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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 media on the Brunei December Festival 2018 at the Press Conference today at Times Square Shopping Centre. Representatives from the Ministry of Home Affairs; Ministry of Religious Affairs; the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports; and the Ministry of Communications also briefed the media on other activities that will be held during the Brunei December Festival 2018.
2. President of Travel Agents Brunei; President of Brunei Association of Hotel; AND Executive Director of Times Square Group of Companies also briefed their attractive offers in support of the Brunei December Festival 2018. A representative from Mix Mediaworx also inform on a magazine that will be launch soon that contain of all the latest events happening in Brunei.
3. This year, marks the second 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 40,000 visitors both locally and internationally, with a total of 40 events held in all 4 districts.
4. This year, there are over 45 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 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
5. The festival will feature:
  - I. Food Festival  
 To experience the wealth gastronomy in Brunei, such as:
    - The Big Bake Sale  
*An event for all bakers to showcase different baked goods and sell the products, including live baking classes, ice cream making classes and demonstration.*

- Seafood Saturday  
*A night highlighting only seafood dishes to be introduced by local vendors.*
- Taste of Canada  
*Celebrating Canada's food and food culture, guests will enjoy culinary experiences of Canada through foods unique to Canada, such as poutine, butter tarts and amazing seafood from both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.*

II. Islamic Festival

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

- World Nasyeed Festival  
*World Nasyeed Festival is an event where nasyid competition involving several countries from around the world are invited to join. The event was held for the first time in Brunei to bring together groups from different countries.*
- Muslim Youth Camp  
*Strengthen your deen by joining the weekend Muslim Youth Camp activities designed especially for the local and international youths. This 3 Days and 2 Nights camp will be focused mainly at selected mosques around Brunei with activities organized such as courses to improve the Islamic understanding amongst the youths, motivational lectures such as Kuliah Subuh, collective dikir such as Ratib al Attas, cleaning campaign, team building, outdoor activities and local events.*

III. Sports and Adventure

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

- Brunei BIMP-EAGA Games 2018  
*The 10<sup>th</sup> BIMP-EAGA Friendship Games, Brunei Darussalam 2018 organized by the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports. Sport events will include Aquatic, Athletic, Lawn Bowls, Pencak Silat, Karatedo, Taekwondo, Sepak Takraw and Wushu.*
- Brunei-E Sport Tournament  
*The Brunei E-Sports Tournament (BES+ for short) represents the largest e-sport event in Brunei Darussalam. BES+ 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.*
- Brunei Darussalam Shitokai Open Championship 2018  
*SHITOKAI Open Championship will be the major platform for all karate federations in south east Asia to interact and foster our friendships with each other. SHITOKAI Open Championship is not*

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*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.*

- 3rd Green Jewel Night Run  
*"The Green Jewel Night Run" is a night run and is one of the major projects planned by Persatuan CARE (Challenge, Adventure, Recreation and Educate) annually. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Night Run held this year. The uniqueness of the run is that it is carried out at night in the Temburong District known as 'The Green Jewel of Brunei', in a village atmosphere that has fresh and green air. The run will go through several villages in hilly paths that will challenge the endurance of the participants.*
- Brunei Water Festival  
*The concepts of this event is a pop up playground which caters to different ages of people in Brunei. Playground will be filled with longest water slid, carnival games, food and drink vendors.*
- World Traditional Archery Competition  
*The competition is done to raise awareness on archery as a sporting event while attracting the locals and foreigners to adapt the Sunnah of the Prophet.*

#### IV. Culture and Creative Arts

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

- Film Blitz  
*The festival aims to engage production houses, freelance filmmakers and students from Higher Learning Institutions to promote the film community togetherness with the film showcase, we aim to nurture the skills of our Bruneian filmmakers to explore the various ways of storytelling through series of workshops and master classes throughout the showcases.*
- Art Exhibition Titled "Kasih Raja Kepada Rakyat"  
*This is an exhibition to be held in December in conjunction with His Majesty 73rd birthday and Brunei's December Festival. The theme of the exhibition is titled 'Kasih Raja Kepada Rakyat', depicting the special and symbiotic relationship between His Majesty and his subjects.*
- RGC Floral Festival  
*The Floral Festival brings together a display of beautiful and colorful floral design at the Rimba Garden Central.*

#### V. Recreation and Sales

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

- YES Letop  
*This event will be held in preparation of coming Back to School and will include exciting activities such as Youth Entrepreneurship sales, competition for kids and youth and also a charity program. This event is perfect for everyone of all ages.*
  - Brunei Salebration  
*Good news for shopaholics; every store nationwide offers attractive promotion and discount for this celebration. Variety of products on sales from food to apparels. So, wait no more and shop all you want.*
  - Photography Competition  
*Photography competition is a platform for photography enthusiasts and professional to showcase their artistic work and talent.*
6. 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.
  7. 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.
  8. The list of the events will also be available at [www.brunei.events](http://www.brunei.events).

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