

Brunei Darussalam National Day Special

Friendly partners in tourism, economic development

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DARUSSALAM

On the auspicious occasion of the 35th National Day of Brunei Darussalam, I would like to convey the warm greetings and best wishes of the government of His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan and Yang di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, and the people of Brunei Darussalam to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, members of the Imperial family and to the government and people of Japan.

This year, Brunei Darussalam has adopted the theme *Menjayakan Wawasan Negara*, Accomplishing the National Vision, for our National Day. The theme demonstrates our efforts toward realizing the *Wawasan Brunei 2035* strategy, which envisions a well-educated and



oil and gas sectors, the development of small- and medium-sized enterprises, as well as attracting large-scale foreign direct investments.

Japan is Brunei Darussalam's largest trading partner and plays an important role in our country's economic development. Therefore, we are committed to providing a stable and reliable supply of liquefied natural gas to Japan for many years to come. We are also proud to contribute to Japan's hosting of the Summer

highly skilled population, improved quality of life and a dynamic and sustainable economy. At the same time, we also aim to diversify its economy through the expansion of non-

Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2020 through our supply of hydrogen fuel for the Hydrogen Supply Chain Demonstration Project.

We are also happy to see the resumption of direct flights between Bandar Seri Begawan and Tokyo beginning on March 15. We believe that this will help tap the potential in tourism cooperation between our two countries and we look forward to

welcoming more Japanese tourists to Brunei Darussalam.

Japan has been an influential leader in the region in regards to the promotion of exchanges through education and youth programs. Japan has developed a number of successful programs that Brunei Darussalam and other countries have greatly benefited from. We are confident that through such exchanges, this will contribute to a

greater understanding between our two countries, as well as cultivate the friendship that has long been shared by our people.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Japan-Brunei Parliamentarians' Friendship League and Toshihiro Nikai, its chairman and secretary-general of the Liberal Democratic Party, the Japan-Brunei Friendship Association, the Kyushu-Brunei Club and the

ASEAN-Japan Centre for their continued efforts toward strengthening the close ties between Brunei Darussalam and Japan.

Lastly, I would like to extend my appreciation to The Japan Times for giving me this opportunity to say a few words and also to the sponsors for their generosity. Looking ahead, we hope for the continued strong partnership between our two countries.

Direct flights launched in hopes of deepening amicable relations

MICHIAKI HIROSE
CHAIRMAN, JAPAN-BRUNEI FRIENDSHIP
ASSOCIATION



On behalf of the Japan-Brunei Friendship Association (JBFA), I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah and the people of Brunei

Darussalam on the auspicious occasion of their 35th National Day. I would also like to express my deepest appreciation for the sultanate's long-standing and stable supply of energy to our country.

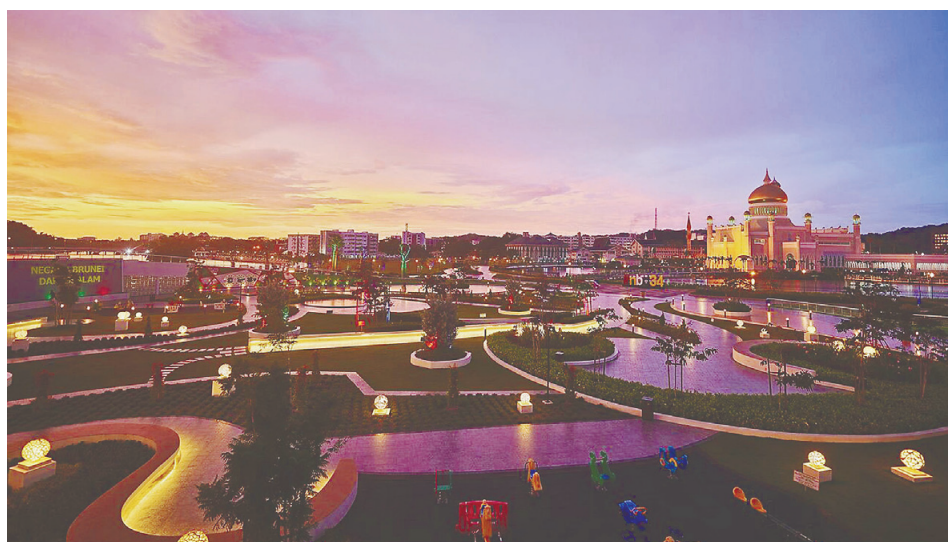
I believe that the good relationship between your esteemed country of Brunei and Japan will be further deepened in the future.

As for the latest news, Royal Brunei Airlines announced that they will launch direct flights to Narita Airport starting from March 15.

This will enable a seamless travel experience between Brunei and Japan. JBFA sincerely hopes for an increase in the number of Japanese people who visit and are enchanted by the beauty of Kampong Ayer — one of the world's largest "water villages" — as well as the Ulu Temburong National Park, mosques, beaches and diving spots.

The JBFA remains strongly committed to the effort of fostering amicable ties through various activities.

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The Eco-Corridor Park in Bandar Seri Begawan was inaugurated in October 2017 in conjunction with the Golden Jubilee Celebration of His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan and Yang di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam. EMBASSY OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Congratulations

to the People of

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as They Celebrate

Their 35th National Day

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