council
- State Legislative Council
- Adat Istiadat Council

Judiciary

Judicial power is vested in the Supreme Court and the Subordinate Courts. The Supreme Court comprises the High Court and the Court of Appeals, while the Subordinate Courts comprises the Magistrate's Court.

The High Court receives appeals from Magistrate's Court in the districts and is itself a court of first instance for criminal and civil cases. Appeal from the High Court is submitted to the Court of Appeals. The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London is the final court of appeal for civil cases only.

In between, there is the Intermediate Court, with extensive civil and criminal jurisdiction, although it does not deal with capital offence. Matters related to the Islamic faith are dealt with by the Islamic Court or the Syariah. His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah made the announcement on 22 October, 2013, saying the Syariah or Islamic Law will be enforced in stages.

Cabinet Ministers

- His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam
Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Minister of Finance and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- 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
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Minister of Home Affairs
- YB Pehin Orang Kaya Indera Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Suyoi bin Haji Osman
Minister of Education
- YB Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Ibrahim
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- YB Pehin Orang Kaya Pekerma Dewa Dato Seri Setia Lim Jock Seng
Minister at Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade II
- YB Pehin Datu Singamanteri Colonel (Rtd) Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Awang Haji Mohammad Yasmin bin Haji Umar
Minister of Energy and Industry at PMO
- YB Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Awang Haji Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Haji Othman
Minister of Religious Affairs
- YB Dato Paduka Awang Haji Bahrin bin Abdullah
Minister of Development
- YB Dato Paduka Awang Haji Ali bin Haji Apong
Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism

- YB Dato Paduka Awang Haji Mustappa bin Haji Sirat
Minister of Communications
- YB Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Awang Haji Halbi bin Haji Mohammad Yussof
Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports
- YB Dato Seri Setia Dr Haji Mohammad Isham bin Haji Jaafar
Minister of Health

Deputy Ministers

- YM Dato Paduka Awang Haji Hamdan bin Haji Abu Bakar
Deputy Minister at Prime Minister's Office
- YM Dato Paduka Awang Haji Md Roselan bin Haji Daud
Deputy Minister at Prime Minister's Office
- YM First Admiral Dato Seri Pahlawan Awang Abdul Aziz bin Haji Mohd Tamit
Deputy Minister of Defence
- YM Dato Paduka Awang Haji Hisham bin Haji Hanifah
- YM Dato Paduka Dr Awang Haji Md Amin Liew bin Abdullah
Deputy Ministers of Finance
- YM Dato Paduka Haji Erywan bin Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Haji Md Yusof
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- YM Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Bahrom bin Pengiran Haji Bahar
Deputy Minister of Education
- YM Dato Paduka Awang Haji Abd Mokti bin Haji Md Daud
Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs
- YM Dato Paduka Awang Haji Suhaimi bin Haji Gafar
Deputy Minister of Development



Trade and Industry

Apart from depending on the revenue from exports of oil and gas, efforts will also be intensified for the development of oil and gas downstream activities and other industries that can create additional growth centres. The achievement of the non-oil sectors particularly the small-and- medium industries is also a contributor to the sustainable economic growth of the country.

Through a series of five-year National Development Plans (NDP), measures have been taken to diversify the economy by encouraging development in other fields. The national objectives of NDPs are to create an integrated and dynamic development in every aspect that could lead to improvements in quality of life of the people. The year 2012 saw the launching of the 10th National Development Plan (2012 – 2017) \$6.5 billion has been allocated to fund 682 projects.

Gross Domestic Product

Brunei Darussalam's 2017 Total Growth Domestic Product (GDP) at current prices \$16,747.7 million; oil and gas industry \$9,233.1 million, services \$6,841.6 million and agriculture forestry and fishery \$182 million.

While GDP per capita at current prices increased from \$37,257 in 2016 to \$39,752 in 2017.

External Trade

Brunei Darussalam's total exports in the year 2017 amounted to \$7,711.6 million where exports were still dominated by crude petroleum.

The main countries of destination of Brunei's crude petroleum in the year 2017 were: India (\$752.5 million); Thailand (\$776.7 million); Australia (\$205.6 million); Republic of Korea (\$243.8 million); Singapore (\$353.5 million); Japan (\$42.2 million); Indonesia (\$43 million); and Viet Nam (\$42 million).

While total exports of natural gas in the year 2017 amounted to \$3,834 million with Japan as the top destination amounting to \$2,201.6 million; followed by Republic of Korea - \$832.5 million.

Oil & Gas Industry

Natural gas produced from Brunei oil fields is exported as liquefied natural gas to two major destinations which are Japan and Republic of Korea. The average production

of crude oil in 2017 was at 113,000 barrels per day, whilst production of gas was at 244,000 barrels of oil equivalent (kBOE) per day.

In the same period, the oil price was at US\$55.03 per barrel per day; while liquefied natural gas was at US\$ 8.18 per MMBtu (Million British thermal unit).



An oil rig on the South China Sea

Forestry and Other Resources

Tropical rainforest covers 76 per cent of Brunei's total land area. There are seven major types of forests, each representing numerous variants:

- Mangrove Forest
- Beach Type Forest
- Freshwater Swamp Forest
- Peat Swamp Forest
- Heath Forest
- Mixed Dipterocarp Forest
- Montane Forest



Brunei's forests are regarded as a significant part of the country's natural heritage

They represent one of the most diverse and unique vegetative assemblages in the world, comprising about 5,000 species of plants, including about 2,000 species of trees. Although a large part of Brunei is covered with timber, its contribution to the economy is minimal.

In the year 2017, forestry production of round timber and sawn timber amounted to 54,500 cubic metres and 30,600 cubic metres respectively.

Imports

Imports by the commodity section in the year 2017 were \$4,256.8 million. The main imports were food and live animals (\$565.1 million); chemicals (\$339.3 million); manufactured goods (\$1,028.1 million); machinery and transport equipment (\$1,452 million); miscellaneous manufactured articles (\$351.4 million); and others (\$19.7 million).

The production of Mangrove Poles reached 62,500 pieces valued at \$0.5 million and charcoal briquettes reached 648.6 metric tonne valued at \$489,300.

Logging in Brunei Darussalam is confined to 100,000 cubic metres annually and is only 30 per cent of local consumption, while the rest is imported.

Brunei Darussalam has a National Herbarium, which has become an important institution of reference. The Brunei National Herbarium (BRUN) plays an important role as the centre for specimens collected in the country and those from neighbouring countries: the Malaysian states of Sabah and Sarawak, Indonesian province of Kalimantan, and Republic of Singapore. BRUN currently houses an impressive specimen collection amounting to nearly more than 29,000 species.



Agriculture



Paddy that are ready to be harvested

Agriculture remains an important sector in the country's bid to achieve a progressive and productive economy and at the same time ensuring the security of food supply for the people of Brunei Darussalam.

Rice Production

In the year 2017, rice production amounted to 1,526.7 metric tonnes.

In 2017, 1,336.1 hectares of land were allocated for the cultivation of paddy with 861.1 hectares in Brunei-Muara District; 138.8 hectares in Belait District; 117.90 hectares in Tutong District; and 218.3 hectares in Temburong District.

Laila inbred paddy varieties were introduced in 2009 which allowed twice-a-year cultivation in areas with irrigation systems.

Vegetable Production

Vegetable production continues to hold a significant post with an estimated retail value of \$66.49 million in 2017.

The local production was about 13,265.2 metric tonnes and amounted to a retail value of \$34.68 million. A total of 11,291 metric tonnes of vegetables were imported.

As of 2017, 674.63 hectares of land were developed for vegetable production with 426.71 hectares in Brunei-Muara District; 117.45 hectares in Tutong District; 124.5 hectares in Belait District; and 5.97 hectares in Temburong District.

One of the most popular techniques of growing vegetables is using hydroponic systems in green houses which can produce Japanese / Labanese Cucumber, Tomato Cherry, Pak Choy, Amaranth (Bayam), Brassica (Sawi), Kailan, Spinach dan more.

Fruit Production

In 2017, the fruits industry was valued at an estimated retail value of \$58.02 million with a total consumption of 22,688.74 metric tonnes.

Local production was at 6,622.5 metric tonnes with a retail value of \$12.36 million. A total of 16,066.25 metric tonnes were imported with an estimated retail value of \$27.9 million.

The local fruits produced in Brunei Darussalam according to quantity are banana, young coconut, calamansi, old coconut, papaya, watermelon, musk lime, jackfruit, mango, guava, pineapple, cempedak, rambutan, longan and pomelo.

Miscellaneous Crop

The local production of miscellaneous crops in 2017 was 1,323.2 metric tonnes with a retail value of about \$2.84 million. The import was 14,116.6 metric tonnes.

Ornamental and Floriculture Industry

Local production of ornamental plants in 2017 amounted to 774,037 plants with a retail value of about \$5.95 million. A total of 251,547 plants were imported with an estimated retail value of \$0.74 million. The overall total consumption of ornamental plants was 1,025,584 plants with a retail value of \$1.65 million. While the local production of cut flowers in 2017 was 140,686 cuts with retail value of \$0.07 million. The total import was 1,362,204 cuts valued at \$0.99 million.



Hydroponic vegetables grown in local green houses are quite popular

Agrifood Industry

- **Livestock Production**

The total consumption of livestock production in 2017 for buffaloes were 2,871.96 metric tonnes; cattle at 1,836.32 metric tonne and 14.88 metric tonnes of goats.

Brunei Darussalam continues to be self-sufficient in the production of broiler chickens. In 2017, the production of broiler chickens reached 23,282.7 metric tonnes with a retail value of \$106.53 million.

- **Poultry Layer Production**

The target for poultry layer production is to secure and ensure continuous egg production at 100 per cent self-sufficiency level. Egg production in Brunei Darussalam has reached 100 per cent self-sufficiency since year 1994.

Agriculture production data shows that the production of chicken eggs in the year 2017 was worth at a retail value of about \$25.41 million or 150.8 million eggs. Total consumption in the year 2017 was at 151.26 million eggs with a retail value of \$25.49 million.



Chickens eggs are assembled and packed in a clean environment

- **Fisheries**

Fishery is one of the sustainable economic diversification. The Fisheries Industry comprises three sectors: Capture Industry; Aquaculture Industry; and Processing Industry.

The Capture Industry in 2017 saw a local production of 13,795.6 metric tonnes; followed by Aquaculture Industry with 1,632.2 metric tonnes; and the Processing Industry with 2,963.5 metric tonnes.



Fish farming activities at Tanjong Pelompong

- **Processing Industry**

The overall processing industry involves livestock and crops. In 2017, the livestock processing industry was worth at about \$199.81 million; and crops processing was valued at \$59.65 million.



Human Resource

Human Resource

In the National Development Plan 2012 – 2017, emphasis and priority is given on efforts to accelerate economic growth through a sustained increase in productivity that is based on knowledge and innovation.

According to Brunei Darussalam Key Indicators 2016, Brunei Darussalam's labour force in 2017 was recorded at 48,232 government employees comprising of 22,067 male employees and 26,165 female employees.

Youth Development Programme

Located in Lambak Kanan, the setting up of Youth Development Center as part of the Youth Development Programmes aims to produce responsible, disciplined, dynamic and successful youth and to prepare them to venture into business and employment.

The Center is responsible for teaching and guiding them in forming attitudes to becoming a useful youth in the country. The program holds Skills Training in Computer Course & Office Handling, Cooking & Catering Course, Cake & Pastry Course, Sewing Foundation Course & Embroidery & Cosmetic & Hairdresser Course. Youths will also undergo the Self Development Program and the Job Placement Program.

One of the initiatives held to further help the youth introduced their products and services to the public is by organising the annual Youth Day Festival.

JobCentre

Located at Beribi, JobCentre Brunei is a One-Stop Career Center where local jobseekers may utilise available services to help improve their employability and marketability in the job market and where private companies may use its facilities for their local recruitment process.



One of the booths managed and run by local youths during the Youth Day Festival 2017.

I-Ready apprenticeship through JobCentre was also introduced in 2017 as a platform for degree and master holder graduates to apply for apprenticeship within the private and government sectors. The apprenticeship aims to train them to be more job-ready.

JobCentre is managed by Department of Energy and Industry, Prime Minister's Office.



Banking and Finance

Banking and Finance

Brunei Darussalam issued its own currency in 1967 replacing the Malaya British Borneo money which it had previously shared with Malaya and Singapore.

The currency consists of notes of \$1, \$5, \$10, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and \$10,000; and coins of 1 cent, 5 cents, 20 cents and 50 cents. One dollar is equivalent to 100 cents.

The Brunei Dollar is on a par with the Singapore Dollar.

The banking sector was comprised of conventional banks, Islamic banks, conventional finance companies, Islamic finance companies and offshore international banks.

The conventional banks include:

1. Baiduri Bank Berhad
2. Bank of China (Hongkong) Limited
3. Malayan Banking Berhad (Maybank)
4. RHB Bank Berhad
5. State Street Sdn Bhd.
6. Standard Chartered Bank
7. United Overseas Bank (UOB) Limited

The Islamic banks are:

1. Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam (BIBD) Berhad
2. Perbadanan Tabung Amanah Islam Brunei Berhad (TAIB)

The conventional finance companies include:

1. Baiduri Finance Berhad
2. HSBC Finance (B) Berhad

The only Islamic finance company is BIBD At-Tamwil Berhad, whereas the only offshore international bank is Sun Hung Kai International Bank (Brunei) Limited.

Commemorative Coins, Currency and Note in 2017

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 officiated the launch of the BND 50 Commemorative Polymer Note, Commemorative Coins and the 5th Series of Coins in Circulation, in conjunction with the Golden Jubilee Celebration of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's Accession to the Throne.

The new BND 50 polymer note represents a number of significant features to mark the Golden Jubilee Celebration of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's Accession to the Throne. AMBD also issued limited edition commemorative coins in gold and silver. In addition, AMBD also issued the 5th series coin for circulation.

50 cents coins designed with special jawi inscription which reads "Sempena Sambutan Jubli Emas Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah Menaiki Takhta" (In Conjunction with the Golden Jubilee Celebration Golden Jubilee Celebration Of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's Accession To The Throne) in limited quantity of 500,000 pieces for circulation were distributed to students in all pre-schools, primary and secondary schools as well as sixth-form centres in all four districts nationwide.



The BND 50 Commemorative Polymer Note, Commemorative Coins And The 5th Series Of Coins In Circulation, In Conjunction With The Golden Jubilee Celebration Of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's Accession To The Throne



Transport and Communications

Transport and Communications

The transport and communications sector plays a crucial role in supporting the economic growth and to ensure a balanced socio-economic development of the country. With the continuous economic growth, Brunei Darussalam has developed an efficient transportation network and runs one of the most modern telecommunications systems among developing countries.

Airport

The Brunei International Airport, the main gateway to Brunei Darussalam is located in Berakas, about 15 minutes drive from Bandar Seri Begawan.

Brunei Shell Petroleum has a small airport at Anduki in the Belait District for its own operations.

Air Transport

Statistics show that aircraft movements schedule and non-schedule in 2017 were 13,206 and 575 respectively.

While the number of passenger movement in the same period was 765,482 inward passengers; 764,782 outward passengers; and 244,278 transit passengers.

Freight handled in the same period were 12,595,833 kilogrammes (inward); and 9,930,588 kilogrammes (outward).

Royal Brunei Airlines (RB)

Royal Brunei Airlines (RB) is the national carrier, an independent corporation wholly owned by the Government of His



Royal Brunei Airline's Dreamliner Boeing 787 taking off

Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam. It was established on November 18, 1974.

In its first year of operation, the flying services started with Singapore; Hong Kong; Kota Kinabalu and Kuching, Malaysia.

To date, RB provides scheduled services to destinations across Asia, the Middle East, Australasia and to the United Kingdom.

As an added convenience to its passengers, the airline has code-share agreements with a number of airlines allowing passengers to coordinate flights for seamless travel to a wider choice of destinations.

In October 2013, Royal Brunei Airlines was the first South East Asian carrier to fly the Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft.

RB now operates a fleet of 4 Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner with 18 seats Business Class and 236 seats Economy Class, 4 Airbus A320s with 12 seats for Business Class and 132 seats for Economy Class and two New Airbus A320 with 12 and 138 Business Class and Economy Class.

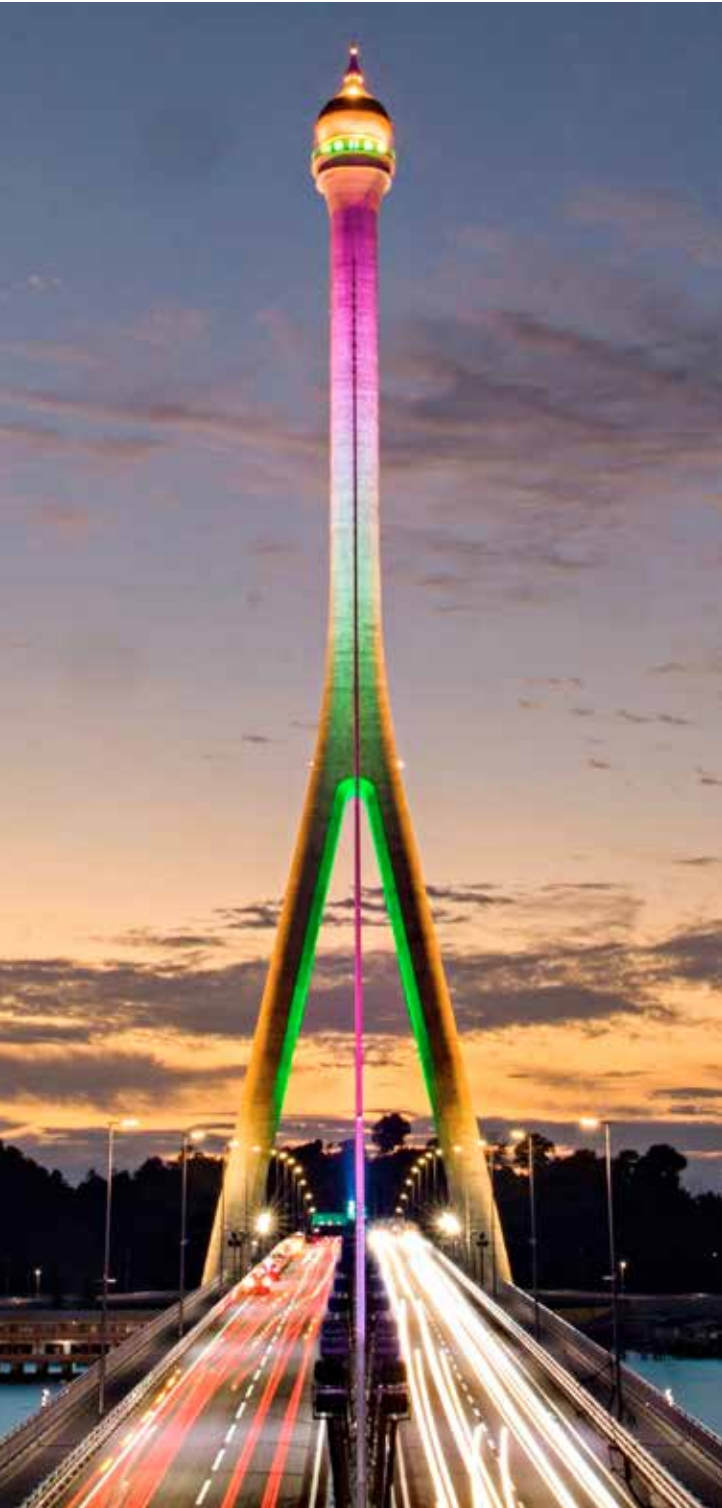
Road Transport

The number of vehicles have increased over the years due to subsidised fuel, low road tax and driving license fees. Most vehicles are imported from South Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia, Japan, Britain, Germany and Italy.

Cars in Brunei Darussalam are right hand drive and every vehicle must be covered with a valid insurance policy.



Buses as public transportation



The Sungai Kebun Bridge at night

Drivers must have valid licenses issued by Brunei Darussalam or international driving licenses.

Public transportation system in the country had also undergone rapid development. In 2017, 11,282 new non-government vehicles were registered comprising 10,737 private vehicles; 209 goods vehicles; 6 taxis; 95 buses; 220 motorcycles and scooters; and 15 were of other categories. In addition, 108 newly registered Government vehicles were recorded.

Roads

Brunei Darussalam in 2017 has 3,674.24 kilometres of roads ranging from highways to private roads. There are also 27 flyovers, 95 signalised traffic lights and about 30 major roundabouts around the country.

Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha Bridge (Sungai Kebun Bridge)

Also known as Sungai Kebun Bridge, the bridge is the cable-stayed bridge, the first of its kind in Brunei and the second-longest single-pylon cable-stayed bridge in the world.

On 14 October 2017, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam officiated the opening of the bridge.

The bridge shows a design based on Bruneian identity by embracing Islam characteristics and symbols of national sovereignty such as the shape of the Royal Crest and a replica of the dome of Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Mosque on a 157-meter-tall pylon structure.

The bridge connects Jalan Residency and Kampung Sungai Kebun, which also enhances the beauty of the environment in Bandar Seri Begawan and is an attraction for visitors and tourists.

Temburong Bridge

On 16 January 2016, His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mui'zzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam consented to launch the Temburong Bridge Project Foundation Laying Ceremony which took place at Kampung Sungai Besar project site, Mukim Kota Batu. Temburong Bridge is a bridge linking Brunei and Muara District and Temburong District.



Temburong Bridge project site at Sungai Besar, Mukim Kota Batu

Sea Transport and Water Taxis Services



Water taxi is mainly used by the residents of Kampung Ayer

Boats and water taxis are the transportation for most residents of Kampung Ayer. Fares are cheap and charged according to distance. Others prefer footbridges which are available throughout Kampung Ayer.

There are regular water taxis and boat operating daily to and from Bandar Seri Begawan and Temburong between 7.45 am to 4.00 pm daily and services to the Malaysian towns of Lawas, Sundar and Labuan. Sea transport services to the Malaysian Federal Territory of Labuan depart from Serasa Terminal in Muara.

Marine and Ports

The main port of Brunei Darussalam is Muara, which is about 28 kilometres from the capital. It was opened for commercial operations in February 1973 and commissioned as the Department of Ports on May 1, 1974. The department took over the management and operations of all ports on January 1, 1986 from the Department of Royal Customs and Excise.

Transport and Communications

Being the main point for the exports and imports of goods, Muara Port plays a crucial role in providing various required facilities such as containers, storage and transhipment.

The dedicated container terminal at Muara Port, Muara Container Terminal is equipped with up-to-date machinery and equipment. It is operated by experienced and skilled manpower that delivers high levels of efficiency and productivity.

In 2017, the terminal handled 1,872,494 tonnes of discharged and loaded cargo compared to 1,845,635 in year 2016.

Postal Services

There are reliable domestic and international postal services provided at 23 post offices and several postal agencies throughout the nation.

The Mail Processing Centre (MPC) at the Old Airport Complex in Berakas acts as the processing centre for letters and parcels regardless of categories of mail from ordinary to Express Mail Service (EMS) items, while the General Post Office in the capital operates as the administration for the Department of Postal Services.

The EMS Speedpost network has been extended to 64 countries in 2010, an impressive increase of 100 per cent from 32 countries in 1990.

On 30 September 2017, Department of Postal Services announced the issuance of Commemorative Pack, Stamp Booklet, Special Edition Stamps and First Day Official Envelopes in conjunction with the



A Commemorative Pack issued by Department of Postal Services in conjunction with the Golden Jubilee Accession to the Throne of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

Golden Jubilee Accession to the Throne of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

In 2017, the postal services handled 6,643,886 letter mails; 244,774 parcel, small packets & other; 239,496 postcards; 195,843 printed matters; and 208,400 registered articles.

Telecommunications

Telecommunication services have improved considerably over the years. Telekom Brunei Berhad (TelBru) formerly known as Department of Telecommunications before it was privatised on April 1, 2006 is responsible for the provision, management and maintenance of domestic as well as

international telecommunications services consisting of telephone, facsimile, telex, telegraph, cellular mobile telephone, radio paging and data packet switch.

Fixed Line Service telephone services despite facing stiff challenges from cellular mobile telephone services is still highly subscribed.

Cellular Mobile Telephone Service

The cellular mobile telephone services have become an increasing trend with 523,453 subscribers in 2016 and 544,732 in 2017 with 111,287 postpaid subscribers and 433,445 prepaid subscribers, surpassing the local population.

The cellular mobile telephone service was introduced in 1990 and was privatised in 1995 when it was taken over by Datastream Technology (DST) Communications Sdn. Bhd. Today there are two cellular mobile telephone service providers – DST Communications Sdn. Bhd. and Progresif Cellular Sdn. Bhd.

Internet

In 2017, the total number of Internet subscribers (fixed and mobile broadband) was 574,400.



Social Services

The Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam continue to ensure the welfare of its citizens. Some of the measures taken are by providing good health services and education to the citizens living in both urban and rural areas with minimal cost, heavily subsidised housing schemes, and pensions and allowances for those eligible.

Medical and Health



Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajah Muta-Wakillah Hayatul Bolkia Health Centre, Rimba

In 2017, there were four government-run hospitals with one based in each district: Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha Hospital (Brunei-Muara District); Suri Seri Begawan Hospital (Belait District); Pengiran Muda Mahkota Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah Hospital (Tutong District); Pengiran Isteri Hajah Mariam Hospital (Temburong District) as well as one cancer centre: the Brunei Cancer Centre, located in Jerudong (Brunei-Muara District).

Community-based outpatient services and primary health care for mothers and children are provided through a large network of health clinics and health centres distributed throughout the country. Currently there are six hospitals (four government and two private hospitals); 15 health centres

(14 government and one private health centres); seven health / maternal and child health clinics; three traveling health clinics; and two flying medical services.

The private health sector comprises of two hospitals namely: Jerudong Park Medical Centre (JPMC); the Gleneagles-JPMC Centre and one health centre: the Panaga Health Centre.

Other government specialised medical centres are the National Cancer Centre and the National Stroke Rehabilitation Centre. Both are housed in JPMC.

The number of medical personnel in 2017 was 683 doctors; 106 dentists; 78 pharmacists; 2,713 nurses and 289 midwives. The population per doctor was 617 persons per doctor.

Statistics showed that the three major cause of death in 2017 was Cancer (Malignant Neoplasms) - 327 people; followed by heart diseases (250 people); and Diabetes Mellitus (171 people). Other major causes of death include Cerebrovascular Diseases; Bronchitis, Chronic and unspecified Emphysema and Asthma; Hypertensive Diseases; Transport Accidents; Congenital Malformations; Deformations and Chromosomal Abnormalities; Septicaemia; and other diseases.

To further promote awareness on the importance of living a healthy lifestyle among the community, a Health Promotion Centre (HPC) was established. Officially opened in 2008, HPC offers a number of interactive activities including exhibitions suitable for all ages.

Education



Interactive technologies used for learning

The government provides free education to all Brunei citizens who attend government schools/educational institutions. Text books; transport where necessary; and accommodation in hostels for students from rural areas are provided free to all citizens. Students who are not eligible for hostel accommodation are provided free transportation to and from school. The government has a school feeding system whereby meals are given to rural schools and light meals to those in the urban areas.

In 2017, there were altogether 251 educational institutions ranging from kindergarten to university both government and private schools.

There were a total of 174 government schools in 2017, which includes 121 pre-primary (pre school/primary) schools;

39 secondary/sixth form (pre-university) schools; and nine technical/vocational schools.

In addition, there were also eight Arabic schools in 2017, which includes five Arabic tertiary schools; and three Arabic preparatory schools.

Meanwhile, the total number of private schools is 77, which includes 71 pre-primary (pre school/primary) schools/secondary/sixth form (pre-university) schools; four technical/vocational schools and two tertiary schools.

The total number of teachers were 10,686 with 856 for pre-school/ kindergarten; 3,890 for primary schools; 4,556 secondary/sixth form (pre-university) teachers; 545 technical/vocational teachers; and 839 university lecturers.

Social Services

The total number of students enrolled in 2017 was 110,097 with 13,888 in pre-school/kindergarten; 39,610 in primary schools; 35,118 in secondary schools; 4,874 in sixth form; 4,472 in technical/vocational institutions; and 12,135 in universities.

The literacy rate for aged 10 and above was 96.6 per cent with 97.8 per cent for male and 95.3 per cent for female.

Housing

Various schemes have been introduced as early as the 1950's in providing all Brunei citizens with proper accommodation in a pleasant environment.

The resettlement programmes began as early as 1951 when the residents of Kampung Bendahara Lama of Kampung Ayer were resettled to the Bunut

Resettlement Area in Mukim Kilanas of the Brunei-Muara District.

A nationwide survey was conducted in 1970's to identify the people's housing needs. As a result, the first of many housing schemes, the Lambak Kanan National Housing Scheme in the Brunei- Muara District was introduced covering a site of about 810 hectares where 84 houses under Phase One had been completed and allocated to successful applicants in early 1986.

Similar and other housing schemes were introduced since then which include the Landless Indigenous Citizens Housing Scheme (STKRJ), Temporary Occupation License Land (TOL) Scheme, and Infill Scheme (IS).

Since 2011, more citizens were awarded



One of the housing schemes introduced in Brunei Darussalam

with land grants and keys to their new homes. From the day it was introduced until today, more than 70,000 houses have been built through the National Housing Scheme within the country.

Social Welfare Services

Beginning on January 1, 1955, the Old Age Pensions and Disable Act 1954 was introduced. The monthly provisions of welfare, old age pensions and disability allowance are not only maintained until today but have been expanded to include the less fortunate and those facing social mishaps. Under this act, the elderly are given a monthly allowance of \$250.

Apart from the government, non-government organisations (NGOs) also provide services to the society.



Mass Media

Radio

Radio transmission in Brunei Darussalam goes back to May 1957 where programmes were transmitted only two and a quarter hours each day.

Today there are two radio networks operating in the country. The government-owned network has five channels broadcasting in Malay – Nasional FM, Pelangi FM, Harmoni FM, Nur Islam and Rangkaian Pilihan which broadcasts in English, Mandarin and Gurkhali.

The only privately-owned radio network is Kristal FM, where its broadcast is a mixture of Malay and English.

Radio Brunei launched its NetRadio service to enable global listeners to listen to Radio Brunei on July 9, 2011 through www.liveonlineradio.net/brunei.

Television

Radio Televisyen Brunei (RTB) is the state-owned television network. It has three channels – RTB Perdana (RTB Perdana has an informative concept and plays its role to be the premier medium to disseminate Government policies, information as well as the latest news at its fastest rate and fully verified.

RTB TV channel also acts as a referential platform for accurate information and knowledge of current affairs and international information.); RTB Aneka (RTB Aneka is a TV channel which aims towards family entertainment. Broadcasts a wide variety of quality TV

programmes that are of educational, family and entertainment values and are appropriate for all age levels.); and RTB Sukmaindera (RTB Sukmaindera plays its role to disseminate all sorts of information in regards to Negara Brunei Darussalam globally. It can be viewed terrestrially throughout the country and via online streaming through RTB's official website www.rtb.gov.bn).

Since 2009, RTB has moved from analog to digital television. Citizens are given more option with the availability of Kristal-Astro Sdn. Bhd., a private cable TV provider, which gives extensive coverage of channels from news to sports.

Press

Pelita Brunei is the government's official newspaper where it is published in Malay with three editions per week. It has a circulation of 8000 copies. The newspaper consists of local news, current affairs, religious issues, government advertising and sports. In July 19, 2008, the Department of Information introduced Pelita Brunei online version which is updated daily through www.pelitabrunei.gov.bn and in August 16, 2016, E-paper Pelita Brunei was introduced in pdf format.

The government also publishes a monthly English language newsletter called Brunei Darussalam Newsletter. Designed especially for foreign readers, the newsletter was first published in October 1985.

There are two privately-owned newspapers which are the Borneo Bulletin

published in English and Media Permata published in Malay. Other multimedia platform for news updates are from New Brunei Daily and The Scoop.

Foreign daily newspapers, periodicals and other publications are also available on sale.

Brunei regularly receives visits from foreign journalists and media organisations to cover events and news items in the country. The Department of Information is responsible for issuing press accreditation/ passes for practising journalists visiting the country.



International Relations



The 13th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting was held at the International Convention Centre Building, Berakas on September 6, 2017

Brunei Darussalam is a member of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), the United Nations (UN), the Commonwealth, the Non-Alignment Movement (NAM), World Trade Organisation (WTO), Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), and Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

Brunei Darussalam plays a leading role in the economic zone known as Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines-East Asian Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA). Since the resumption of independence, Brunei Darussalam has been pursuing an active foreign policy designed to improve understanding and strengthen cultural, religious and economic ties.

Brunei Darussalam has also hosted international meetings in Bandar Seri Begawan such as ASEAN Summit, APEC and BIMP-EAGA.

It has diplomatic missions either embassies or high commissions in all ASEAN capitals, as well as in Canberra, Manama, Dhaka, Brussels, Ottawa, Beijing, Cairo, Paris, Berlin, New Delhi, Tehran, Tokyo, Amman, Seoul, Rabat, Muscat, Islamabad, Doha, Moscow, Riyadh, Abu Dhabi, London, Washington and permanent representatives to the UN in Geneva and New York, and set up a Trade and Tourism Office in Taipei.

Diplomatic Missions in Brunei

Countries that have diplomatic missions in Brunei Darussalam are fellow members of ASEAN, Britain, the United States of America, Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea, The Federal Republic of Germany, Canada, Pakistan, Bangladesh, France, The Sultanate of Oman, the People's Republic of China, India, Iran and Saudi Arabia. Some 69 other countries have also officially accredited their ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.



Tourism

Brunei Darussalam has identified the tourism industry as one of the sectors that can be further developed to diversify its economy. One of its efforts is by promoting ecotourism.

With more than 70 per cent of the country's land area is covered with tropical rainforests, one of the world's most richest and diverse, the country offers tourists with a wide range of natural habitats and opportunity to foster environmental education.

Brunei's tourism industry is divided into several market areas: ASEAN, Far East, Europe, Middle/West/Central Asia, Australia/New Zealand, Americas and Other.

A total of 258,955 tourists arrived in the country in 2017 and were comprised from ASEAN (50.7%); European Union (7.02%); and Others (42.3%).



Tourist Information Centre at The Royal Wharf Arts Gallery, Bandar Seri Begawan

There are three Tourist Information Centres which can be found at:

1. Brunei International Airport's arrival hall
Opening hours: Monday to Sunday:
9.00am to 6.00pm
2. The Royal Wharf (Dermaga Diraja)
Opening hours: Monday to Thursday and Saturday: 9.00am to 4.30pm
Closed on Friday, Sunday and public holidays
3. Kampong Ayer Cultural and Tourism Gallery
Opening hours: Monday to Thursday and Saturday: 9.00am to 4.30pm
Closed on Friday, Sunday and public holidays



Places of Interest

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Sultan Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Mosque at night



Jame' 'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah Mosque

There are two great mosques in Bandar Seri Begawan. The first is located at the city centre of Bandar Seri Begawan. It is one of the most magnificent mosques in Southeast Asia which symbolises Brunei's perpetual adherence to Islam.

Completed in 1958, it is named after the 28th Sultan of Brunei Darussalam, Sultan Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien ibni Sultan Muhammad Jamalul Alam II, who is referred to as the Architect of Modern Brunei. The mosque features classical Islamic architecture, and marble, gold mosaic and stained glass. It has a 52-metre golden dome flanked by a 54-metre minaret.

Linked to the mosque and built in the middle of a lagoon, is a replica of a 16th century royal barge known as 'Bahtera'.

The mosque is open for visitors from Saturday to Wednesday beginning 8.00 am to 12.00 noon, 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm and

4.00 pm to 5.30 pm. The mosque is closed for non-Muslim on Thursdays and Fridays.

The second mosque is the Jame' 'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah, which provides a further inspirational example of Islamic architecture in the capital. It was built in 1994 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the reign of the 29th Sultan, His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanil Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah.

The mosque, located midway between the Bandar Seri Begawan town centre and the rapidly developing growth centre of Gadong, is a recent example of carefully crafted Islamic design and symbolises modern Brunei. Its gold-topped domes tower over artfully landscaped garden and fountains.

Visiting hours are from Saturday to Wednesday beginning 8.00 am to 12.00 noon, 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm, 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm and is closed to non-Muslims on Thursdays and Fridays.

Kampung Ayer

Kampung Ayer (Water Village) is centuries-old where it is the largest settlement area based on water. It has six mukims namely Saba, Sungai Kedayan, Peramu, Burung Pingai Ayer, Tamoi and Sungai Kebun.

Kampung Ayer, the country's historical attraction and the world's largest water village is home to more than 30,000 inhabitants. It is a place where houses on stilts were built on Brunei River where the houses are joined by a maze of inter-connecting wooden walkways.

Modern facilities such as schools, clinics, police stations and mosque are



A view of Kampung Ayer at sunrise

provided for residents who are living at Kampung Ayer. Water taxis are the most efficient and popular means of transportation to travel across the Brunei River to the mainland.

Lapau and Dewan Majlis

Another magnificent building within Bandar Seri Begawan is the Royal Ceremonial Hall and House of Parliament locally known as the Lapau and Dewan Majlis respectively. They form a sprawling complex featuring a blend of traditional Malay and western architecture.

The Lapau which contains the Patarana (Throne) and where numerous solemn ceremonies are held is beautifully decorated in exquisite gold motifs. It was here on August 1, 1968 that His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam was crowned the 29th ruler of Brunei Darussalam.



Lapau and Dewan Majlis

Places of Interest

The Mausoleum of Sultan Bolkiah

The mausoleum is situated at Jalan Kota Batu facing the Brunei River. The tomb of Sultan Bolkiah, the fifth Sultan of Brunei lies within the mausoleum. Sultan Bolkiah was one of the greatest Sultans of Brunei, known as Nakhoda Ragam which means 'The Singing Captain'. During his rule, Brunei's sovereignty extended over the whole of the coastal kingdom of Borneo. The mausoleum, therefore, commemorates the golden age of Brunei.



Sultan Bolkiah Mausoleum



Exhibition displaying the utensils used in the old days

Brunei Museum and Malay Technology Museum

Two significant buildings that house historical findings and artefacts; the Brunei Museum and the Malay Technology Museum.

Situated along the river banks of Brunei River at Jalan Kota Batu, the Brunei Museum showcases the origins of Brunei's

culture and heritage. A walking distance away is the Malay Technology Museum where it offers an insight into the kind of tools ancient Bruneians used for their daily routine particularly for the cottage industry.

The museum features goldsmith techniques, boat-making, fishing, brass-smith, and woodworks, as testaments to the ingenuity which earlier generations utilised available materials and resources.



Istana Nurul Iman



Brassware and Silverware collections displayed at the Brunei Arts & Handicrafts Training Centre



Pasar Pelbagai Barangan Gadong

Brunei Arts & Handicrafts Training Centre

Established in 1975 with the objective to preserve the skills of producing local handicrafts, the centre until today has produced many graduates who later are mostly involved in small-and-medium enterprises (SMEs) mainly in producing local handicrafts like kain tenunan tradisional Brunei (weaved cloth), Batik art, songkok (tradition headgear), and brass-making products. The centre has a gallery that displays various of handicrafts made by the students where some exhibits are for sale.

Pasar Pelbagai Barangan Gadong

The Pasar Pelbagai Barangan or night market is opened daily from 4.00 pm until midnight. It offers various types of

cooked food ranging from local to western dishes at affordable prices. Also available are fresh fruits, vegetables and some clothing items.

Istana Nurul Iman

The Istana Nurul Iman is the largest residential palace in the world and the home of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

With its golden domes, vaulted roof and riverside setting, the palace is a spectacular subject for photography.

The palace is opened to the public during Hari Raya Aidilfitri when citizens and visitors have the opportunity to personally greet His Majesty and members of the royal family.



Displays at the Royal Regalia Museum

Royal Regalia Museum

The Royal Regalia, strategically located in the heart of Bandar Seri Begawan, is a building that was established to commemorate the 1992 Silver Jubilee of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's accession to the throne. The building houses ceremonial regalia including the royal chariot, gold and silver ceremonial armoury, the traditional jewel-encrusted coronation crowns and a replica of the throne used by His Majesty on state occasions.

In conjunction with the Golden Jubilee Celebration of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's Ascension to the Throne, it was renamed to Royal Regalia Museum on 1 December 2017.

Oil and Gas Discovery Centre

It is located in Pekan Seria, Belait District where it was set up by the Brunei Shell Petroleum with an aim to educate the public on science, technology and the environment.



Oil and Gas Discovery Centre

Kampung Ayer Cultural & Tourism Gallery

Gallery (KACTG) located just across from the downtown area of Brunei's capital, Bandar Seri Begawan was officially opened on August 19, 2009. Offering tourists an attractive touch-screen information display, five mini galleries containing background information on the Kampung Ayer, as well as a number of photographs and museum artefacts are showcased. Handicraft displays, live craft-making demonstrations, and a souvenir kiosk will allow visitors to bring back memories and mementos of their Kampung Ayer experience. The KACTG is a new landmark for Bandar Seri Begawan and a point of pride for Kampung Ayer residents.



The Kampung Ayer Cultural & Tourism Gallery

Billionth Barrel Monument

The Billionth Barrel Monument located in the Belait District memorialises and celebrates the billionth barrel of oil produced in the onshore oil field in Seria, the monument was built in 1991 and was commemorated by Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien on 18 July 1991.

Health Promotion Centre

Located about 10 minutes drive from the capital, the centre was officially opened by His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam on November 13, 2008. This centre consists of modern exhibits that features health related items. Besides viewing the modern, attractive and innovative exhibitions, interactive activities are also available.



The Billionth Barrel Monument

Places of Interest



A beautiful view at Tasek Merimbun Heritage Park

Tasek Merimbun Heritage Park

Located in Tutong District, about one hour and 15 minutes drive from Bandar Seri Begawan, the park aims to provide a safe haven for protected wildlife to breed, preserve flora and fauna and to provide a base for scientific research and study. For those interested in botany or bird watching, there is a jungle trail to explore. The park was declared as one of the ASEAN National Heritage Sites on November 29, 1984.



Ulu Temburong National Park

Ulu Temburong National Park

This park is rich with unspoiled flora and fauna. It can be reached by using a long boat or locally known as Temuai. At the park, one can enjoy strolling on the extensive wooden boardwalk and witness the fresh environment. Other excitements here are the canopy walk and the waterfall.

Damuan Recreational Park

It is situated next to the Istana Nurul Iman where visitors can get the best view of the palace. Because of the magnificent view of the palace, this park is one of the popular places of interest in Brunei. Taman Persiaran Damuan offers a scenic park along the riverbank off Jalan Tutong, and it is a popular spot for joggers. Other distinctive decorations are the six outdoor sculptures by ASEAN artists.



Damuan Recreational Park



Bukit Shahbandar Forest Recreational Park

Bukit Shahbandar Forest Recreational Park

This popular recreational park is located along the Muara-Tutong Highway. It is set in a 70-hectare of undulating landscape providing a challenge for even the most dedicated joggers, hikers and bikers. An observation tower gives a bird's eye view over the whole terrain from this huge Bukit Shahbandar Park. Located in Jerudong, the park has become synonymous among sports lovers as it has nine hills for adventurous hiking.

Beaches

Located close to Bukit Shahbandar Recreational Park are two beaches, namely Tungku Beach and Jerudong Beach. Besides these two beaches, the other famous beaches are Muara and Serasa beaches. These are popular beaches and are well equipped with picnic grounds, changing rooms, restrooms, yacht activities and food stalls. In addition, one of the iconic beaches in Tutong is Seri Kenangan Beach.



Scenery at Pantai Seri Kenangan at sunset

Places of Interest

Berakas Forest Reserve Recreational Park

Berakas Forest Reserve Recreational Park is 199 hectares wide situated along the Muara-Tutong Highway which is just 10 kilometres from Bandar Seri Begawan. Here you can witness the sun-dappled pathways meanders past sheltered picnic spots and barbeque facilities towards the soaring observation tower, and the tang of salt air hovers above the lush green keranga and casuarina forests that tumble to the edge of the nearby South China Sea.



Berakas Forest Reserve Recreational Park

Brunei Maritime Museum

Located about 15 minutes drive from Bandar Seri Begawan in Kota Batu, the Brunei Maritime Museum is for those with a nautical interest. With an architectural design representing a ship, this museum features and exhibits more than 13,000 artefacts discovered in 1997, from a shipwreck which set sail from China, believed to be from either the late 15th century or 16th century. These artefacts were meant to be exchanged with Brunei local products. Porcelains and ceramic potteries from China, Viet Nam and Thailand obtained from the shipwreck are displayed in the galleries of the museum.



Display of a skeleton of a whale at Brunei Maritime Museum



Jerudong Park Playground

Jerudong Park

Named as the biggest amusement park on Borneo with over 34 attractions, which includes a water theme park and Brunei's only musical fountain. There are also a wide choice of over 30 restaurants at the Jerudong Park Food Court - selling local and international cuisines.

Taman Mahkota Jubli Emas

Officiated on 22 October 2017, the name of the park was selected in conjunction with the Golden Jubilee Celebration of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's Ascension to the Throne. The park is part of the capital's Master Plan to beautify Bandar Seri Begawan and making it a city with a world-class waterfront area.

The crescent moon in the centre of the bridge symbolises Islam and blends with the park atmosphere for the creation of a new city landmark.



Taman Mahkota Jubli Emas



Tourist Information

Passport and Visa Requirements

All persons entering Brunei Darussalam must possess valid passports or travel documents recognised by the Government of Brunei Darussalam. The passport must have a validity of six months before expiry when entering the country.

As required by the Brunei Passport Act, all foreign nationals need a valid visa to enter Brunei Darussalam. However, the following countries stated below are exempted from the requirement for social, business or professional visits for certain number of days:

Cambodia, Canada, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Liechtenstein, Maldives, Myanmar, Norway, People's Republic of China, The Philippines, Peru, Qatar, Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine, Vietnam – 14 days.

Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Kuwait, Italy, Iran, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Malaysia, New Zealand, The Netherlands, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, South Korea, Sweden, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates – 30 days.

United States – 90 days.

All transit pass is issued for all countries for a stay up to 72 hours only, provided they have assurance (ticket) of travelling to another destination, and a sponsorship letter or guarantor from the airlines.

For further information and clarification, please contact:

Department of Immigration and National Registration Headquarters
Ministry of Home Affairs, Jalan Menteri Besar
Bandar Seri Begawan
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The Empire Hotel and Country Club

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Website: www.rizquninternational.com

The Centrepoint Hotel

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Website: www.legallerysuiteshotel.com

Mulia Hotel

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**Sea View Resort Hotel & Apartment
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Ulu Ulu National Park Resort (Temburong District)

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Venice Lodge

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Where To Eat



There are many restaurants and cafes in the capital and in all major towns. Many are first class and generally serve Asian and European dishes. Varieties of local cuisines are available at the Tamu Selera (open-air market), which is open in the evening opposite Radisson Hotel, or the new Pasar Pelbagai Barangan Gadong (night market) located opposite the Gadong Market. There are also several international fast food restaurants and cafes located in commercial areas.

Public Holidays

New Year

Chinese New Year

National Day

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's Birthday

Israk Mikraj

First Day of Ramadan

Nuzul Al-Quran

Hari Raya Aidilfitri

Hari Raya Aidiladha

Royal Brunei Armed Forces Anniversary

First day of Hijrah

Maulidur Rasul

Christmas

