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1. The Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry Primary Resources and Tourism cum Secretary of the Brunei Tourism Board, Yang Mulia Awang Wardi bin Haji Mohammad Ali briefed the Penghulu, Head of Villages and media on the Brunei December Festival 2019 at the Press Conference today at the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism. Representatives from the Department of Mosque Affairs, Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports also briefed the media on other activities that will be held during the Brunei December Festival 2019.
2. Representative from Royal Brunei Airlines; Representative from Association of Travel Agents Brunei; and President of Brunei Association of Hotels also briefed their attractive offers in support of the Brunei December Festival 2019.
3. Also present at the event were State Legislative Council Members (refer to attached).
4. This year, marks the 3rd year of organizing the Brunei December Festival, a festival initiated by the Brunei Tourism Board with the collaboration by several stakeholders as strategic partners; promising many exciting events and activities organized by various event managers to be held during the month of December. Last year, the event attracted more than 173,000 visitors both locally and internationally, with a total of 60 events held throughout the country.
5. This year, there are over 40 events that will be held throughout the whole month of December. Some of the events are new, whilst others are those which are already established and returning for the 3rd year.

6. The festival will feature:

I. Food Festival

To experience the wealth gastronomy and talented bakers in Brunei, such as:

- The Big Bake Sale
An event for all bakers to showcase different baked goods and baking demonstration.
- Pakistani Cuisine
Taste the uniqueness in flavor from the different regions of Pakistan, infused with herbs and spices from kabuli palaw to mutton karahi.
- International Food Fair with IWC Brunei
International Women's Club Brunei Darussalam and Big BWN Project get together and showcase food and delicacies from around the world under one roof.
- French Baking Contest
A baking contest that require participants to produce a full French menu on the spot within a five-hour time frame including shopping for the ingredients.
- Startup Weekend Brunei Entrepreneur
This event is for aspiring entrepreneurs who are eager to launch a business in the FB industry. Participants are encouraged to incorporate technology and innovation within 54 hours.

II. Islamic Festival

To celebrate the beauty and the arts and culture of Islam, such as:

- Muslim Youth Camp
Strengthen your deen by joining the weekend Muslim Youth Camp activities designed especially for the local and international youths.
- Brunei International Islamic Festival 2.0
An exhibition of Rasulullah S.A.W and his companions. There will be an exhibition on relics and treasures from their period and a 3D audio visual display presentation of the life of Rasulullah S.A.W.

III. Sports and Adventure

Features a variety of sports and adventure race and competition, such as:

- Brunei Bird Race Series, Batang Duri Edition
The event aims to attract tourists and budding bird watchers to join the race to see who gets the most bird species seen, listed and photographed.
- Brunei-E Sport Tournament
The Brunei E-Sports Tournament (BES+ for short) brings together Bruneian best gamers in a dazzling exhibition of skill and fun, as players and fans gather to honour competitive spirit in an open format and determine a champion.

- 2nd Brunei Off-Road Challenge 2019
Off-road enthusiasts can demonstrate their off-road skill in this challenge, not limited to driving through natural terrains, sand gravel and riverbeds.
- Alpha Challenge 2019
The obstacle challenge race aims to challenge the participants, both intellectually and physically, with obstacles resembling a military training in the jungle.
- 2nd Shitokai Brunei Karate Open Championship 2019
SHITOKAI Open Championship is a major platform for all karate federations in Southeast Asia to interact and foster friendships with each other. SHITOKAI Open Championship is not only to give athletes opportunities to exchange and strengthen the friendships with the attendants from many countries but also knowledge and skills in karate will be further improved.
- ASEAN Traditional Archery Competition 2019
The competition is done to raise awareness on archery as a sporting event while attracting the locals and tourists to try their hands at shooting for the bull's eye.
- 2nd Open Brunei Double Dart Event 2019
The event will bring dart players from neighbouring countries to compete and introducing them to see what else Brunei has to offer.
- BWN Arena 2019
A gathering that involves the different forms of martial arts and some of the most popular sports in Brunei such as boot camp, basketball, futsal, kickboxing and lots more.
- BUKUM
A 24-hour ultramarathon run for runners who wants to tackle this ultimate challenge.
- Jungle Quest
This event welcomes 4WD enthusiasts, nature lovers and thrill seekers for A 5 days 4 nights expedition to be held in Tutong.
- Ground Zero
This event is the finale of the Battle Royale: Season 1, and will include inter-club competitions, headliner bouts, vendors and live performances.

IV. Culture and Creative Arts

A mix of culture and creative events for people of all ages and interests, such as:

- Art Exhibition Titled “The School of Paris between Montmatre and Montparnasse and the Current European Artists”

The art exhibition is to commemorate the demise of Amedeo Modigliano and his parter, Jeanne Hebuterne covering the European art world of the 20th century.

- Pusat Ehsan Musical Charity Event
Pusat Ehsan is organizing a musical event to celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities with members of the public at this charity event.
- Art and Culture Show organized by the High Commission for the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
A showcase that will exhibits the art and culture of Pakistan, including Islamic calligraphy, the beautiful landscapes and culture items the country has to offer.
- Brunei Film Blitz 2019
Brunei Film Blitz aims to engage production houses, freelance filmmakers and students from Higher Learning Institutions to promote the film community togetherness with the film showcase, and to nurture the skills of Bruneian filmmakers to explore the various ways of storytelling through series of workshops and master classes throughout the showcases.
- Seed 10 Phantom
The 10th anniversary play by Seeds Brunei will feature Phantom, a play inspired by the famous musical, The Phantom of the Opera.
- Music Festival and Stardom Quest Season 4
The competition provides a platform for youth to showcase their talents as well as promoting the local music industry.
- Jerudong Park Flora Festival & Brunei Popular Landmarks
Jerudong Park Playground will have displays of floral structure and popular landmarks in the country to create awareness of the nature and beauty that Brunei has to offer.
- REKA – Culture and Arts
A festival incorporating the different elements of Bruneian culture and arts, including traditional kite making and jongsarat weaving demonstrations.

V. Recreation and Shopping

Features a variety of exciting recreation and sales events and activities, such as:

- 1st Brunei Coding Conquest 2019
The first Brunei Coding Conquest provides a meeting place for open-minded tech talents to fully exploit their programming skills and resolve challenges.
- The Great Circus with Lighting Show
The Great Circus is coming to Brunei for the first time, featuring amazing shows that will keep spectators at the edge of their seats as well as lighting show.

- Jerudong Park Mega Fun Family Carnival 2019
The carnival show is filled with various activities such as lucky draws, charity events, human shadow theatre and dance performances with a carnival theme.
 - YES Letop
This event will be held in preparation of coming Back to School and will include exciting activities such as Youth Entrepreneurship sales. This event is perfect for everyone of all ages.
 - Brunei Kustom Show
A car meet-up event where hundreds of car enthusiasts display their cars, ranging from classic and vintage models to the latest cutting-edge models.
 - Lumut Liang Recreational Club Fun Carnival
A carnival featuring fun activities around the waterpark as well as futsal games, dart and billiard tournaments.
 - The Big Car Boot Sale
One of the biggest car boot sales organized where one person's junk might be another's treasure.
 - Capital Bike Week 2019
The gathering not only enhances friendship amongst two-wheel lovers but also as a tourist attraction event.
 - 16th Mini Carnival 2019
In conjunction with the year-end school holidays, Times Square will be organizing a mini carnival filled with games and competitions that will attract children and people of all ages.
 - Charity Fruit and Food Fest 2019
Different varieties of local fruit and food as well as those from neighboring countries are available at the Fruit Festival.
7. The Brunei December Festival will have events and activities that are suitable for people of all ages; attract local residents to travel within the country; stimulate the growth of domestic tourism as well for international visitors to choose Brunei as one of their preferred holiday destinations.
 8. The Brunei December Festival is also organized to coincide with the annual Brunei Salebration to encourage local residents to spend in the country which will spur the domestic economy and increase business opportunities for SMEs.
 9. The list of the events will be available at Brunei Tourism website buneitourism.com and www.brunei.events.

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LISIT OF STATE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Yang Berhormat,
Pehin Orang Kaya Pendikar Alam Dato Paduka Seri Setia
Awang Haji Hasrin bin Dato Paduka Awang Haji Sabtu
2. Yang Berhormat,
Pehin Orang Kaya Putera Maharaja Dato Paduka Awang Haji Abdul Ghani bin Pehin
Datu Pekerma Dewa Dato Paduka Awang Haji Abdul Rahim
3. Yang Berhormat
Awang Haji Mohimin bin Haji Johari @ Jahari
Ketua Kampung Limau Manis