

Brunei urged to develop silica sand resources

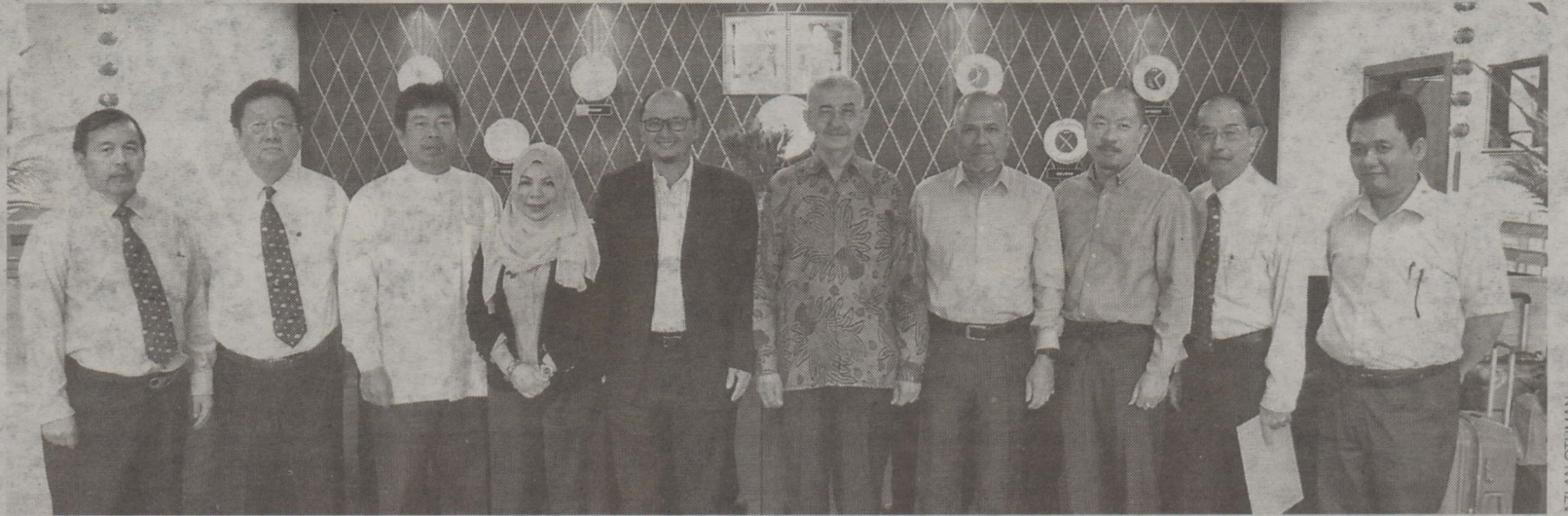
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BRUNEI Darussalam can tap into its rich silica sand reserves in the Tutong District to produce high-quality products, for example those of the pharmaceutical industry where their market potential is enormous.

Speaking in a meeting with the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Brunei Darussalam (NCCIBD) yesterday at the StarLodge Hotel during his visit to the country, President of the ASEAN Chamber of Commerce Dato Haji Moehamad Izat Emir, added that the other ASEAN member states share many similarities with Brunei, such as their economies.

Oil and gas for instance, he said, is managed differently in each of the countries, and the ASEAN member nations "should complement each other" in the management of the resources. "Rice is also a very important commodity in ASEAN and its export has to be done properly," Dato Haji Moehamad Izat Emir said.

The president, who has been with Malaysia's Malay Chamber for the past 17 years, added that the



President of ASEAN Chamber of Commerce, Dato Haji Moehamad Izat Emir (centre) with President of NCCIBD Haji Mohammad Hanafi bin Pehin Orang Kaya Digadong Seri Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Abdul Rahman in a group photo

ASEAN Chamber of Commerce will be staging the Digital ASEAN expo, and will be sharing what Brunei Darussalam has to offer to the rest of ASEAN.

Brunei Darussalam is the sixth country Dato Haji Moehamad Izat Emir has visited in ASEAN.

The meeting also saw the other participants, which included members of the Malay Chamber of Commerce (DPPMB) and Industry and Chinese Chamber of

Commerce Bandar Seri Begawan (CCC BSB), putting forth their suggestions on improving regional trade and sharing developments in the local commerce scene.

Vice President of the ASEAN Chamber of Commerce Dato' Sri Eryna binti Rashid suggested that there should be a special meeting between the ASEAN Chamber of Commerce and NCCIBD to discuss further areas of cooperation.

President of the NCCIBD for 2018-2021, Haji Mohammad Hanafi bin Pehin Orang Kaya Digadong Seri Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Abdul Rahman noted that the new office bearers for the NCCIBD and its organisational structure are only just being finalised.

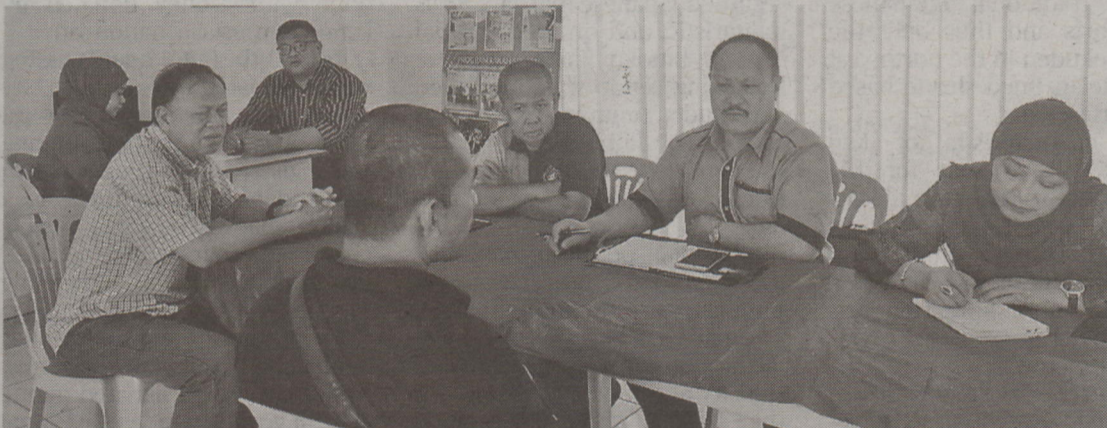
NCCIBD Vice-President Haji Abdul Saman bin Haji Ahmad called on the chamber to participate in the ASEAN digital forum to be held in Malaysia,

highlighting that subsequent Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) need to be signed between the NCCIBD and ASEAN Chamber of Commerce before any further ties in commerce and trade can be realised.

Vice President of the CCC BSBS David Lim on the other hand suggested for the NCCIBD to go on a familiarisation tour to Malaysia and to take advantage of China's One Belt, One Road initiative.

Former inmates attend session for guidance, job opportunities

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Former inmates being interviewed during the session

A FOLLOW-UP meeting was held at Sumbangsih Mulia last Saturday, for the participants of the former inmates (*Rakan Seliaan*) programme.

The meeting was attended by the committee members of Aftercare (PROTEM) Brunei Darussalam, with the cooperation of Reintegration Division of the Prisons Department and a strategic partner of Sumbangsih Mulia.

The event was intended as a

means of assisting former inmates to cope with the challenges that they face upon their release from prison.

The former inmates were also interviewed by committee members, in order for them to secure job opportunities suited to their skills and particular interests.

Also present during the meeting were Haji Mustapa bin Haji Masri, the committee chairman; Hajah Juhana binti Md Jaya, the deputy chairperson; and Haji Mahli bin Haji Hassan, the secretary.

Event aims to strengthen ties, promote healthy lifestyle

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UNIVERSITI Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) through its Student Affairs Section in collaboration with the Student Representative Council held a *UNISSAku Ceria* event recently.

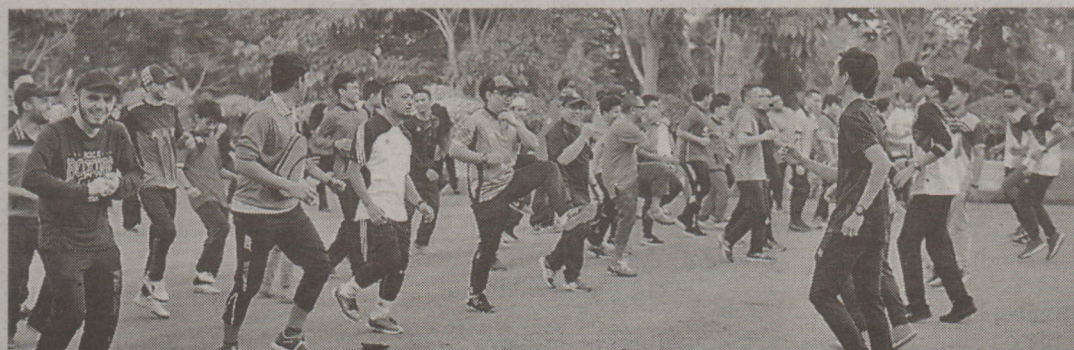
Prior to the activity, mass *Subuh* prayer was held at the Surau Al-Shafi'i of UNISSA, followed by a *Tazkirah Subuh* presented by iReady Religious Officer Ustaz Haji Mohammad Ali Taufiq bin Haji Abdul Rahman.

The *UNISSAku Ceria* event took place at Jalan Menteri Besar Recreational Park and saw the attendance of UNISSA Rector Dr Haji Norarfan bin Haji Zainal as the guest of honour.

The event began with the recitation of *Surah Al-Fatihah* led by Ahmad Shafiee bin Aim from the Religion and Spirituality Unit, before continuing with a warm-up session of aerobics conducted by the Sports and Logistics Unit.

The proceedings continued with mass walking and cycling activities, and also featured two special activities, namely an Amazing Race and *Riadah Santai*.

The aim of the event was to further build and strengthen the ties between students as well as to create awareness regarding the importance of looking after one's health by practising light exercise and activities.



Participants during the warm-up session

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