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## BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

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*His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam presents the honorary Doctor of Letters degree to the Minister of Education, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Aziz in recognition of his contribution to the development of education and in other fields.*

will be lack of ideas and vision in carrying out their goals, the monarch added.

But even though we are bounded by the needs of era and country, we should also take seriously our values which we are proud of all these whiles and make

them the basis for all our achievements, said His Majesty.

The monarch stressed that this should not be ignored, because if we fail to strengthen these values, new cultures which are contradictory to the teachings of Islam may take root.

### NOBLE VALUES AS PREREQUISITE OF ALL ACHIEVEMENTS

**H**is Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has been speaking on the important role of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) in enhancing noble virtues which are a prerequisite towards all achievements, including in the academic field, besides its role of fulfilling the country's needs.

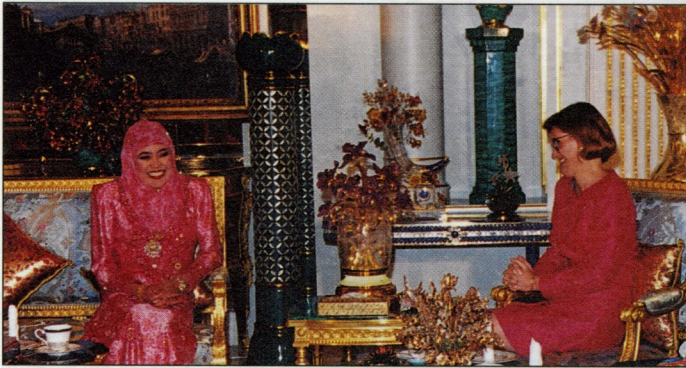
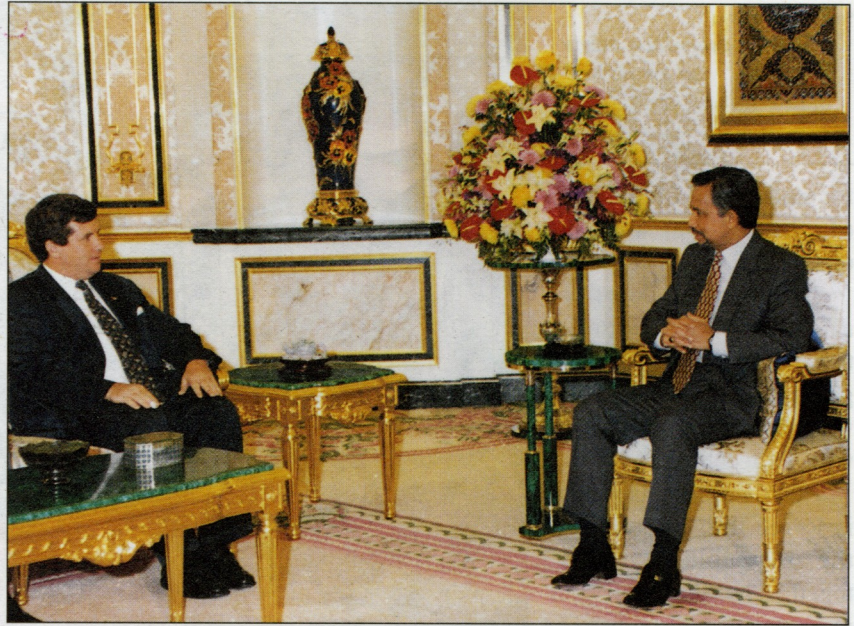
The monarch pointed that as a place of producing academicians, the university should consider the country's aspiration and the age we live in.

All countries need educated people in order to achieve their visions, for without them, a country

In order to build a civilisation for the future, it is, therefore, important for us to instil Islamic values by giving priority to the

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*His Majesty and the Chief Minister of Australia's Northern Territory, The Hon. Mr. Shane Stone in discussion when the latter had an audience with the ruler at Istana Nurul Iman. In the meantime, Her Majesty The Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajjah Saleha, below left, and Her Royal Highness The Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Mariam, below right, granted separate audiences to Mrs. Josephine Stone at Istana Nurul Iman and Istana Nurul Izzah respectively.*



## Another boost for Brunei Darussalam-Australia relations

**T**he existing relations between Brunei Darussalam and Australia were stepped up further recently with the visit of the Chief Minister of Australia's Northern Territory, The Honourable Mr. Shane Stone.

During the two-day working visit, commencing 19 October, the minister was granted an audience at Istana Nurul Iman by His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

He also had an audience with the Foreign Affairs Minister, His

Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah at the Balai Penghadapan, Bukit Kayangan near the capital, Bandar Seri Begawan.

During the audience with the Foreign Affairs Minister, the visiting Australian minister was accompanied by the Director of the Paspaley Group of Companies, Mr. Nick Paspaley. Their discussions focussed on matters of mutual interest to the two countries, as well as on Australia's involvement in the Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines-East ASEAN Growth Area or BIMPEAGA.

Brunei Darussalam is currently

the country-coordinator of the ASEAN-Australia dialogue on a three-year tenure.

In June this year, the Sultanate hosted the 17th ASEAN-Australia Forum - during which the head of the Australian delegation emphasised that the Australian government placed high priority towards maintaining close relationship with its ASEAN neighbours, and noted that Australia's interest in doing business with ASEAN was evident in the strong private sector participation at the forum.