



(Above) Chief of Adat Istiadat, YAM Pg Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pg Anak Hj Abdul Aziz (C), Minister of Religious Affairs, YB Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Hj Awg Badaruddin (L) and Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs, Dato Paduka Hj Abdul Mokti attending the rehearsal. (Left) Participants reciting Quranic verse during the national celebration of Isra' Mikraj 1437 Hijrah rehearsal yesterday. Pictures: BT/Zaim Kasmat

# Isra' Mikraj 1437 celebration May 5

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THE national celebration of Isra' Mikraj 1437 Hijrah will take place on Thursday, May 5 at the Plenary Hall of the International Convention Centre (ICC), said the Ministry of Religious Affairs in a press statement yesterday.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Sembahyang Kunci Syurga" (loosely translated as 'Prayers, the key to heaven/paradise'). Present at the rehearsal was Chief of Adat Istiadat, Yang Amat Mulia Pg Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pg Anak Hj Abdul Aziz Pg Jaya Negara Pg Hj Abu Bakar.

Also present were Minister of Religious Affairs, Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Hj Awg Badaruddin Pengarah Dato Paduka Hj Awang Othman and Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs, Dato Paduka Hj Abdul Mokti Hj Mohd Daud. **The Brunei Times**



UNISSA's Deputy Rector, Dr Haji Mohammed Hussain Pehin Penyurat Hj Ahmad (3rd L) with the delegation from the Singapore Islamic Scholars and Religious Teachers Association (PERGAS). Picture: Courtesy of UNISSA

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UNIVERSITI Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) yesterday received a visit from the Singapore Islamic Scholars and Religious Teachers Association (PERGAS).

The visitors discussed the possibility of collaborating and expanding their student exchange programme.

The delegation comprising of three officers led by its president, Ustaz Mohammad Hasbi Hassan were welcomed by UNISSA's Deputy Rector, Dr Haji Mohammed Hussain Pehin Penyurat Hj Ahmad.

UNISSA's Head of Public Relation, Ustaz Hj Sammali Hj Adam said that the meeting between both Islamic institutions was aimed at briefing the Singaporeans about the academic programmes available in UNISSA.

"The association is interested to send their students to Brunei.

"They chose UNISSA because we offered an Islamic business programme.

"Not many Islamic universities in ASEAN countries provide Islamic business programmes. UNISSA is one of the universities that offer the programme," he said.

PERGAS is currently collaborating with the International Islamic University (UIA).

He said with the collaboration of both associations, UNISSA can expand their opportunity to get more academic institutions for students exchange programme.

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