

BDMD holds third National Weather Briefing

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THE Brunei Darussalam Meteorological Department (BDMD) held its third National Weather Briefing of the year yesterday morning, following the previous one conducted in July.

Yesterday's briefing, held at the auditorium of the Information Department, was attended by 103 people comprising participants from government and private sector agencies as well as members of the public.

The briefing included the Brunei Darussalam Weather, Climate and Seasonal Outlook for the Inter-Monsoon Season (October, November and December) presented by BDMD Meteorologist Harnina binti Morani.

Also featured was a special session on the technology behind forecasting

facilitated by BDMD Meteorologist Marzeti binti Haji Mahadi. Other activities included a promotion and sale of BDMD's coffee-table book *Nubivagant with Wondrous Scenes of The Abode of Peace*, as well as a promotion of the department's Brunei WX mobile app which provides users with weather forecasts for Brunei Darussalam and weather reports from several local areas throughout the country.

The National Weather Briefing is one of the BDMD's and Ministry of Communications' initiatives to engage with different user groups such as safety and first responders, economy and industry groups, construction firms, insurance companies, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), as well as members of the mass media.

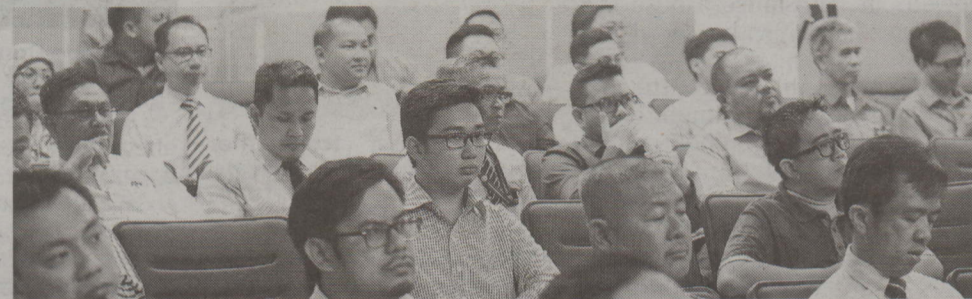
The briefing has seen a great turnout due to the department opening it up for

public participation for the very first time this year.

The briefing aims to provide opportunity for existing and new users of weather and climate information to interact directly with the BDMD and communicate their respective needs for information and services.



Brunei Darussalam Meteorological Department (BDMD) Meteorologist Marzeti binti Haji Mahadi explains the Methodology of Forecasting at the third National Weather Briefing

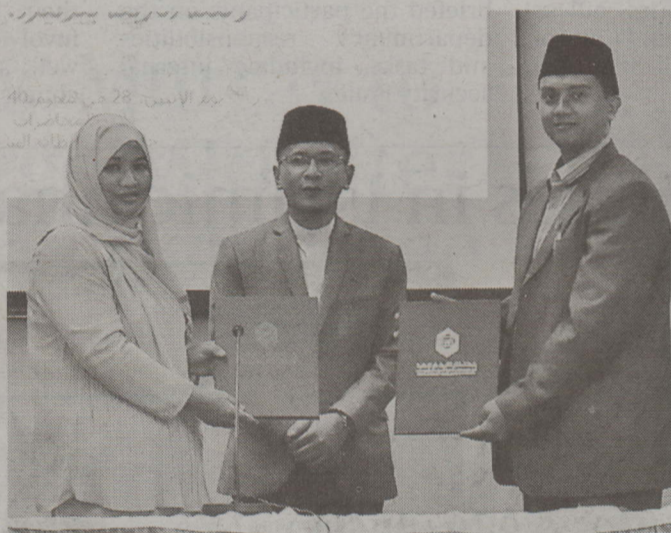


Attendees at the briefing

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UNISSA inks agreement with Indonesian university

Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) Acting Rector and guest of honour Dr Arman bin Haji Asmad with UNISSA Arabic Language Faculty Dean Dr Siti Sara binti Haji Ahmad and Universitas Islam Darussalam (UNIDA) Gontor Dean Dr Imam Bahroni during the Memorandum of Agreement signing



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THE Faculty of Arabic Language at Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) organised a collaborative programme with Fakultas Tarbiyah at Universitas Islam Darussalam (UNIDA) Gontor, Indonesia.

Among the programme included an Arabic book reading competition and exploration between the UNISSA students and the visiting UNIDA delegation comprising 30 students.

Yesterday, a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed between the two universities.

UNISSA Acting Rector Dr Arman bin Haji Asmad witnessed the MoA signing

as the guest of honour. He also presented appreciation prizes to the Arabic book reading competition winners.

On hand to sign the MoA on behalf of UNISSA was Arabic Language Faculty Dean Dr Siti Sara binti Haji Ahmad while UNIDA was represented by its Dean Dr Imam Bahroni.

Dr Siti Sara in her welcoming remarks said she hope the MoA signing between the two universities will further enhance cooperation in respective fields.

She added that both universities will support and assist each other, especially through language skills development activities such as holding Arabic Language camps.

Height limit barrier in Jalan Serasa

| ROKIAH MAHMUD |

A 2.5-METRE height limit barrier is to be installed in Jalan Serasa near the Jalan Perusahaan Serasa junction starting on October 15, according to the Brunei National Road Safety Council via the Public Works Department (JKR) at the Ministry of Development in a press statement yesterday.

The installation of the 2.5-metre height limit barrier is intended to reduce the number of heavy vehicles using Jalan Serasa and diverting them to Jalan Perusahaan Serasa.

According to the related enforcement agencies, there is an increase number of heavy vehicles commuting through Jalan Serasa which does not comply with the

specific load limit. The press statement added that the installation is hoped to reduce the frequency of the road damage prior to the commencement of upgrading works on Jalan Serasa that will take place by the end of the year.

The JKR reminded all heavy vehicles operator to use alternative roads and be on alert, while at the same time comply with the specific load limit that has been stated and follow road signs to avoid untoward incidents.

The public can reach the department through the Darussalam line 123, LiveChat (+6738333123), Facebook (Public Works Department, Brunei Darussalam) or email (pro@pwd.gov.bn) to file complaints.

Short-circuited washing machine causes fire

| DANIEL LIM |

A FAULT in a washing machine's circuit board is believed to have caused a fire at a house in Kampong Tunggulian, Sungai Liang last Friday.

The fire caused damages around BND300.

The Fire and Rescue Department (FRD), Operation Branch 'B', Kuala Belait upon receiving an emergency call dispatched eight Sungai Liang Fire Station firefighter crew members led by Acting DSO Haslan bin Osman to the area at 8.32am.

Upon arrival, they found the fire was

caused by an automatic washing machine in the house and had been extinguished by the occupants.

The fire fighting crew opened the bathroom's windows to let out the smoke from the fire. All five occupants of the house along with the owner, a female local citizen, were unharmed.

The FRD reminded the public to ensure that their electrical appliances usage does not exceed the limits of the outlets, switch off any electrical appliances whenever not in use and ensure the electric outlets are in good condition and follows the specifications set by the Department of Electrical Services.

Crime prevention patrols held in Brunei-Muara, Kuala Belait

| ABDUL HAKIIM YAKOF |

THE Royal Brunei Police Force (RBPF) through the Central Police Station carried out a crime prevention patrol with the Kampong Belimbing, Mukim Kota Batu Neighbourhood Watch group on Saturday.

Central Police Station Assistant Officer-in-Charge Assistant Superintendent Mohammad Alif bin Haji Musa led the patrol with seven officers from the station.

Also present were Village Head of Kampong Belimbing Haji Gapor @ Haji Mohd Daud bin Karim and four Kampong Belimbing Neighbourhood Watch members.

The group patrolled areas around Simpang 674, Simpang 527 and the Tasik Sarubing Recreational Park stalls.

Another similar patrol was held in Kuala Belait by the Kuala Belait Police Station and Kampong Sungai Teraban, Belait Neighbourhood Watch members.

The patrol started from the Kampong Sungai Teraban Community Hall to the Rasau area.

No incident of suspicious crime was found during the two patrols.

The RBPF called upon the public to report any suspicious activity by calling the 993 hotline or report directly to the nearest police station towards together maintaining peace and security.



A crime prevention patrol being carried out

RBPF