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TAMAN HAJI SIR MUDA OMAR 'ALI SAIFUDDIEN

2nd DECEMBER 2018, SUNDAY

1. Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien in Bandar Seri Begawan was filled with colours and excitement, as thousands of people gathered today Sunday 2nd December 2018 to witness the launching of the 2nd Brunei December Festival and Cycling Expedition.
2. His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, officiated the start of the 2nd Brunei December Festival. The event is organized for the second year by the Brunei Tourism Board with the cooperation of various ministries namely the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Ministry of Health, Minister of Religious Affairs and Ministry of Communications as well as Foreign missions here in Brunei, Strategic Partners and Event Organizers with the aim to create a signature event to make

Brunei Darussalam an attractive holiday destination for both the locals and tourist to enjoy as well as to spur economic activity in the country.

3. His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam led cyclists of the special 11.5km cycling route that passed through the main roads of Bandar Seri Begawan. Upon arrival, His Majesty and members of the royal family were welcomed by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali bin Apong, the Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism who is also the chairman of the Brunei Tourism Board, with other cabinet ministers.
4. Also attending the launching ceremony and taking part in the 11.5km route segment which began and ended at the Taman were His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Wakeel and Her Royal Highness Princess Ameerah Wardatul Bolkiah.
5. His Majesty and members of the royal family then proceeded to tour the exhibitions and activities set up by event organizers of the Brunei December Festival as well as strategic partners which included the display of the 700-foot-long braided rice (*Jalinan Kelupis Terpanjang*), drone performance, karate-do and an arm wrestling demonstration among others.
6. In 2017, there were 40 events organized during the 1st Brunei December Festival which attracted over 90,000 visitors.
7. This year there are 60 events lined up for the Brunei December Festival which range from Food Festivals, Islamic Festival, Culture and Creative Arts, Recreation and Shopping as well as Sports and Adventure events. Some of the new events to be highlighted this year are the 1st Brunei Open Dart Competition, Shitokai Brunei Darussalam Open Karate Do Championship, Open Radio-Controlled

Powerboat Race, Brunei Unexpected Kingdom Ultra Marathon and the art painting exhibition entitled 'Raja Julangan Kasih Rakyat' that will be held for 1 month at the Waterfront Art Gallery. There were other events to be held at other districts such as the 3rd Green jewel Night Run in Temburong, Brunei Mountain Bike Challenge Temburong Chapter, White Sand Safari Adventure in Tutong, Brunei Rhythm Fest in Belait.

8. Over 400 volunteers from the four districts also took part in assisting the festival's activities.