

MCYS provides funding for aspiring youth entrepreneurs

| ISHAN IBRAHIM |

THE Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd Yussof, recently hosted a gathering for five recipients of the Best Trainee Award under the Youth Development Programme.

The recipients were Siti Musfirazatul @ Musfira binti Mohammad, Ilyas bin Abdul Wahab, Za'im Arif bin Haji Zamain, Mohd Yudhy @ Danny bin Haji Jumat and Nur Afnizan Nazurah binti Anizam.

During the meeting, the minister told the youths that funding will be made available, in the form of microgrants, to former trainees at the Youth Development Centre (PPB) who wish to start their own businesses.

He also informed them that the City and Guilds Certificate is the best validation of their respective

courses at PPB.

"The Youth Development Centre will also work closely with employers in industrial training, to increase the employability of former trainees," he said.

"In the implementation of the 4K tasks - namely Culture, Youth, Sports and Community - the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports (MCYS) is working to enhance human resources."

At the same time, the ministry is generating opportunities for all Brunei citizens and residents, including special needs people, to achieve a high level of development given their respective potential, ability and competitiveness for optimal developments.

PPB was set up in May 1996 to offer various training programmes for underprivileged youths, as well as to provide them with valuable life skills.



Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd Yussof, with the Best Trainee Award recipients

Halal practices upheld at 9th International Islamic Borneo Conference



Paper presenters from the Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali and Universiti Teknologi Mara Sarawak at the recent 9th International Islamic Borneo Conference held in Banjarmasin, Indonesia

| AZLAN OTHMAN |

MUSLIMS in Borneo should continue to be aware of what is lawful (Halal) and forbidden (Haram) under Islamic dietary laws, said Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Dr Haji Mohammad bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman, the former Minister of Religious Affairs, in a keynote address at the recent 9th International Islamic Borneo Conference (KAIB) that was held in Banjarmasin, Indonesia.

The former minister also emphasised Brunei's adherence to its Malay Islamic Monarchy (MIB) philosophy through the advancements of religious education, charity, Halal food and Islamic finance.

The two-day conference, which ended on Wednesday, was organised by the University of Lambung Mangkurat (ULM) in Banjarmasin, Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) in Sarawak,

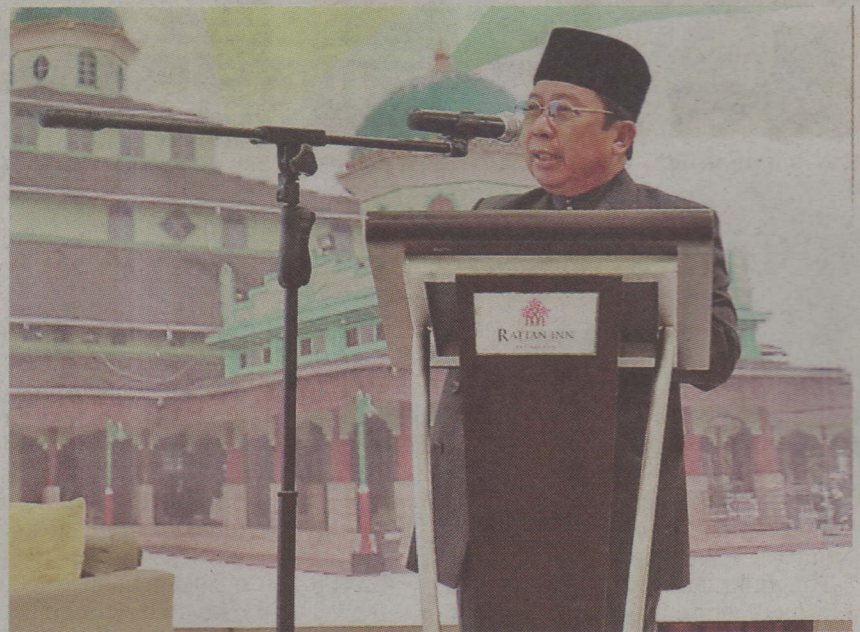
Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) in Sabah, Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), the Religious Teachers University College of Seri Begawan (KUPU SB) and University of Samarinda (UNMUL) in East Kalimantan.

A total of 76 papers were presented during the seminar, which provided a forum for discussions on dietary laws as well as other Islamic issues in Borneo.

Representing UNISSA was Dr Arman bin Haji Asmad, the Assistant Rector, while KUPU SB was represented by Dr Abang Haji Hadzmin bin Abang Haji Taha, the Acting Deputy Ra'es.

A resolution was also issued, emphasising Borneo as an ideal place for Islamic brotherhood (Ukhuwwah Islamiyya), education and economics.

The 10th conference will take place next year at the University of Mulawarman in East Kalimantan, Indonesia.



Former Minister of Religious Affairs, Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Dr Haji Mohammad bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman, delivers his keynote address



Presenters from the Religious Teachers University College of Seri Begawan

PHOTOS: AZLAN OTHMAN

Driver of Brunei car dies in Limbang accident

| JAMES KON |

THE male driver of a Brunei-registered car died of his injuries following an accident yesterday evening in Limbang.

According to a report, the accident took place around 6.15pm and fire fighters from Limbang rushed to the scene of the accident that involved the Brunei-registered car and a

4x4 vehicle.

Beside the deceased, the Brunei-registered car was carrying a female passenger in front and a child in the rear seat.

The child was trapped and the firefighters had to use rescue equipment to free the child.

The three victims (an adult and two children) in the 4x4 vehicle were injured and taken to hospital.