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MINI enthusiasts join exciting driving event

| IZAH AZAHARI |

QAF Auto, the sole importer and distributor of MINI vehicles in Brunei, yesterday kicked off the MINI Driving Event for the second consecutive year.

The two-day event was officiated by the guest of honour British High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam Richard Lindsay.

Also present was Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Wadood Bolkihah bin Pengiran Lela Cheteria Sahibun Najabah Pengiran Anak Haji Abdul Aziz as special guest as well as QAF Group Chief Executive Officer Albert Lau.

Over 80 MINI enthusiasts are taking part in the two-day event to experience the low centre of gravity, high rpm, go-kart feeling of the latest MINI Hatch models.

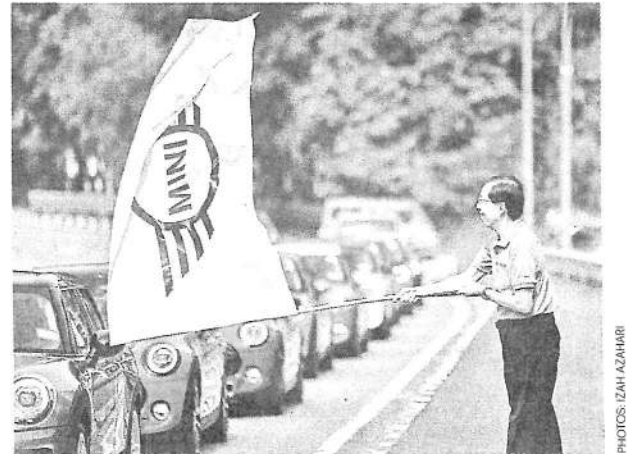
During the event, participants experienced three different activities such as the hand brake parking, double lane change and a gymkhana/cor park rally where they were timed.

Under the guidance of Certified Advance, Intensive and Mottorad Instructor by the BMW Driving Experience and International Instructors Academy Wong Kah Keen, participants will be shown how they can get the most safety, performance and driving fun from a MINI. The better you know your MINI, the more fun you will have.

According to the General Manager of QAF Auto Sivakumar Krishnan, MINI's passion in providing their customers with unforgettable moments and experience continues from last week's BMW Xdrive Experience.

"We hear our customers and the public request on our Driving Experience and here we are back again this year," said the general manager.

Krishnan also thanked all participants for the support and assured them that MINI will continue to provide vehicles geared with lasting heritage, individualistic spirit and lifestyle to look forward in the future.



QAF Group Chief Executive Officer Albert Lau flags off the MINI Driving Event

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Local SMEs showcased at BIBDSEED Marketplace

| AZIZ IDRIS |

MORE than 20 local small and medium enterprises (SMEs) are showing their products at the second instalment of Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam's (BIBD) SEED (BIBDSEED) Marketplace at BIBD Connects Taman Mahkota Jubli Emas until August 11.

Present to launch the event with a ribbon-cutting ceremony was BIBD Deputy Managing Director Hajah Noraini binti Haji Sulaiman.

Among the vendors include 10 participants of the current Cohort Two of the BIBDSEED programme who debut their products at the market.

The BIBD Connects Marketplace is part of BIBD's corporate social responsibility (CSR) to promote local SMEs, directly improving their capabilities to become more robust and sustainable.

During the launch, the current BIBDSEED participants also received certificates for completing Phase Three of the BIBDSEED programme - Product Incubator. BIBD Deputy Managing Director also handed over certificates to the recipients.

The pop-up market also showcased products

and services from five participants of the Youth Development Centre's (PPB) Lights On Programme as part of their Marketplace training phase.

In continuing to step up efforts of promoting cashless payment solutions in Brunei, BIBD is also encouraging the usage of its digital payment solution, the BIBD QuickPay, which is being made available to provide flexibility and convenience to business owners and customers.

"The event is not only helping to connect businesses and the community together but is also providing first-hand and real-life entrepreneurship experiences to our BIBDSEED and PPB Lights On participants.

"This reflects our commitment to create and sustain a positive impact on Brunei Darussalam's economy through the community - the general consumers and public as well as entrepreneurs," said BIBD Head of Government Relations and Special Projects Haji Mohammad Yusri bin Haji Wahsalfelah.

The event is the second of its kind organised by the bank after the first one held in BIBD Connects Lambak Kanan last December.



Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam Deputy Managing Director Hajah Noraini binti Haji Sulaiman cuts a ribbon to launch the event

AZIZ IDRIS



Kampong Sungai Besar fire victims receive help

Azlan Othman

Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah has reached out to the 15 victims of the Kampong Sungai Besar fire mishap that claimed the life of an elderly man.

Yayasan handed over financial assistance, expenses for mortuary and basic food necessities to the family who lost their home and properties to the blaze.

Permanent Secretary (Planning, Land Use and Environment) at the

Ministry of Development cum Acting Managing Director of Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Dr Norimtitian binti Haji Abdul Razak handed over the donations to the victims at a ceremony at Yayasan headquarters in Jalan Perdana Menteri.

In a separate event, the 15 family members received financial assistance during a *Tahlil* ceremony. It was presented by Assistant Managing Director of Yayasan Haji Musthapa bin Haji Matahir.

Acting Managing Director of Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Dr Norimtitian binti Haji Abdul Razak presents the donation to the daughter of the deceased. PHOTO: AZLAN OTHMAN

Spreading the word on financial planning

James Kon

Members of the public enjoyed an array of fun-filled activities and gained insightful information on financial planning at the first-of-its-kind Baiduri Community Park roadshow currently running at the atrium concourse of The Mall, Gadong. The event will run until today.

Organised by Baiduri Bank in line with the its 25th anniversary celebration, the highlights of the event include the display of the two brand new BMW 520i luxury vehicles - the top two grand prize for the 25th Baiduri Bank anniversary promotion campaign that comes with the theme 'Turn Your Dream into Reality With Us'.

The promotion runs from August 17 and ends on February 29, 2020, with members of the public who signed up for the bank's home ownership loan, personal loan, credit card, life insurance, consolidation of loans and other

products eligible to be entered into the grand draw. Other grand draw prizes include the 6D/5N Hokkaido Tour for two, 4D/3N Club Med Finolhu Villa Maldives for two, 4D/3N Sydney tour for two, 4D/3N Brisbane Tour for two; and a Private Banquet for 12 pax.

The bi-monthly winner, meanwhile, will be getting Royal Skies Miles and Travels vouchers.

During the roadshow, Baiduri Bank also showcased its products and services that have been specially designed to help improve one's financial well-being, be it to achieve financial independence or build a nest egg for the future.

In support of local micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), the Baiduri Community Park also invited local MSMEs to participate in the event.

A range of activities specially selected to be enjoyed with friends and family like Nintendo Switch™ games and a music/rhythm game, a kid's corner and quizzes where participants can win shopping



Participants of the Baiduri Community Park roadshow with bank staff. PHOTO: JAMES KON

vouchers, dining vouchers and movie tickets are also being featured at the event.

There is also a magic show being performed by Brunei's very own celebrity magician Nadzri

Harif. The magic shows will take place at 1pm and 4.15pm today.

Entrance to the Baiduri Community Park is free and is open to the public from 10am-9pm today. Visitors with a

minimum card spend of BND25 at any participating outlet at The Mall during the roadshow are also entitled to an instant dip comprising dining vouchers and Baiduri merchandise.

4th Financial Fun Fair launched

Aziz Idris

In conjunction with National Savings Day 2019, the Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam (AMBD) officially launched the 4th Financial Fun Fair at the Jerudong Park Colonnade last night carrying the theme 'Fusion of Green and Technology'.

Present to launch the event was Minister of Home Affairs and Deputy Chairman of AMBD's Board of Directors Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong.

The event also saw a tattoo performance by the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) personnel.

Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Mokti bin Haji Mohd Daud, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces Major General Pengiran Dato Paduka Seri Aminan bin Pengiran Haji Mahmud, other members of AMBD's Board of Directors, permanent secretaries, deputy permanent secretaries, senior government officials, chief executive officers and managing directors of local financial institutions as well as AMBD officers and staff were also present.

The 4th Financial Fun Fair was also organised in collaboration with Employees Trust Fund (TAP), Ministry of Finance and Economy (MoFE), Junior Achievement (JA) Brunei and other participating financial institutions including Centre for Islamic Banking, Finance and Management (CIBFM), Perbadanan Tabung Amanah Islam Brunei (TAIB), Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam (BIBD), Brunei Association of Banks (BAB), Baiduri Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam Securities



Minister of Home Affairs and Deputy Chairman of AMBD's Board of Directors Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong officiates the launching ceremony of the the 4th Financial Fun Fair . Also in the photo are Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Dato Seri Setia Haji Awang Abdul Mokti bin Haji Mohd Daud, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) Major General Pengiran Dato Paduka Seri Aminan bin Pengiran Haji Mahmud and other officials. PHOTOS: AZIZ IDRIS

(BIBDS), Insurans Islam TAIB Holdings Sdn Bhd (IITHSB), Takaful Brunei Keluarga (TBK) and Great Eastern Life Assurance.

Among the objectives of the Financial Fun Fair was to emphasise the importance of being environmentally friendly and, subsequently, for the public to realise that this concept can also be extended to daily financial transactions and decisions, which may include the utilising of technology.

The event offers a variety of fun-packed, interactive activities including the Financial Race and other financial-related activities by the participating institutions.

The 4th Financial Fun Fair will continue on today. Tickets to the Financial Fun Fair can be purchased from the AMBD Ticketing Booth at Jerudong Park Playground.



The tattoo performance by the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) personnel

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Minister of Home Affairs and Deputy Chairman of AMBD's Board of Directors Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong in a group photo with Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah, a member of AMBD's Board of Directors; Managing Director and CEO of BIBD Mubashar Khokhar; BIBD senior management and staff. PHOTOS: BIBD

BIBD promotes importance of budgeting, saving

Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam's (BIBD) showed its full support for Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam's (AMBD) Financial Fun Fair at the Jerudong Park Colonnade which concluded yesterday.

Minister of Home Affairs and Deputy Chairman of AMBD's Board of Directors Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong officiated the event. Managing Director and CEO of BIBD Mubashar Khokhar along with BIBD senior management and staff greeted the minister at the BIBD booth.

BIBD conducted interactive financial planning games and activities that have been crafted to highlight the importance of budgeting and saving, managing between wants as well as tips on how to manage finances

properly. BIBD's certified Islamic Financial Planners were also present to assist customers and the public on ways to manage their finances throughout the different stages of their life, as they strive to achieve their financial goals.

BIBD's Head of Retail Banking Hajah Nurul Akmar binti Haji Mohd Jaafar said, "BIBD is committed to raising awareness on better financial management from as early on as possible. Prior to this event, BIBD also participated in AMBD's Financial Awareness Roadshows aimed at students from higher learning institutions. *Alhamdulillah*, we are grateful for the strong support from AMBD in our efforts to ensure that our younger generation is financially literate."



BIBD staff attend to guests at the fair

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4th Financial Fun Fair

In conjunction with National Savings Day 2019, the Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam (AMBD) held the 4th Financial Fun Fair at the Jerudong Park Colonnade for two days from last Saturday night carrying the theme 'Fusion of Green and Technology'.

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Fun, games help raise financial literacy

Perbadanan Tabung Amanah Islam Brunei (Perbadanan TAIB) recently participated in the 4th Financial Fun Fair in support of Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam's (AMBD) annual awareness event for National Savings Day 2019.

The August 17-18 event was held at the Jerudong Park Colonnade.

Perbadanan TAIB prepared financial games around a fun

fair concept designed to allow visitors to practise identifying, counting and saving money.

The games were carried out to improve personal financial literacy and promote the teaching of personal finance to people of all ages. Gifts and souvenirs were handed out as a token of appreciation to participants.

Perbadanan TAIB Head of Branches Nor Rafidah binti

Haji Abdul Aziz said, "We are delighted to participate in this event and are filled with pride at being able to promote financial inclusion to the public. Our games have been crafted to accomplish two objectives: to keep parents well-informed about saving opportunities available, and to raise awareness on the benefits of inculcating good savings habit."



Photos show visitors at the Perbadanan Tabung Amanah Islam Brunei booth. PHOTOS: PERBADANAN TAIB

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Workshop helps local entrepreneurs improve skills

Baiduri Bank, in partnership with DARE (Darussalam Enterprise), has been organising a series of skills training workshop for Brunei's local entrepreneurs.

The workshops are a component of the Industry Business Academy (IBA) and following the success of the inaugural workshop in April, Baiduri Bank yesterday held the second workshop, titled 'From Why To How - Engaging Employees With What They Desire'.

It was conducted by an Adjunct Lecturer from the Singapore Human Resources Institute (SHRI Academy) Tham Chien Ping.

A participant, Seng Yee of Mortar Events said that the workshop was fruitful.

"We did a lot of team work in order to learn practical solutions to engage with my employees as well as best practices on how to find and retain the right talent for my startup," she added.

The workshop focussed on addressing challenges in attracting, retaining and motivating talents.

CEO of Baiduri Bank Ti Eng Hui explained, "Today's workshop is the second out of a series of workshops that Baiduri Bank has



A group photo of the participants at the workshop. PHOTO: BAIDURI BANK

committed to run in collaboration with DARE for 2019, and we have chosen this topic as we believe a company is only as good as the people behind it."

DARE launched the IBA in July 2016 as an integral component of the MSME developmental programme to provide knowledge for aspiring or seasoned

entrepreneurs who need to start, grow and export a business.

Offering programmes focussed on business plan writing, financial literacy and related topics while the IBA has played a pivotal role in developing the local MSMEs in Brunei.

The partnership between Baiduri Bank

and DARE is aimed at implementing a series of skills training workshops designed to complement existing training programmes offered by IBA, which provides a more comprehensive, well-rounded training curriculum to local entrepreneurs, empowering them to achieve greater success in their business ventures.