

Malaysian delegation calls on UNISSA

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN

A DELEGATION from Islamic University Malaysia (UIM) visited Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) yesterday.

The visit follows the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by the institutions in May last year on collaborating in academic and non-academic programmes.

Welcoming the delegation was

Dr Hj Mohd Hussain Pehin Penurat Hj Ahmad in his capacity as the chairperson of the visit.

According to a statement by UNISSA, he hopes the visit's outcome will see collaboration and coordination of future programmes between the two institutes which will benefit both parties.

UIM's Professor Dr Mohamad Abdul Hamid, Dean of Academic and Industrial Relations, headed the delegation to Brunei. Accom-



UNISSA Rector Dr Hj Norarfan Hj Zainal (3rd L) and UIM's Professor Dr Mohamad Abdul Hamid, Dean of Academic and Industrial Relations (2nd L), pose for a group photo along with the UIM delegation and officers from UNISSA. Picture: Courtesy of UNISSA

panying him was Professor Dato Dr Noor Inayah Yaakub, Director of the Global Wisdom Academy.

The statement said the visit was aimed at coordinating plans for this year in detail, especially regarding academic activities and joint research between the two universities.

The visit also served as a me-

dium for continuing discussions of issues from previous meetings by UIM's president and UNISSA's rector.

Among the issues that were discussed previously was to form networking between the institutions specifically in the fields of Islamic Law, Islamic Finance and Comparative Heritage. Co-organising sem-

inars or conferences was also explored as future plans by UNISSA and UIM.

UNISSA Rector Dr Hj Norarfan Hj Zainal and UNISSA Assistant Rector Dr Arman Hj Asmad were also in attendance during the visit along with directors and officers of UNISSA. - Rosera Mohd

The Brunei Times

German ship visits Muara Port

BRUNEI-MUARA

GERMAN cruise ship the MS Hamburg yesterday became the seventh vessel to call at Muara Port this year, the Ports Department said in a press statement.

The vessel, which was carrying 308 passengers and 171 crew, brings the total number of passengers and crew visiting Muara Port to 9,262 and 4,255 respectively so

far this year.

The highest numbers recorded in the last five years were in 2015, with 23,540 passengers and 11,524 crew, according to the statement.

With maritime safety and security aspects remaining the main priorities, the Ports Department said it will continue efforts in negotiating with cruise owners and shipping agents to attract more cruise vessels to make frequent

calls at Muara Port.

With increasing numbers of vessels choosing Muara as one of their ports of call, the Ports Department is hopeful that this will also contribute to boosting tourism in the sultanate.

More cruise ships docking at Muara Port will result in a growing number of tourists in Brunei and provide opportunities for the local tourism industry to expand, said the statement.

The Ports Department also said it will continuously collaborate with the Brunei Tourism Board in promoting the country to attract more visitors from the region and around the world.

The 144.13m long vessel arrived at Muara Port at 9.00am yesterday from Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia and stayed for 7.5 hours



German cruise ship the MS Hamburg at Muara Port yesterday. The ship arrived from Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia and stayed for 7.5 hours. Picture: Courtesy of Ports Department

before departing for the Port of Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia.

Welcoming the maiden voyage yesterday was Ports Department

Officer Mohamad Razimi Hj Hamid who exchanged souvenirs with the Captain, Vorobyov Volodymyr.

- Rosera Mohd The Brunei Times

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Woman fined \$3,000 for drug use

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A LOCAL woman was fined \$3,000 yesterday after pleading guilty to two counts of consuming methylamphetamine.

Nurul Iffah Alya Nurana @ Nabilah Salim, 28, admitted to consuming the Class A drug on two separate occasions in January 2013 and April 2015 after being caught during raids by Narcotics

Control Bureau (NCB) officers.

The first incident took place in a car parked near the Kg Sabun government flats while the second incident occurred in a house in Kg Salambigar.

On both occasions, the defendant had urine samples taken by NCB officers which both tested positive for the drug, locally known as Syabu, upon analyses by the Department of Scientific Services.

During proceedings at the Ma-

gistrates' Court, the defendant pleaded for a lenient sentence and for any fine imposed to be as lenient an amount as possible.

The presiding Senior Magistrate, Lailatul Zubaidah Hj Mohd Hussain, subsequently sentenced the mother of four to a fine of \$1,500 for each charge or six months in prison should she fail to settle the fines. She was given a three-month grace period to pay up.

The Brunei Times

Bangladeshi jailed for attempted rape

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A BANGLADESHI man was sentenced to eight years and six months in prison and 12 lashes for attempted rape and causing hurt while attempting to commit rape.

During the proceedings yesterday before Chief Registrar Justice Pg Hjh Rostaina Pg Hj Duraman, the High Court found

33-year-old Shaidul Malik guilty after the trial had concluded.

The incident occurred on the morning of October 17, 2014 in the vicinity of the Snooker Hall alley of Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium in Berakas when the defendant attempted to rape a middle-aged woman who is a permanent resident.

The defendant was subsequently brought to court and

charged with the offences but maintained a not guilty plea, claiming it was the complainant who asked him to help her and that he fell down.

The minimum penalty that the defendant had faced for the offence under section 376(2) of the Penal Code, Chapter 22, was eight years' imprisonment and 12 lashes.

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