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In this issue of Muhibah, we are proud to announce the successful completion of our pilot Young Entrepreneurs Programme by 29 of our Young Entrepreneurs. The programme is an extension of RB’s highly successful people programmes to get talent into RB that includes pilot cadetships, engineering apprenticeship and graduate trainees. As such, we are very excited with this new initiative and are confident of achieving the same success.

Throughout the programme, all our Young Entrepreneurs were encouraged to challenge themselves in their respective fields, take initiatives to come up with innovative ideas on how to improve processes and RB business performance, manage projects as well as to actively engage with their colleagues to broaden their understanding of the airline business and develop professional networks. You can read more about our Young Entrepreneurs Programme on page 8.

In other development, we have successfully launched our direct flights to Tokyo (Narita) on 15 March, 2019 and already have plans to increase the service frequency from June 2019. You can read more on the launch of our flights to Tokyo in Inside RB.

On 16 April, we also launched direct scheduled services to Changsha and held a promotional event in Haikou on 21 April, 2019 with RB’s international brand ambassador, Mr Wu Chun. We will continue to develop our footprint in one of the largest tourism markets in the world and we remain confident that the new services to Beijing will be inaugurated late this year after the opening of the new Beijing Daxing Airport.

Last but not least, we are delighted to once again win the TripAdvisor Travelers’ Choice™ awards for Travelers’ Choice Regional Airlines - Asia for the second consecutive year. At RB, we pride ourselves on our excellent guest service, warm hospitality and attention to detail, which is reflected by the positive guest feedback we receive. This prestigious accolade is a testament to our team’s hard work and willingness to go the extra mile to create a wonderful guest experience both in the air and on the ground.

As always, I would like to conclude with a sincere word of thanks to you for flying with RB today, and for our part, we will continue to do our very best and earn your support in the future. We invite you to sit back, relax and enjoy our warm Bruneian hospitality. We would be delighted to hear from you on your experience with RB today. Please email us at guestexperience@rba.com.bn to share your thoughts.

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INSIDE RB

Roundup of Royal Brunei Airlines happenings.

RB INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO TOKYO

The inaugural flight to Tokyo was launched on 15 March, 2019. Present at the launch in Brunei were Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Hj Mohd Amin Liew Bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II and Chairman of RB Board of Directors; Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Abdul Mutalib bin Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Setia Dato Paduka Haji Mohd Yusof, Minister at the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications; His Excellency Mr Motohiko Kato, Ambassador of Japan in Brunei Darussalam; RB Board of Directors and our esteemed partners.

In Tokyo, the launch was marked by a simple event at Narita International Airport and Andaz Tokyo. The latter was attended by Mr. Norikazu Suzuki, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs; Mr. Jungo Kikuma, Vice Chairman, Japan Association of Travel Agents and Chairman, World Air-Sea Service Co., Ltd. and Awangku Mohammad Azian bin Dato Paduka Haji Maidin, Chargé d’affaires, The Embassy of Brunei Darussalam in Japan.

RB AGENTS AWARD NIGHT 2019

RB’s Brunei Sales team hosted the annual RB Agents Awards Night, in appreciation of the country’s travel agencies’ support for RB over the past year.
Official Airline for DPMM FC

Royal Brunei Airlines has once again signed as the official Airline Partner for Brunei DPMM FC. The club will be playing in the 2019 S League.

An Afternoon with Royal Brunei Airlines in Haikou

Thousands of fans and travellers from Hainan, China participated in a memorable roadshow organised by RB with its International Brand Ambassador, Wu Chun. The roadshow was held at the famous Mission Hills Resort in Haikou, Hainan. The group had the opportunity to meet Wu Chun in person and win RB prizes. RB commenced the twice weekly flight to Haikou, Hainan on 22 November, 2018 on Mondays and Thursdays. Also present were Captain Saiful Bahrin, RB’s Chief Operations Officer and Ms Fu Feng Hua, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Tourism, Culture, Radio, Television and Sport of Hainan Province International Marketing Division.

Official Airline for Brunei Championships Golf Tournament 2019

Royal Brunei Airlines was official airlines for 2019 Asian Development Tour - Butra Heidelberg Cement Brunei Championships Golf Tournament held at Empire Hotel and Country Club from 23 – 27 April, 2019. The opening ceremony was officiated by HRH Prince Abdul Mateen and held at Brunei Polo & Country Club Jerudong.
Queensland’s capital deserves a spot on your travel radar.

Words EMMA RAMSAY
Images VISIT BRISBANE

Brisbane is a friendly city loved for its chilled-out metropolitan heart and social locals. Follow this weekend itinerary that explores the top spots and things to do in Brisbane on any given week. We guarantee this is where the locals will be – see you there.

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City skyline view from The Johnson Penthouse.

02
Fox Hotel is an iconic hangout with function rooms.
The Johnson.

Brisbane’s cool cafe culture.

A hot summer treat.

Delicious treats at Eat Street.
Friday

Afternoon: Check into an edgy hotel
When it comes to cool boutique hotels, Brisbane has great options. Last year the city welcomed the first five-star hotel in 20 years, the W Brisbane. It’s a gorgeous hotel that is designed around the river theme with rooms in eclectic décor, all facing the Brisbane River. In Spring Hill, The Johnson is a gorgeous Art Series Hotel celebrating the abstract works of Michael Johnson. Nearby on the city fringe, the New Inchcolm Hotel & Suites is a charming one set in an old 1920s art deco building. Then there is graffiti-covered Tryp Hotel in the heart of edgy Fortitude Valley, or renovated Queenslander Spicers Balfour in nearby suburban New Farm. Take your pick.

Dinner: Catch the CityCat to Eat Street
The city is built around the Brisbane River, so what better way to explore than to see it from the water. Brisbane’s shipping container street food village is located at the closest ferry stop to the bay – so sit back and soak in the sunset and boat ride as you pass New Farm Park and the old woolstores of Teneriffe. At Eat Street, take your pick from hundreds of dishes and do save room for dessert.
Saturday

Early morning: Watch the sun rise over Brisbane CBD from Mt Coot-tha
Rise and shine early birds. It’s the sunrise not the sunset that’s most spectacular from Mt Coot-tha. Drive up pre-dawn to watch the bright globe rise behind the skyline. Take a rug, pop yourself down and wait for golden hour to arrive.

Breakfast: With the locals
Post-sunrise, you’ll be first in line for breakfast at your favourite café. Gauge, South Brisbane offers fine dining breakfast designed to tickle the taste buds with some interesting twists on classic dishes. Try its black garlic bread with burned vanilla brown butter that got a mention in a rave review by The New York Times. King Arthur Café in Fortitude Valley makes offers a pleasing menu for both healthy eaters and sweet-treat fans using locally sourced and ethically produced food. For something more exotic, Naim in Paddington gets inspiration from marketplaces of the Middle East and gives an exotic twist to breakfast classics.

Morning: Join the Jan Power Farmers’ Markets at the Brisbane Powerhouse
Get to know what grows around Brisbane at the local weekend farmer markets. One of the city’s best is the Saturday Jan Powers Market at the Brisbane Powerhouse. Graze on samples at artisan stores, pick up fresh local fruit and grab a coffee.

Lunch: Picnic in New Farm Park with bounty from markets
Laze around on a picnic rug in New Farm soaking up rays and good company with a picnic bounty of local produce purchased at the morning markets. New Farm Park is super popular with locals.

Afternoon: Explore a neighbourhood or shop the city
Shop the Valley laneways. In Teneriffe, wander between the Woolstores of yesteryear, and in Bulimba catch a flick at the historic (and cheap) Balmoral Cinemas. Experience the boutiques and café scene of Paddington. For more shopping, head into the city to explore more than 1,000 international retailers and local boutiques along Queen Street Mall and surrounds.

Dinner: Cheap and cheerful in Fortitude Valley, or dive into a hatted dining experience
Brisbane is home to Queensland’s highest number of National Good Food Guide hatted restaurants. A high number of the city’s top restaurants are in the CBD, so prepare for the degustation at Urbane or Esquire with high-end shopping along Queen Street Mall and Edward St. Fine dining tastebuds and a student budget? Fortitude Valley is home to Chinatown and has plenty of cheaper Asian restaurants to try like Happy Boy, The Vietnamese, Fat Dumpling, Bird’s Nest Yakitori and Wagaya. In short, you’ll never go hungry.
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View from Mt Coot-tha.

08
Shopping at Paddington.

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Jan Power Farmer’s Market.

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Shopping at Paddington.
11 Gallery of Modern Art.

12 Eat Seet, Northshore Hamilton Wharf.

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14 Donna Ong and Robert Zhao Renhui, My forest is not your garden 2015–18, Mixed media installation. Courtesy: The artists, FOST Gallery and Shangh ART Gallery.

15 Fish Lane is fast becoming Brisbane’s coolest laneway.
Sunday

Morning: Explore the halls of QAGOMA

“Have you been to GOMA?” will be one of the top three questions any local will ask. Brisbane is proud of their modern art gallery. It’s the largest in Australia, and there is always an interesting exhibition to catch.

Lunch: Go on a food safari along Fish Lane

South of the river, but in the heart of it all and across the road from QAGOMA, Fish Lane is quickly becoming Brisbane’s coolest laneway. As new buildings pop up, restaurants, cafes and bars are moving in beneath them – making the journey from West End to South Bank an adventure in itself. Build your own long lunch by hopping from venue to venue.

Step through the looking glass into a curious world of whimsical adventures at Singapore’s ArtScience Museum’s Wonderland.

Words: RIMA MELATI
There’s a Mad Hatter’s Tea Party and much, much more when you head down to *Wonderland*, a playful and interactive exhibition based on Lewis Carroll’s timeless stories of Alice and her adventures through Wonderland. Developed by Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI), this groundbreaking exhibition makes the first stop of its global tour at ArtScience Museum.

This one-of-a-kind exhibition which follows Alice’s journey through popular culture invites visitors to take a trip through the looking glass into an immersive, enchanted world. Using theatrical sets, bold, interactive environments, eye-catching props and amazing audiovisual artworks, *Wonderland* spectacularly conjures up the surprising and magical world of Alice and her adventures.
Since first gracing the silver screen in 1903, Alice has delighted audiences in more than 40 arthouse and blockbuster cinematic odysseys. *Wonderland* reveals how artists and filmmakers have portrayed Alice and her story for over a century, since her first appearance on the page in 1865. Visitors to the exhibition can see how the precocious heroine has become a subcultural icon through her presence in music videos, video games, high fashion, advertising and more.

Drawing together a remarkable selection of original behind-the-scenes material, the exhibition includes over 300 artefacts and objects, including first edition books, drawings, original costumes, films, magic lantern projectors, animation, puppetry, and original work by theatrical designer Anna Tregloan, and digital creative studios, Sandpit, Grumpy Sailor and Mosster Studio.
Wonderland takes its inspiration from Lewis Carroll’s stories, *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass*, and *What Alice Found There*. These stories have been adapted dozens of times for the screen over a century, which makes the history of *Alice in Wonderland* on screen, a way of being able to trace the history of moving image. The exhibition charts the cultural, technological and social shifts that have compelled filmmakers to create their own visual interpretation of Alice and her adventures.

From the first screen adaptation by Cecil M Hepworth in 1903 to the contemporary blockbusters of the 2000s, *Wonderland* also showcases the developments in special effects from pre-cinematic entertainment to silent film, animation to puppetry, live-action cinema, CGI, 3D and beyond. Films such as Lou Bunin’s *Alice Au Pays des Merveilles* (1949), Jan Svankmajer’s acclaimed *Alice* (1988), the Quay Brothers’ experimental *Alice in Not So Wonderland* (2007), and television versions by broadcasters BBC and NBC will be featured in the exhibition.
Visitors are handed out their own *Lost Map of Wonderland* that begins in Lewis Carroll’s drawing room. The map is both a physical guide and a digital prop that unlocks interactive parts of the exhibition. The exhibition continues through the *Hallway of Doors*, followed by the contemplative surrounds of the *Pool of Tears*, the quirky *Looking Glass House*, before visitors are invited to get hands-on in the *Queen’s Croquet Ground*. A highlight of the exhibition is an immersive centerpiece where visitors are invited to join in the *Mad Hatter’s Tea Party*. Seated around a table set with empty plates and tea cups, the room looks dreary at first. But then the projections start and the room transforms into a stunning digital display that sets up the walls as lurid forestry and the table as stuffed full of food and treats – with a trail of ants included. It will leave your head spinning, especially when you factor in the plates turning into clocks at the end.

The exhibition, through its playful environments and a range of bespoke digital interactive activities, will draw visitors into an enchanted world where expectations are upended and curiosity is rewarded. Whether or not you’re an Alice fan, one thing is certain: the more curious you are, the more you’ll discover.

Wonderland will run from now till 22 September, 2019.
MELDING CULTURE WITH MODERNITY

A palatial experience in the heart of Tokyo.

Words ANIS RAMLI
It has become quite a treat to welcome bedtime. Turndown often comes with little surprises such as his-and-hers pyjamas (hers can be a shirtdress or separates the next day), self-heating eye masks – and this being sakura season, sakura bath salts for a relaxing soak.

Beyond being just indulgent treats, bedtime rituals such as these perfectly round up the Palace Hotel Tokyo experience that leverages on its royal address and heritage roots to deliver a palatial encounter steeped in Japanese traditions. At every turn, there is a profound sense of grace and gentle spirit that provides a microcosm of the Japanese culture.

The DNA of Japanese royalty, for instance, is seamlessly infused into the Palace Hotel Tokyo – from the brick walls that mirror the palace moat to the sublime artworks referencing the trees in the Imperial Garden. Curated Japanese authentic and artisanal products services and accessories provide a further distinctive look into the local culture. There are the Nambu Tekki cast iron teapots that wait in the room alongside Jugetsudo teas by Maruyama Nori, whose leaves are picked near Mount Fuji. Nibbles come by way of dried figs from a sixth generation family business in Wakayama, known for its premium fruits since the Edo period.

These minute details amalgamate to deliver a strong Japanese cultural experience to the international customer and millennial base clamouring for insights into Japan’s inimitable culture. More recently, the hotel has curated bespoke experiences for guests to capture the essence of Japan during their stay.
On a shopping outing to Toyosu and the outer markets of Tsukiji, and exclusive collaboration with Tsukiji Information Center, guests are accompanied by a market aficionado to explain the intricate history of the markets and the sometimes complex traditions of cultural values and attitudes of the marketplace. Katsuhiro, our guide, was profoundly knowledgeable and seems to know everyone at both Toyosu and Tsukiji. At the former, we met 80-year-old Hiroyuki Ito, the second President of Minokei Co., a seafood wholesale distributor whose father founded the firm the same time as Tsukiji opened. He took our poking around his stall in good stride and when asked if he ever missed Tsukiji, he said, “You only have to look and move forward.”

The real experience was at Tsukiji’s outer markets, where Katsu (as he preferred to be called), introduced us to retailers, purveyors and connoisseurs that shared their wealth of knowledge on their respective products. We stopped by various stalls that sell essential staples for the Japanese kitchen, such as konbu (kelp), tea, nori (seaweed) and katsuobushi (dried bonito shavings), many of which have been operating for decades. It was great to see the amount of foot traffic remaining high despite the inner market’s move to Toyosu last year. And thanks to the municipal’s move to build the indoor Tsukiji Uogashi complex, housing 60 multi wholesale vendors, visitors are able to browse and shop for bentos, sushis, fruits and vegetables and enjoy them upstairs on the second floor.
The most popular item to get when at Tsukiji is green tea!

Seasonal produce on display along the market’s alleys.

Hiroyuki Ito at his stall in Toyosu.

Mornings at Tsukiji.

This artist works part-time at Tsukiji Uogashi.
09 Lobster at Palace’s Teppanyaki GO restaurant.

10 Breakfast at the terrace.

11 Alcove-styled chairs at the Grand Kitchen Terrace that overlook the moat of the Imperial Palace gardens.

12 Pastries at breakfast are inspired by the taste of Paris.
Other programmes by the hotel bring guests up close and personal with sumo wrestlers and Kabuki performance artists, leading them beyond the arena and the stage that includes an intimate lunch with the respective group. There is also an excursion to view the city’s art and architecture while the etiquette programme, a studied consideration of the refined Japanese custom, is especially popular with business people.

Japanese flair and flavours that capture the essence of the season are infused throughout the hotel’s 10 restaurants. At Teppanyaki restaurant, GO, Chef Masateru Honuchi grinds his own flavoured salts in matcha and sakura blends complete with seared sakura leaves. High tea at the Palace Lounge is presented in bento boxes that pack sandwiches and scones served alongside inarizushi rice snacks and other traditional tea sweets made of rice and red beans. The theme of Japanese authenticity and quality echoed in the arcade shops where guests will find Nousakau, a brand founded 400 years ago prized for its various metal items, including design-store favourite, bendable tin items and Imabari Yokkin, the famed towel maker from Ehime prefecture, produced since 1894.
At Palace Hotel Tokyo, quality is central and it’s the details that matter. While pride in Japan is uppermost, the hotel also curates the best from other markets to deliver a world class experience. There are connotations of luxury and exclusivity at every turn – with Imabari supplying the bath and the 300-threadcount bed linens. The French influence is clearly visible too, with Parisian brand Anne Semonin amenities and an invitation to experience the Evian Spa, Japan’s first outpost of the French spa brand.

But even the Evian Spa experience has been tweaked to embed Japanese touches. The newly-introduced Bright Lift Drainage Facial, designed exclusively for the spa, uses the skincare brand Warew, famed for its Japan-grown botanical ingredients (cherry tree, magnolia, plum, to name a few). It begins with a relaxing scalp massage that segues to a rhythmic and delicious face massage that can lull you to sleep. This uplifting facial is designed to alleviate dullness, but by the end of the treatment, it did more than just that. The skin felt rejuvenated, stimulated and mirrored back a healthy and taut complexion.

All these thoughtful touches have produced an inimitable oasis that is on par with Tokyo’s most premium hotels. It has also landed the hotel a coveted mention in the Forbes Travel Guide list 2012, making it the first ever Japanese-branded and independently-owned hotel to be awarded Five Stars. With all that Palace Hotel Tokyo offers, it certainly punches above its weight by harnessing the intricacies and wealth of centuries old culture melded with modernity.
A DEEPER SHADE OF GREEN

From mere travellers to global changemakers at Soneva Kiri.

Words ANIS RAMLI
Images SONEVA KIRI RESORT AND ANIS RAMLI
Experiential travel may have been the buzzword for the last few years, but as travellers seek out to carve unique memories and niche experiences, increasingly travelling has changed into one that can be transformative as well. There are many brands that deliver, but not many can necessarily abound with surprises.

Seeking Soneva Kiri makes perfect sense. Not just for its remarkable eco-conscious design and boundless luxury, but for its many opportunities given to guests to transform from mere travellers to global changemakers.

Rather than just talking about its sustainability efforts, Soneva Kiri has cleverly designed a programme that allows guests to empower change themselves. Through the Stay For Good programme, guests are invited to experience both their laidback barefoot luxury (you’re encouraged to literally kick off your shoes throughout your stay) while having the opportunity to give back to the community.

The work that Soneva does as well as its remoteness offer a two-fold boon to guests: a chance to enjoy nature and experience sustainable best practices firsthand. The resort is luxurious, both in feel and space. Located on the sparsely populated Thai island of Koh Kood near the Cambodian maritime border, Soneva Kiri plays up on the large swathes of green of its forested headland to its advantage. There are just 36 villas, ranging from one- to six-bedroom, sprawled across the 400 hectare ground, making this a very intimate getaway. Accommodations have huge outdoor living spaces, private pools and bedrooms with billowing mosquito nets attached to four poster beds.
There are plenty to keep yourself busy, with many programmes complimentary. On clear nights, make your way to the Observatory where the resident astronomer will guide you through the starry passage for a chance to spot Venus, Mars and then some. Join a film screening in the open-air theatre and immerse yourself in the magic of Cinema Paradiso complete with complimentary popcorn. Take a boat ride to the resort’s private beach, North Beach, to paddleboard, kayak or simply lounge by the white sands. Master a new skill at the Six Senses Spa with pilates, coconut oil making and Himalayan Singing Bowl classes. Or simply indulge in free flow of over 60 homemade ice cream flavours and chocolates at the aptly-named So Chilled and So Guilty respectively.

While keeping the luxe level effortless, Soneva Kiri is serious about its eco initiatives. At the heart of the resort is the Eco Centro facility, a waste-to-wealth centre and organic vegetables garden. It is where the resort recycles its plastic and glass, turns wood waste into charcoal and cooking oil into biodiesel, grows its own produce-fed compost from kitchen waste, places and installs solar panels to save fossil fuel use, and works with vigour and optimism to monitor its environmental impact. A tour of the pesticide-free garden will let you see where many of the restaurant’s organic spread come from: salad leaves, mushrooms, herbs and tropical fruits.
Guided by personal hosts known as Fridays, a nod to Robinson Crusoe, guests on the Stay For Good programme have the opportunity to support the resort’s sustainable practices while crafting authentic experiences. Depending on your interest, your Mr/Mrs Friday will help you curate your personal eco-programme. “What’s good about the programme is, the guest decides on what interests them, says Khun Dow, Soneva Kiri’s Villa Operations Manager. “Not only that, the programme is very flexible. It can easily be incorporated into their daily excursions in creative ways. For example, as they go on a half-day waterfall trek, they can also help archive butterflies.”
On the resort’s newest experience, Koh Kood By Sea, guests will find meaningful ways to put on their eco hats. Boarding the speedboat from the resort’s jetty, the excursion follows Koh Kood’s eastern shore through Ao Salad Fishing Village for a look at traditional Thai houses on stilts before continuing on to Ao Yai Kert for snorkelling. Here, guests can help clean up the waters or the beaches as part of their programme’s commitment. The tour is also a great way to spot the area’s wildlife in both water and above. Before returning to the resort, guests stop at another fishing village, Ao Yai, to dine over a seafood Thai lunch at Noochy Seafood, whose chef previously worked at Soneva Kiri. “Partnering Noochy is one way we continue to support our family of Soneva hosts, past and present,” says Khun Dow.

“The idea is to assist our guest to have a more meaningful vacation when they stay with us, because a lot of times, guests are already familiar with our ethos and they are eager to participate in giving back to the local community,” Khun Dow continued. Guests are also invited to partake in the resort’s sustainable community initiatives. These can be visits to schools where guests can spend time conversing with or read to the children in English, or shadow the resort’s landscape manager in teaching the children how to grow organic patch gardens.
“We’ve had guests who ask prior to arrival on what they could bring for the children. They will come with pencils or notebooks, and these are great gifts to our children. More importantly, the time our guests spent knowing our local neighbours create a lasting impact on the villagers as it supports the development of the local community – no matter how small the gesture.”

For guests’ eco commitment booked through the three-night Stay For Good package, the resort will offer three complimentary bonus nights. Guests, in return, are required to generally allocate three to four hours a day committing to their eco programme.
BEYOND THE BIG BLUE MARBLE

Inspired by Islamic architecture from around the world, Kuala Lumpur's Masjid Wilayah Persekutuan is both exquisite and unique.

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Masjid Wilayah Persekutuan, with its proximity to Istana Negara (the Royal Palace) and location atop a hill, commands a distinguished presence. As one of the few mosques in Kuala Lumpur that organises tours of its premises, Masjid Wilayah, as it is commonly referred to, is popular with tourists visiting the city.

From afar, viewers are dazzled by the blue mosaic and marble of the central dome, which appears to change colour with daylight. The design took inspiration from the Sultan Ahmet Mosque in Istanbul and the Masjid Imam of Isfahan, with the design continuing throughout the other 22 domes. Up close, visitors can see the building adopting various patterns and colours inspired by the mosques of Turkey, India, Iran and Morocco. Some of the more remarkable features of the mosque include the surrounding moat and the cluster of gardens and pavilions that make up the courtyard.

Entering the mosque, the eyes are immediately drawn to the many arches decorated with woodcarving from Kelantan and Terengganu. The two eastern states of Malaysia are known for their wood artisans and beautiful crafts. The wooden doors too are equally adorned in a collection of carvings, mostly depicting the lotus flower. A stroll in the courtyard will take guests to spacious verandahs influenced by the Moroccan architecture.

The prayer hall, which can house 17,000 worshippers at once, is typical of all mosque architecture. The mihrab, a niche in the wall to indicate the direction of Makkah towards which all Muslims pray, is decorated with semi-precious stone inlays and crafted by the descendants of artisans who built the Taj Mahal. As mosques are historically not stand-alone buildings, Masjid Wilayah also has seminar rooms, a library, a banquet hall, a multipurpose hall, a wedding hall, accommodation for students as well as guest rooms incorporated in its building layout.

Mosque tours can be arranged by calling the Tourist Information Centre (03 6201-8791), named after the Islamic World’s most prolific traveller, Ibnu Batuttah. Visitors can go on a guided tour of the mosque led by trained docents. They will be introduced to the role of the mosque in the Muslim community and given an introduction to Islamic belief, briefed on the various essential elements of a mosque’s architecture before being led to these areas for a firsthand look. On occasion and with prior notice, guests will also have the chance to observe the muezzin (caller of prayer) perform the adhan (call of prayer). It is a knowledge-based tour which will ignite the intellect. At the time of writing, Masjid Wilayah has volunteers conducting tours in French, Japanese, Tamil, Mandarin, English and Malay.
Today’s rapid environmental and societal change demands flexibility, adaptability and unconventional thinking and a new approach to leadership. Addressing the importance of upskilling young entrepreneurs, Royal Brunei Airlines (RB) piloted its Young Entrepreneurs Programme in 2017 with the aim of nurturing young talent, entrepreneurial leadership and innovation. RB’s first batch of 29 participants completed the programme in 2019.

“It’s a people development programme, but the whole idea was to see how we can accelerate the career development, and more importantly, the skills part,” explains Karam Chand, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Brunei Airlines. “Most people in most companies would master the technical skills very quickly, but they don’t get the best skillsets.” The Programme, he says, is to nurture local talent, develop and retain them.
As accelerators for their young entrepreneurs, the Programme is made of three main components: Formal Training (management courses, Airline Business, etc), Informal Training (projects, participation in divisional new initiatives) and Mentoring by members of RB’s Executive Committee. Some of the content includes managing people. But the Programme also brought in other “soft skills” in order to ensure participants depart from the old-school trainings that were task- and performance-based. “We challenge them to think harder and contribute more. We assign them to project teams, either to lead or be part of a project team. So you get a very unique experience, because you’re truly cross functional teams and everybody has the ownership,” says Chand.

What Chand is most excited about, however, is the third component of the Programme, where the entrepreneurs get mentored by chief officers. Where most corporate structures don’t incentivise people to spend time leading and managing, RB is forging positive, productive relationships with its millennial colleagues. Chand says, “We are lucky in the sense that we’ve got a very strong management team, executive management team, all the chief officers. And they each bring something very unique to the table.”
The idea was so we can share with the young people the experiences we have gone through – in the early careers, mid-careers and more developed advanced levels of careers. How can high-performing people perform and what were the things they had to do in their careers? Like I've said, the technical skills are not really a big challenge. Everybody learns that, and they learn it fairly quickly. But as you move up in your career, it all comes down to soft skills and whether you're up for it. And the idea was to help them through examples, through tips, through real life story-telling and real life experiences.”

Kurt Harding, Chief People & Performance Officer, Royal Brunei Airlines elaborates, “It’s the crux of intergenerational succession planning. Our talent pool is our high potential people: high impact and high growth. We invest in all our people and we have particular focus on identifying future CEOs, future chiefs, future heads.” Harding says that even the mentorship programme was built around guidelines to ensure that it is added value; even teaching mentors how to be mentors to make sure the programme does not merely coaches.

The first programme saw some outstanding results. Says Harding, “We collected, I think, 29 business ideas from the YEP group. Six or seven of them have been used for actual business and had a positive impact on revenue and cost. So to get that many ideas from one group of people that have been operating together for 18 months is unbelievable.”

Uniting youth and experience will continue to be the core of the programme. Next year, RB will partner with one of the world’s top aviation schools to drive many of its programmes for the next batch. Judging by the success of the pilot programme, RB’s Young Entrepreneurs Programme looks poised to drive empowerment among its young talents and equip them with the tools and global mindset to operate effectively. Additionally 45% of the group have been promoted and are leading transformation programmes.
MEMUPUK BAKAT MUDA DAN PEMIMPIN MASA DEPAN

Program Usahawan Muda RB menyampaikan perubahan transformasi yang bersasaran.

Perubahan alam sekitar dan sosial yang kian pesat menuntut fleksibiliti, kesesuaian dan pemikiran yang tidak konvensional serta pendekatan baru dalam kepimpinan. Dengan mengulas kepentingan menaikkan taraf usahawan muda, Penerbangan Diraja Brunei (RB) telah menjalankan Program Usahawan Muda pertama pada tahun 2017 bertujuan memupuk bakat muda, kepimpinan keusahawanan dan peningkatan inovasi. Kumpulan perintis pertama RB yang terdiri daripada 29 peserta telah menyempurnakan program itu pada tahun 2019.
“Ia merupakan suatu program pembangunan bakat sumber manusia, tetapi pada keseluruhannya program ini bersasaran melihat bagaimana kami dapat mempercepatkan perkembangan kerjaya, dan yang lebih penting, menumpukan kemahiran,” jelas Karam Chand, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif, RB. “Sumber manusia di kebanyakan syarikat akan memperolehi kemahiran teknikal dengan cepat, tetapi kemungkinan besar ialah mereka tidak akan dapat memperolehi set kemahiran yang terbaik.” Tujuan Program ini adalah untuk memupuk bakat tempatan, membangun dan menekalkan mereka, menurut beliau lagi.


Program pertama ini telah menyokong beberapa hasil yang cemerlang. Kata Harding, ”Kami telah mengumpul lebih 29 idea perniagaan dari kumpulan usahawan muda ini. Sebanyak enam atau tujuh daripada idea ini telah digunakan dan ia telah mempunyai kesan positif ke atas pendapatan dan kos dalam urusan perniagaan RB. Untuk mendapatkan sebanyak idea dari satu kumpulan bakat yang telah bekerja sekarang selama 18 bulan adalah amat sukar dipercayai.”

Menyatukan bakat muda dan pengalaman akan terus menjadi teras program ini. Pada tahun depan RB akan bekerjasama dengan salah satu daripada sekolah penerbangan yang terkemuka di dunia untuk memacu lebih banyak program untuk kumpulan bakat akan datang. Berdasarkan kejayaan program perintis, Program Usahawan Muda RB kelihatan bersedia untuk memacu pemberdayaan di kalangan bakat muda dan melengkapi mereka dengan kemahiran dan minda global untuk beroperasi dengan lebih berkesan. Tambahan pula 45% daripada kumpulan telah dipromosikan dan menjadi peneraju program transformasi.
The Audi Q8 combines the elegance of a four-door luxury coupé with the practical versatility of a large SUV.
Richly equipped, comprehensively connected and tough enough for off-road duty, the Audi Q8 is a confident companion for business and leisure. A new presence for the Q family, its exterior octagonal design with the imposing Singleframe certainly wows. The brawny radiator grille stands upright and, together with the spoiler that has been drawn toward the front and the large, highly contoured air inlets, emphasises the self-confident look. The elegantly sloping roofline terminates in gently inclined D-pillars and rests against the quattro blisters above the wheel arches, which house up to 22-inch wheels.

Numerous details hint at the design of the original quattro. Strong contours and athletically tight surfaces convey a feeling of power, sophistication and the special dynamics of the permanent all-wheel drive. The spoiler, wheel arch trims, door trim strips and diffuser are in a contrasting color, to further emphasize the off-road look.

Standard LED headlights illuminate the road, with HD Matrix LED technology available as an option. Here both the three-dimensional signature of the daytime running lights and the taillights have a digital character. A light strip connects the units at the rear. As in the original Audi quattro, a black surface underlays this strip. Q8 owners can use the myAudi app on their smartphone to activate various lighting functions and experience them from the outside.

The Q8 is a sporty driving experience in both suspension and drive. The purely mechanical centre differential transfers the forces to the front axle and rear axle at a ratio of 40:60 as standard. When required, it transfers the majority to the axle with the better traction. That plus as much 254mm of ground clearance, short overhangs and hill descent control means the Audi Q8 can keep going even after the pavement ends. The suspension with damper control is standard. Audi offers the adaptive air suspension with controlled damping as an option, with either comfort or sport setup. It adjusts the ride height depending on the driving situation and the driver’s preference by as much as 90mm.

Besides the standard progressive steering, whose steering ratio becomes increasingly direct the further the steering wheel is turned, Audi also offers the option of all-wheel steering. It can turn the rear wheels as much as 5 degrees – counter to the direction of the turn at low speeds to increase agility and at higher speeds in the direction of the turn for better stability.

All drive systems are particularly efficient thanks to the new mild hybrid technology (MHEV). The 48-volt primary electrical system incorporates two important technology modules: a lithium-ion battery and a belt alternator starter. During braking, it can recover up to 12 kW of power and feed it back into the battery. The MHEV technology enables long coasting phases with the engine deactivated and a start-stop range that begins at 22 km/h.

Customers can also look forward to controls and displays that are both sensitive and concise. With the MMI touch response operating concept of the new Audi Q8, nearly every function can be accessed via two large displays. The upper 10.1-inch display is used for controlling the infotainment and the navigation system. The driver uses the 8.6-inch display below that for heating and air conditioning, convenience functions and text input, the latter with his or her wrist resting comfortably and ergonomically on the selector lever.

Whether parking, in the city or on long journeys – the Audi Q8 supports its driver in many situations. Among the systems contributing here are the adaptive cruise assist, efficiency assist, crossing assist, lane change warning, curb warning and 360 degree cameras. One highlight is the remote garage pilot, which will follow in early 2019. Under the supervision of the driver, it guides the SUV into a garage and back out again autonomously. The driver gets out of the car beforehand and activates the process using the myAudi app on their smartphone. The (remote) parking pilot offers a similar level of convenience. Behind all of these features is the central driver assistance controller. It continuously computes a differentiated model of the surroundings and uses this to manage the assistance systems. The required data are obtained – depending on the selected options – from up to five radar sensors, six cameras, twelve ultrasound sensors and the laser scanner.
Newly-crowned World Champion of the Valrhona Chocolate Chef Competition 2018, Chef Yusuke Aoki of Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay, talks desserts and crafting his own chocolates.
Congratulations on the win! For those unfamiliar with the competition, can you share with our readers a little bit about it?
The Valrhona Chocolate Chef Competition, C3, was organised by Valrhona and took place at the StarChefs Congress in New York. This competition is open to hotel and restaurant professionals from all over the world. Forty-six countries competed last year, and we had to present 10 plates each of pre-dessert and main dessert using Valrhona chocolate.

Your dessert entries combined Balinese elements such as kaffir lime with Japanese influences, such as Sansho pepper and kombu seaweed. Where did you draw inspiration from?
I like to get some ideas from kitchen chefs, not only pastry chefs, as kitchen chefs have very different ways of looking at flavour combination. My executive chef and I came up with the idea of combining kombu seaweed with dark chocolate after several times in our trial period.

Going into competitions such as these and playing with chocolates, how do you find the balance between creativity while still having your eye on the ball?
Taste and texture is the most important thing for desserts. This must not be compromised and should exceed its looks. I am always focusing on that.

Word has it you are now busily crafting chocolates with Balinese cacao. What can you tell us about this?
We have beautiful cocoa beans on the island. It has a very unique note with touches of banana and spices. At the moment we are still in the process of trial and error – finding the perfect cocoa farm that is able to support our resort needs.

We started producing small quantities of 64% chocolate for our VIP guests and some special events. This year we are looking to develop more in our produce kitchen. Bali’s weather is very challenging for all the (chocolate) stages; humidity is the biggest enemy of the chocolate!

As a Japanese working in Bali, what do you bring to your craft?
Perfection and patience are the two most important things for working with chocolate. Japanese are at least good on these two! In Indonesia, Japanese culture and food are very common and familiar, so we have many products in the resort with yuzu, matcha green tea, etc.

Describe chocolates in your own words and why you are a chocolate fanatic?
I consider chocolate or cacao as a fruit. It has a season, terroir, similar like wine. Each chocolate has completely different character. That enables us as a pastry chef full of imagination and creativity.
Pioneers Expansion To Serve Even More

With a strong tradition of working to improve the outcomes of patients through integrated clinical practice, innovation, cutting-edge research and new models of care, Jerudong Park Medical Centre (JPMC), a private specialist hospital in Brunei Darussalam, is at the forefront of adapting to new medical challenges while providing top-notch patient care. Offering a spectrum of services including general, specialised and surgical healthcare, these services are provided by highly qualified and committed multidisciplinary medical team using state-of-the-art technology.

Pioneering expansion to serve the community better, JPMC is set to open Borneo’s first liver transplant facility in mid-2019. The expansion will help strengthen Brunei’s capability in becoming a medical hub for high-end, advanced medical and surgical care in Asia. The facility made possible through a joint medical partnership between JPMC and Yashoda Hospitals, India will perform transplants from living donors. In this partnership, JPMC and Yashoda commit to bring in a team of highly trained specialists to address the exchange and transfer of knowledge within the next five years and set the agenda to support local talents for the best chance of clinical impact.

Founded in 1992, JPMC became the first hospital in Brunei to receive accreditation from the Joint Commission International (JCI) in 2014 and was re-accredited for the second time in 2017, the first for any health institution in the country. Accreditation and certification from JCI is recognised as the gold seal of approval for international quality standards for patient care and organisation management. It further testifies to JPMC’s commitment towards patient well-being, safety and rights, and services and excellence in the medical industry.

Along with more traditional services, such as family medicine, child and maternal care, the development of new specialist programmes will assist in addressing the robust strengthening of JPMC’s existing services. In addition to excellent diagnostic services, JPMC also offers 29 clinical specialties and sub-specialties, including Endocrinology, Gynaecology, Nephrology, Orthopaedics, Paediatrics and Implantology.
Other JPMC notable milestones:

- **July 2002**: JPMC entered into a joint venture with Gleneagles along with the Government of Brunei to provide tertiary cardiac centre such as coronary angiography, percutaneous coronary intervention and open-heart surgery. Gleneagles is part of the Singapore-based Parkway Group Healthcare, one of Asia’s largest private healthcare organisations.

- **October 2015**: JPMC signed an MOU with CAE Brunei Multi-Purpose Training Centre Sdn Bhd (CAE Brunei MPTC) to advance and develop healthcare training capabilities in Brunei.

- **May 2017**: JPMC signed an MOU with BNH Hospital Thailand on medical education exchange programme.

- **January 2018**: JPMC and Hengyi Industries Sdn Bhd (HYBN) inked agreement to provide medical clinic at designated HYBN’s premises at Pulau Muara Besar.

- **June 2018**: JPMC signed an MOU with India’s Yashoda Hospitals to set up the first living donor liver transplant facility in Brunei. The first liver transplant is expected to be performed at JPMC in mid 2019.

- **October 2018**: JPMC surgeon, Dr Sriram Narayanan, Senior Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon from the Harley Street Heart and Cancer Centre, Gleneagles Hospital, Singapore performed the first varicose vein treatment on three patients.
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rdvskincare.com

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seastainable.co

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azial.com
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mango-mojito.com

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tulisan.com

JOURNEY OF SELF
Doodle yourself to self discovery with Doodle Journal by Gaithri Selvarajah, an Energy EFT Master Practitioner certified by The Guild of Energist, UK. Suitable for all ages, this intuitive journal is a great way to reconnect with your inner self, with games, exercises and the author’s own personal reflections.

akasaa.com

SUPREME ARTISTRY
The Adagio Minute by Christophe Claret not only features a minute repeater but also a dual time function with day/night indicator, date function and running seconds indicator. With a case fully engraved by hand and a cathedral gong, this is for sure one of the most exquisite timepieces that a seasoned watch collector could aspire to own.

christopheclaret.com
London is all about soaking up all things English.

**DO** With five days of top quality racing, Royal Ascot is the pinnacle of the British horse racing calendar. As Britain’s most valuable horse racing meeting, with millions of pounds of prize money for owners, it welcomes racehorses, jockeys and trainers from every corner of the globe. It is also the annual meeting of sartorial elegance, incredible heritage, gallantry and tradition. Royal Ascot takes place from Tuesday 18 June until Saturday 22 June, 2019.

**SEE** Experience unforgettable London with a 50-minute jet-powered action from Westminster to Canary Wharf and back with Thames Jet. It’s an adrenaline-pumping ride along the Thames for sightseeing, speed and awesome aquabatics. For a quieter adventure, head to Spitalfield’s City Farm in vibrant Shoreditch, home to farm-yard favourites including rabbits, chickens, geese and cows. Harvest your own vegetables then take up cookery lessons.

**SHOP** The luxury retail quarter of the Hyde Park Estate, Connaught Village, is a shopping retreat of independent retailers that line the Georgian streets with their pretty pastel-coloured shop fronts. Quieter than Oxford Street is the retail paradise of Marylebone High Street. High-end boutiques, such as Matches Fashion and LK Bennett are neighbours of trendy homeware store Skandium. For chic boutiques, hop over to Redchurch Street in central Shoreditch for cutting-edge menswear at Hostem and all things denim at Nudie Jeans.

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SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ARTS 2019

Singapore International Festival of Arts (SIFA 2019) returns for its 42nd year over several venues around the city, and features a line-up of iconic artists from around the world alongside the very best from Singapore. There will be the traditional disciplines of music, theatre and dance, but also many other programmes that will incorporate technology and multidisciplinary works.

www.sifa.sg

MALAYSIA

This year’s edition of the World Youth Jazz Fest will take place at two venues in Kuala Lumpur: Medan Pasar Clock Tower and No Black Tie, a jazz club. This free music event features the best homegrown as well as international young jazz acts from Thailand, Indonesia, Korea and Japan.

worldyouthjazzfest.com

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI

Friends and family come together to celebrate Hari Raya Aidilfitri (Eid-ul Fitri) at the end of Ramadhan. During this festive and joyous season, the doors of Istana Nurul Iman will open to welcome all visitors wishing to convey their well wishes to the Brunei Royal Family.

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** Istana Nurul Iman Hari Raya Aidilfitri Open House welcomes visitors over a period of three days.

bruneitourism.com

SINGAPORE

16-2 Jun

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www.visitbritain.com

23rd CONSUMER FAIR
One of the most popular events in the country returns to the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Berakas. As with previous editions, visitors can expect a variety of products and services from local and international vendors.

www.bruneiconsumerfair.com

26-30 Jun

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

NOUVELLE VAGUE
As part of their 15th anniversary world tour, Parisian new wave band Nouvelle Vague will be performing at the Dubai Opera. With their original concept of re-interpreting punk and new wave music into the dreamy style of 50s and 60s bossa nova, with lush arrangements and entrancing vocals, Nouvelle Vague is a global phenomenon.

www.dubaiopera.com

PENGHU OCEAN FIREWORKS FESTIVAL
The Penghu Ocean Fireworks Festival welcomes the start of Summer in Taiwan. Taking place twice a week on Mondays and Tuesdays, with its main stage at the Xiying Rainbow Bridge near the Guanyin Pavilion in Penghu, other areas where the fireworks are launched include the towns of Huxi, Xiyu, Wang’an, Baisha and Qimei.

eng.taiwan.net.tw

25 Jun

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RB B787 Dreamliner Business Class cabin features “Contour” seats that recline to a 180 degree flat bed for a peaceful rest, along with a plush duvet and pillows. Each seat is equipped with a 15.4” touchscreen LCD Monitor powered by the Panasonic eX2 in-flight entertainment system and in-seat power connector. The Business Class cabin lavatories are also fitted with bidets for guests’ convenience.

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RB IMPIAN INFLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT
RB Impian Inflight Entertainment system offers 1,000 entertainment options throughout the flight. A library of hit movies, classic Hollywood films and TV and audio programmes for all ages are available on board. Refer to the Impian entertainment guide to make your entertainment selection. For Business Class seats, the audio jack and audio/video remote control are located in your seat armrest. Seatback-mounted personal screens are only available on our B787 and A320neo aircraft. Elsewhere, guests can avail our service, sit back and relax with our overhead movie screens.

CUISINE
RB serves a Halal menu that combines both Western and Asian flavours with ingredients that have been carefully chosen for freshness. Business Class guests on long-haul flights can now pre-select meal times. Our ‘Dine Upon Request’ service is available throughout the flight up until 90 minutes before landing. Guests on all classes can also enjoy our ‘Food Fit to Fly by’ service menu that features healthier and lighter meal options, complemented by our award-winning cabin service from our crew.

We also offer tasty culinary options to meet various dietary requirements. Special meals can be ordered when you make your reservation. Please confirm your request at least 24 hours before boarding your flight.

ALCOHOL-FREE ENVIRONMENT POLICY
Royal Brunei Airlines operates alcohol-free flights to all destinations.

HAND LUGGAGE
For your safety and comfort, you may store your hand luggage in the overhead lockers or under the seat in front of you. Please do not hesitate to ask our cabin crew for help in stowing your luggage properly. Be careful when opening the overhead luggage compartments, as items dislodged by aircraft movement may fall on you or fellow guests.
LIQUIDS, AEROSOLS AND GELS (LAG)
Various countries have implemented restrictions on the carriage of liquids, aerosols and gels in compliance with new guidelines set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Guests transiting through airports and carrying any liquids, pastes and gels in containers over 100ml may be asked to dispose the items at security checkpoints.

These restrictions may affect your ability to carry duty-free purchases on board the aircraft. Customers are advised to check with duty free personnel before making their purchases. All liquids, aerosols and gels must be carried in containers of no greater than 100ml/3.3oz capacity (approximately 100gm in weight) and placed in a transparent, resealable plastic bag. The plastic bag must be removed from the carry-on baggage and presented to security personnel at the checkpoint for inspection and separate x-ray screening.

Exceptions to the new regulations are medicines and dietary supplements needed during a flight, including baby food. Proof of need may be required.

USE OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT
Electronic devices such as Citizen’s band (CB) radio, remote-controlled devices (such as radio controlled toys), and transmitting devices that emit radio frequencies are not to be used at any time during the flight. These devices may interfere with the aircraft’s electronic equipment, compromising aircraft safety and endangering the lives of guests and crew.

The following devices may be used on board, except during take-off, initial climb, approach and landing: mobile phones (which must be switched to flight mode), personal computers, FM receivers, calculators, electronic shavers, audio and video recorders, hand-held computer games, and playback devices.

LITHIUM BATTERIES
The abundant stored energy that makes lithium batteries practical also makes them dangerous when they are not packed and carried properly. RB follows the recommendations from ICAO and IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations in our efforts to mitigate these risks of the hazards.

Low and medium powered rechargeable batteries in equipment and limited quantity of spares are recommended as carry-on baggage. All spare units must be in the original packaging or have the exposed terminals taped over. Medium and large non-rechargeable must be carried as cargo/freight in accordance with current Dangerous Goods Regulations. High-Powered batteries are not permitted on board passenger aircraft.

Information of safe carriage of lithium batteries on board RB flights is also available at www.flyroyalbrunei.com.

PORTABLE CHARGERS OR POWER BANKS
In line with safety regulations on the carriage of lithium batteries, the following policy applies on the carriage and use of portable chargers or power banks on all RB flights:

In cabin baggage (carry-on)
RB allows for the carriage of portable chargers or power banks in carry-on baggage under the following guidelines:

- device cannot be charged or used in flight at any time
- device is switched off and placed in a sealed bag prior to the flight
BRUNEI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Brunei International Airport’s computerised passenger and cargo handling facilities can handle 3 million guests and 50,000 tonnes of cargo a year. Among the facilities offered at the airport are the Airport Prayer Hall (Surau Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Brunei Darussalam), telephones and Free Wi-Fi services, restaurants and shower facilities for guests who want to rest or freshen up before their flight.

For guests’ comfort and convenience, RB Service Centre is located on the Departure Hall area. Guests can make reservations, ticket purchase, book tour packages and redeem Royal Skies miles. The Customer Service Centre at the Brunei International Airport operates 7 days a week, from 8am to 9pm Mondays to Saturdays, and 8am to 5pm on Sundays, except for Friday midday break from 12noon to 2pm.

Our Business Class and Royal Skies Elite guests can now enjoy the service of our RB porters at departure curb-side for baggage assistance and trolley service to the check-in counters. The premium check-in lounge offers our Business Class and Royal Skies Elite guests with a relaxed check-in experience.

RB Economy class guests and groups booking may proceed to RB check-in counter Row B.

Business Class guests and Royal Skies Gold members are invited to access the RB Business Class Lounge prior to their flights. Fitted with plush, comfortable interiors and furnishings designed to make guests feel at home, the lounge offers ample opportunity to relax and experience RB’s warm hospitality. Guests at the Business Class Lounge have access to executive meeting rooms and all the facilities offered at the Sky Lounge in addition to the coffee bar.

The RB Sky Lounge is open to Royal Skies Silver members, corporate guests, customer airline guests, Priority Pass customers and walk-in guests. The lounge can seat 120 guests and features buffet dining, a prayer room, a movie room, kids’ room, a family zone, a gaming area featuring PS4 and Xbox Kinect, as well as a Virtual Reality station. Other facilities include complimentary massage chairs, shower rooms, ablution areas and High Definition TVs.

Duty-free shops offer consumer goods at competitive prices. There are several outlets, including a money changer located at the departure/transit hall. On sale are portable electrical goods with international warranties, designer goods, perfumes and confectionery. Brunei International Airport is a smoke-free airport.

A mobile application app has been developed by the Department of Civil Aviation to help guests/visitors experience the newly refurbished Brunei International Airport seamlessly through the ‘iFLYBRUNEI’ app on the smartphone.

- device with lithium ion batteries and a watt-hour rating that does not exceed 100Wh is permitted up to a maximum of four batteries per person
- device with lithium ion batteries and a watt-hour that exceeds 160Wh is permitted with prior-approval from airline, up to a maximum of two batteries per person.

For checked baggage
Portable chargers or power banks are strictly prohibited in checked baggage for all RB flights.

NON-SMOKING POLICY
Royal Brunei Airlines operates non-smoking flights to all destinations.

ONLINE BOOKING
Fly through the airport. You can now book online at www.flyroyalbrunei.com, check-in online and print your own electronic ticket (e-ticket). Online check-in is available 48 hours before flight departure and closes 60 minutes before departure time.

CHECK IN
Check-in counters at the Brunei International Airport are open three hours before flight departure, and from 12 noon for evening flights. Guests are advised to check-in at least two hours before departure to allow for security and baggage checks. Check-in counters will be closed 45 minutes before departure, after which no boarding passes will be issued. Royal Brunei Airlines also advises its guests to reach the boarding gate 20 minutes before the flight departs to avoid missing their flights.

GUEST COMMENTS
Your comments and suggestions will help us enhance our services. Please e-mail us at: guestexperience@rba.com.bn.
Visas* Austrian, German, Malaysian, Singaporean, British nationals with the right of abode in the United Kingdom, The Netherlands and New Zealand nationals are exempted from the requirement to obtain a visa for visits not exceeding 30 days. American passport holders can enter Brunei Darussalam for three months without visas. For nationals of Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Republic of Maldives, Norway, Oman, The Philippines, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand and The Principality of Liechtenstein — visas are waived for 14-day visits. Nationals of Australia are issued visas on arrival at the Brunei International Airport for visits not exceeding 30 days.

All other visitors entering Brunei Darussalam must have visas obtainable from any Brunei Darussalam diplomatic mission abroad. These visas are normally issued for a two-week stay but can be renewed in Brunei. Visitors must hold onward tickets and sufficient funds to support themselves while in the country.

N.B. For more details, please contact your nearest Brunei Embassy or diplomatic representative.

Currency Bearer Negotiation
Instrument Declaration* Guests entering or leaving Brunei who carry physical currency or bearer negotiable instruments valued at BND15,000 or more are required to complete a declaration form and submit it to a customs officer (if arriving in Brunei) or an immigration officer (if departing Brunei).

Duty-free Allowance* The import of the following products is subject to restrictions imposed by Brunei's Customs and Excise Department.

Cigarettes: Effective 1 April, 2017, guests will be charged duty on cigarettes at the following rates:
- per stick: $0.50
- for each 20 sticks pack: $10
- for each carton of 10 packs: $100

Please refer the new charges imposed by Royal Customs and Excise Department.

Alcohol: Non-Muslim guests may bring in two bottles of liquor plus 12 cans of beer for personal consumption only, and a reasonable quantity of perfumes.

Transportation Brunei International Airport is about 11km from the capital. Car rental, public buses and registered taxis are available at the arrivals. The Land transport department strongly advise visitors to only use regulated and insured taxis. For more info on registered taxis you may visit – www.mincom.gov.bn/brunitaxifare or contact +6737181643.

Currency The Brunei dollar is on a par with the Singapore dollar, which is also accepted in Brunei. Banks, hotels and many department stores will cash traveller’s cheques.

Language Malay is the official language but English is widely used. Other languages include Chinese and its dialect variants and other indigenous dialects. Although the official religion is Islam, other faiths including Christianity and Buddhism are practised.

Clothing Light clothing is advisable as the climate is generally warm and humid. Women are requested to dress modestly in keeping with local customs.

Health Doctors provide private medical services for a nominal charge. There are a number of state health clinics and hospitals.

Credit Cards Hotels, department stores and other major establishments generally accept all internationally known credit cards.

Tipping Optional. Some hotels add a 10 per cent service charge to their room rates.

Telephones Overseas calls can be made from hotel rooms through the operator, or via international direct dialling (IDD). There are also coin and phonecard operated public telephones.

Utilities Power supply is 220 - 240v, 50 cycles. The PAL and NTSC systems are used by local television. Tap water is generally safe to drink although some take the precaution of boiling it.

Media Radio Television Brunei has nightly news bulletins and a range of popular entertainment in both English and Malay. Cable network and Malaysian television programmes can also be received. There are two local daily newspapers namely: Borneo Bulletin (English) and Media Permata (Malay). Other regional and international publications are also available at newstands.

Food For the adventurous, the food stalls offer Malay favourites, such as satay (barbecued meat on a skewer) and local dishes prepared with curry or coconut milk. Chinese, European and Indian cuisines are also available. All F&B businesses, including hotel restaurants, close for Friday prayer 12pm to 2pm. For hotel guests, room service dining operates as usual.

Hotels Accommodation in the capital ranges from international standard to middle range hotels. Service apartments are also available at reasonable rates.

Shopping Department stores and shops offer goods ranging from cosmetics and stereo to local handicrafts such as the keris (an ornamental dagger), miniature brass cannons, and kain tenunan, a cloth woven with gold or silver threads.

Festivals and Celebrations National Day, 23 February, Hari Raya, the end of the Muslim fasting month, and His Majesty The Sultan’s birthday, 15 July. Other public holidays include Chinese Lunar New Year and Christmas.

Customs and Courtesy
• In mosques, visitors should remove their shoes at the entrance. Robes are provided at the entrance for people at prayer. A woman should ensure that her head, knees and arms are covered before entering mosques. Women are requested to dress modestly in keeping with local customs.
• A Bruneian shakes hands lightly and brings his hands to his chest. Members of the opposite sex do not shake hands.
• It is impolite to point with the index finger (use the right thumb instead) or to beckon someone with fingers and palm facing upwards. Instead the whole hand should be waved with palm facing downwards. The right fist should never be smacked into the left palm.
• Gifts, particularly food, are passed with the right hand.

* The visa and duty-free allowances are provided as a guideline and may change without notice.
AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE (MEL)

TULLAMARINE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Airport City: 22 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus BND15 + Taxi AUD5
Airport Tax: AUD20
Currency: Australian Dollar (AUD)
Language: English

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BANDED SERI BEGAWAN (BWN)

BRUNEI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Airport City: Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus BND15 + Taxi AUD5
Airport Tax: AUD20
Currency: Brunei Dollar (BND)
Language: Malay, Mandarin, English

CHINA

HONG KONG (HKG)

CHEK LAP KOK AIRPORT (HKG)

Airport City: 32 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus HKD20 + Taxi HKD50
Airport Tax: HKD30
Currency: Hong Kong Dollar (HKD)
Language: Cantonese, Tamil, Mandarin

CUBA

HAVANA (HAV)

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Airport City: 46 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus CUP25 + Taxi CUP15
Airport Tax: CUP25
Currency: Cuban Peso (CUP)

DENMARK

COPENHAGEN (CPH)

Kastrup International Airport

Airport City: 13 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus DKK25 + Taxi DKK20
Airport Tax: DKK10
Currency: Danish Krone (DKK)

FRANCE

PARIS (CDG)

PASSENGER TERMINAL 2E

Airport City: 28 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus EUR5 + Taxi EUR30
Airport Tax: EUR30
Currency: Euro (EUR)

GERMANY

BERLIN (BER)

Tegel Airport

Airport City: 22 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus EUR5 + Taxi EUR25
Airport Tax: EUR25
Currency: Euro (EUR)

HONG KONG (HKG)

CHEK LAP KOK AIRPORT

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Airport Tax: HKD30
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JAPAN

OSAKA (KIX)

KIX INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Airport City: 21 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus JPY500 + Taxi JPY2000
Airport Tax: JPY1000
Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)

KOREA

SEOUL (ICN)

Incheon International Airport

Airport City: 19 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus KRW13000 + Taxi KRW15000
Airport Tax: KRW30000
Currency: South Korean Won (KRW)

MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR (KUL)

KUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Airport City: 20 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus MYR50 + Taxi MYR200
Airport Tax: MYR60
Currency: Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)

MEXICO

MEXICO CITY (MEX)

Benito Juarez International Airport

Airport City: 25 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus MXN250 + Taxi MXN700
Airport Tax: MXN250
Currency: Mexican Peso (MXN)

NETHERLANDS

AMSTERDAM (AMS)

Schiphol International Airport

Airport City: 15 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus EUR6 + Taxi EUR30
Airport Tax: EUR15
Currency: Euro (EUR)

NORWAY

OSLO (OSL)

Gardermoen Airport

Airport City: 35 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus NOK150 + Taxi NOK400
Airport Tax: NOK250
Currency: Norwegian Krone (NOK)

SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE (SIN)

SIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Airport City: 21 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus SGD50 + Taxi SGD200
Airport Tax: SGD50
Currency: Singapore Dollar (SGD)
Language: Malay, English, French

COLOMBIA

BOGOTA (BOG)

El Dorado International Airport

Airport City: 32 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus COP12000 + Taxi COP28000
Airport Tax: COP3400
Currency: Colombian Peso (COP)

COSTA RICA

SAN JOSE (SJO)

Danny Oduber Quiros International Airport

Airport City: 20 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus CRC2500 + Taxi CRC5900
Airport Tax: CRC7500
Currency: Costa Rican Colon (CRC)

EGYPT

CAIRO (CMR)

Egyptian airport

Airport City: 40 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus EGP500 + Taxi EGP1500
Airport Tax: EGP650
Currency: Egyptian Pound (EGP)

EMIRATES

DUBAI (DXB)

Dubai International Airport

Airport City: 30 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus AED100 + Taxi AED500
Airport Tax: AED250
Currency: United Arab Emirates Dirham (AED)

INDIA

NEW DELHI (DEL)

Indira Gandhi International Airport

Airport City: 25 kms
Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus INR1000 + Taxi INR5000
Airport Tax: INR1500
Currency: Indian Rupee (INR)

ISRAEL

TEL AVIV (TLV)

BenSheba International Airport

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Approx. Fare from Airport to City: Bus ILS250 + Taxi ILS500
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ABODE OF PEACE

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Brunei is arguably best known today as an oil producing country. The nation became independent in 1984 and, thanks to its large reserves of oil and gas, now has one of the highest standards of living in the world. Its population of just over 408,000 is made up of two-thirds ethnic Malay, with the remainder being Chinese, Indian and other indigenous groups.

The Sultanate has four districts. Brunei-Muara (which includes the capital Bandar Seri Begawan), Temburong, Tutong and Belait. ‘Darussalam’, the Arabic word for ‘Abode of Peace’ describes Brunei’s Islamic history that dates back some 1,500 years. Today, Brunei remains the world’s only Malay Islamic Monarchy with an unbroken royal lineage that has ruled the nation for the past 600 years.

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MUSLIM PRAYER TIMES in Brunei Darussalam

Sya’aban 1440 / Ramadhan 1440

May 2019

CAPITAL ATTRACTIONS

Small in size but big in attractions, Brunei’s capital has lots to offer.

1

THE OMAR ALI SAIFUDDIEN MOSQUE

Brunei Darussalam’s iconic landmark, the mosque was completed in 1958 and is named after the 28th Sultan, the late Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddien, who is referred to as the Architect of Modern Brunei.

2

ISTANA NURUL IMAN

The official residence of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu’izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam. Although not open to public, except during Hari Raya Aidil Fitri, its golden domes and vaulted roof can be viewed from Kampong Ayer.

3

LAPAU AND DEWAN MAJLIS

The Royal Ceremonial Hall features an exquisite golden dome and hosts all of the Sultanate’s traditional royal ceremonies.
THE ROYAL REGALIA BUILDING
The museum is home to a collection of royal regalia, including the royal chandeliers, gold and silver ceremonial armories, the jewel encrusted crowns used during the coronation and a replica of the throne, which is used by the Sultan on state occasions.

ISTANA DARUSSALAM
Located on Jalan Sumbiling, this wooden palace captures the architectural heritage of old Malay palaces. Visitors may view only from outside.

THE SULTAN HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH FOUNDATION COMPLEX
The capital’s most popular shopping venues, it combines both traditional Malay and modern architecture.

BRUNEI MUSEUM
Brunei’s national museum spotlights Brunei’s role in Southeast Asia’s history. The Islamic Art Gallery has historical pieces of Islamic art and a commendable Quran collection.

BRUNEI ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS CENTRE
Brunei’s ancient and traditional arts and crafts – kain tenunan, silver & brass ware, wood carving and basketry – are showcased in this centre, aimed to preserve its rich legacy.

TAMU KIANGGEH
The Tamu, or open air market, on the banks of the Kianggeh River is a popular local market for traditional dishes, fruits, vegetables, flowers and handicrafts.

KAMPONG AYER
The world’s largest water village that is home to more than 30,000 people living on unique wooden houses on stilts over the Brunei River.

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK
Temburong
ULU TEMBURONG NATIONAL PARK
Explore Brunei’s lush virgin forest through lofty canopy walkways, scenic hiking trails and a thrilling river ride to the park on the Temburong River.

Tutong
TASEK MERIMBUN
Brunei’s largest lake that curves in an ‘S’ has an island in the centre accessible via a wooden walkway and various facilities for picnics and recreation.

Belait
OIL & GAS DISCOVERY CENTRE
An ‘edutainment’ facility, this interactive science centre aims to make science exciting and accessible to all with more than 100 hands-on exhibits in themed areas to explore.
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Alyce Alexandra
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James Patterson
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