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WOMEN'S SPECIAL ASSEMBLY TO MARK PROPHET MUHAMMAD'S BIRTHDAY

Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha binti Al-Marhum Pengiran Pemancha Pengiran Anak Haji Mohamed Alam consented to attend the assembly on 14 January 2015 at the International Convention Centre in Berakas.

In her Welcoming Address, Dr Hjh Masnon, the Raes of the Seri Begawan Religious Teachers University College highlighted the meaning of the theme 'Wanita Soleha, Pelita Umat' or A Pious Woman, the Ummah's Light.

Women play a role as one of the vital energies in shaping a generation of leaders. women are the torch that becomes a source of light to show the way, provide tranquillity and safety to all starting from the home and going further into a large community. To become such a source, women should be strong, have a strong assimilation of Islam and noble behaviour. Therefore, women should avoid from disreputable behaviour and look after their honour and self-respect based on the high position that they are given by Islam.

A Special Talk entitled, "Wanita Soleha, Pelita Umat" was delivered by Doktor Dayang Hajah Rasinah Binti Haji Ahim. the Director of Post Graduate Studies and Research Centre, Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali, The talk touched on the natural tendency of a woman to be gentle but also having determined strength in going through life. Allah created women to be gentle as well as deeply loving with a high patience and these attributes will equip women to play a role in educating as a guide in brightening the children's futures and at the same time as a faithful companion to the husband. Therefore, women will always make sacrifices such the sacrifice of a mother or that of a wife for her children, husband and marriage. It is clear that women will always be prepared to sacrifice selflessly for the sake of happiness and brightening other people's lives. This is synonymous with the function's theme of 'A Pious Women, the Ummah's Light. ***Go to page 2.***

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Pious women is a source of inspiration and ideal examples in building up a good family life. If women have successfully shaped their faith and piety in themselves, it is inevitable that the society will also be shaped as a muslim community that is harmonious and obeying Allah's commands. The history of Islam has proven how the role of women who go out into the workforce helps towards the excellence of Islam.

A lot of challenges need to be faced by working women, among them managing time to carry out their responsibility as a wife and mother at home while at the same time having a role as a worker or employer outside the home. The 21st Women's Special Assembly was jointly organised by the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Brunei Darussalam Women's Council.

The function was highlighted with a pantomime presented by the undergraduates of the Kolej Universiti Perguruan Ugama-Seri Begawan and the Dikir Marhaban was presented by a collaboration of officers and staff from the Ministry of Finance and the Council of Women of Brunei Darussalam.

Source: RTB news

2ND BRUNEI STUDENTS' RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The Brunei Students Union, UK through its Postgraduate Society, organised a second symposium on 24 January 2015, based on the success of the Brunei Students' Research Symposium 2013. The one-day symposium aimed at providing students with the opportunity to present their work, regardless of what stage it is at, to receive feedback from others, to find opportunities for collaboration, and above all, to find meaning for their work in relation to Brunei and and the world, while bringing together Bruneian students based in the UK and Eire.

The Brunei Students' Union was formed in 1959. It was a time when students from Brunei were being sent overseas for higher education. A great many of them were sent to the United Kingdom and Ireland to study. Through the Union, members helped each other in all aspects, be it in terms of social issues, student welfare, academic studies or religious understanding. From then and indeed until the future, the BSU reflects the whole of the students in the United Kingdom and Eire. After its official launching by the Deputy Minister of Education on 31 January 2012, BSUnion is proud to introduce the online version of our new termly publication, theUNION. *Source: http://.bsunion.org.*

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Pn Nellie, BLA members and members from other women associations were invited to a Dikir Presentation followed by lunch after attending the Women's Special Assembly at the International Convention Centre. The event was hosted by Datin Hjh Fatimah at her residence in Kg Lambak on 14 January 2015.

CONGRESS OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN LIBRARIANS

PRE CONSAL XVI MEETING

A Pre CONSAL XVI Meeting was held on 14 January 2015 chaired by Nellie, BLA President. Also present was Aw. Hj Sahari Hj Nassar, Chief Librarian and Acting Deputy Director DBP Brunei.

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Among the items discussed were CONSAL Outstanding Librarian Award, Peer Review, Keynote Speaker, Brunei Speaker, active promotion of CONSAL XVI by BLA to encourage Bruneian librarians to join the Brunei delegation to the conference.

The Bangkok conference is special this time, because BLA is honoured that it's proposal was recently approved for funding by IFLA. A regional workshop on Leadership and Advocacy for young promising library association leaders will be held as a part of the CONSAL XVI Bangkok event. BLA in partnership with Thai Library Association with support from the IFLA Regional Office-Asia and Oceania based in Singapore will see the implementation of the project, a first for BLA and CONSAL.

CONSAL XVI Conference
ASEAN Aspirations: Libraries for Sustainable Advancement
10-13 June 2015, Bangkok International Trade & Exhibition Centre
Bang-Na, Bangkok, Thailand
website http://consal xvi.org

Estimated expenditure

Registration fee (online registration)	BND466.90 (USD350)
Airline tickets . Depart on 10 June 2015 from BWN RBA --BWN/BKK/BWN---BI517 ETD 1815hrs(direct) Air Asia—BWN/KUL/BKK/KUL/BWN--AK273 ETD 0930hrs MAS –BWN/KUL/BKK/KUL/BWN –MH 731 ETD1515hrs	 *BND367.00 *BND 102.37-BND196.00 **BND$343.00
Hotel—10-13 June 2015	*BND190.61-BND343.00
Personal expenses	BND500.00
Local transportation	BND100.00

**rate as at 15 Jan 2015 ** rate as at 21 Jan 2015*

Programme

Day 1, 10 June 2015 0800-2200hrs	 registration
Day 2, 11 June 2015 0830-1030hrs 1100-1200hrs 1200-1300hrs 1300-1500hrs 1530-1830hrs 1830-2100hrs	 Opening ceremony Plenary Session lunch Plenary Session Product Presentation Gala Dinner
Day 3, 12 June 2015 0800-1230hrs 1230-1330hrs 1330-1600hrs 1600-1800hrs 1830-2100hrs	 Parallel Sessions lunch Parallel Sessions Closing ceremony Farewell dinner
Day 4, 13 June 2015 0700-1630hrs 0800-1200hrs	 Full day visit Half day visit

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SPECIAL TALK

Ms Sarah Ziebell, a certified archivist and librarian working as the Regional Information Resource Officer at the US Embassy in Jakarta was in Brunei recently and delivered a Special Talk on *Inspiring 21 st century learners: the role of the libraries* at the Balai Sarmayuda, DBP Brunei on 15 January 2015. She was in Brunei helping to set up the American Shelf at the DBP Brunei, City Library.

AMERICAN SHELF PROJECT

The goal of the American Shelf Project is to educate interested audiences about the United States by promoting the understanding of American history, culture and values. It contains American children's books and American Studies reference materials

BLA DISCUSSIONS

On Friday 16 January 2015, BLA President Pn Nellie and Hjh Pusparaini, BLA Training Secretary met up with Ms Sarah Ziebell to discuss possible areas of collaboration and partnership in library training and internships and advocacy.

POLITEKNIK BRUNEI 1ST CONVOCATION

Heartiest congratulations to the first batch of Advanced Diploma in Information Science graduates. They were among the 582 graduates who received their Diplomas on 15 January 2015 at the International Convention Centre.

July 2012 Session
Advanced Diploma in Information Science (CISC1)

Dk Yura Nurul Wafiy Pg Hj Yura Mohd Abai, Hjh Noraniazirah Abdul Aziz, Aw Han Leong Sou. Dy Joanna Sia. Dy Lee Kuan Eng. Aw Mohamad Khairul Syaazwan Othman, Dy Noraminah Awg Alias, Dy Nursinawati Gumpol. Dy Siti Nadirah Jamaludin. Dy Siti Nur Khalilah Dolrani. Dy Syazwani Bakir. Aw Zulfadli Mesa, Dy Sukartine Hj Ahmad Hassin, Dk Serimohayatun Pg Hj Metusin

The duration of the Advanced Diploma programme is two academic years, inclusive of a three-month Supervised Work Attachment at various organisations in the private and public sectors. The inaugural ceremony marked the institution's milestone achievement in producing technical graduates towards nation development and growth.

The Advanced Diploma has been recognised by the Ministry of Education through the National Accreditation Council as equivalent to the BTEC Higher National Diploma (HND) qualification.

Politeknik Brunei first introduced its programmes in January 2012 at the temporary campus in Jalan Ong Sum Ping and it went through various development from time to time. It now has three schools offering various academic programmes, namely the School of Business, School of Information and Communication Technology and the School of Science and Technology.

HAPPENINGS

9 Jan 2015	4TH anniversary of Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam
9 Jan 2015	136 recruits of 152nd intake end their Royal Brunei Armed Forces basic military boot camp
9 Jan 2015	Baiduri Bank launched 4 new unit trusts
9-11 Jan 2015	Belia Cinta Rasul Carnival
10 Jan 2015	MOH launched *Program Aktif dan Riadah Untuk Kesihatan* (PARK) programme
10 Jan 2015	Veteran Football Association season kicked off
11-18 Jan 2015	6 gifted science students under the Special Education Unit represented Brunei Darussalam at the 6th ASEAN + 3 Teacher Workshop and Student Camp in South Korea
11 Jan 2015	The Century Run 4,500 participated
13 Jan 2015	18 youths selected to participate in inaugural *BELIA BERPADI* programme
13 Jan 2015	133 enrolled at Youth Development Centre
14 Jan 2015	Ground breaking for $48 mil Rimba Arabic School
14 Jan 2015	Women's Special Gathering to mark Prophet Muhammad's birthday
15 Jan 2015	Politeknik Brunei to take overhand Engineering courses from ITB, announced at 1st Politeknik Brunei Convocation
15 Jan 2015	RBAF 5th Command and Staff Course
15 Jan 2015	MOH got 5 new ambulances for its Emergency Medical Ambulance Services
15 Jan 2015	Launch of BAA and Smatsource Run Challenge
18-20 Jan 2015	Rough sea conditions hit Brunei
19-22 Jan 2015	APTK Brunei Job Fair
20-31 Jan 2015	11th Brunei International Skills –at-Arms Meet, an 11 days event organized by the Royal Brunei Armed Forces where 16 countries vied for BISAM honours. Brunei Darussalam represented by 114 marksmen (82 from Royal Brunei Armed Forces and 32 from Royal Brunei Police Force)
24 Jan 2015	2 nd Brunei Students' Research Symposium *on Inspiring Creative Research* with the tagline *Get Inspired: Get Creative, Get Researching* organised by the Brunei Postgraduate Society, the Brunei Gallery, SOAS London. 16 students presented their research findings.
28 Jan-1 Feb 2015	15 th consumer fair
30-31 Jan 2015	26th Pantai Mentiri Open Golf Championships
23 Feb 2015	31 st Brunei National Day
26 Feb-7 Mar 2015	Brunei Book Fair 2015
8 Mar 2015	2nd White Cane Run

16TH CONSAL Conference,
'ASEAN Aspirations: Libraries as Sustainable Advancement'
10-13 June 2015, Bangkok

17th CONSAL Conference
2018, Myanmar

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