

BIBD BOOSTS CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR BIBD ALAF PROGRAMME STUDENTS

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March 11th, 2019 - BIBD today extended further support for the students under its BIBD ALAF (Advocating Life-Long Learning for an Aspiring Future) programme with the offer letter signing event for BIBD ALAF Scholar Yang Mulia Awang Saiful Azmi bin Saradin. Signing on behalf of BIBD was Yang Mulia Haji Mohammad Yusri bin Haji Wahsalfelah, Head of Government Relations and Special Projects.

As a result of the stellar support from the BIBD ALAF programme, Awang Saiful is the second student to be offered the opportunity to pursue his education at the renowned Al Azhar University in Cairo, the Arab Republic of Egypt. This is part of the programme's commitment to ensure the development of Brunei's future leaders to be at an international standard that is competitive and knowledge-based whilst also ensuring that all citizens are properly cared for.

Also at the event, BIBD took the opportunity to launch its ALAF internship programme which saw four BIBD ALAF students given the opportunity to gain invaluable working experience. The three-month internship programme was designed specifically for BIBD ALAF students who are currently waiting to progress onto the next step of their education. The internship programme will see the students gain experience at various departments within BIBD to expose them to real-world working conditions which is intended to better prepare them for their future employment. The selected students also received a hands-on briefing by BIBD's own Chief Human Resource Officer, Yang Mulia Habibah binti Haji Harry who also proceeded to sign their internship programme letters at BIBD.

The event also celebrated the remarkable achievements of BIBD ALAF students who recorded remarkable successes during the 2018's O-level and A-level examinations which included three A-levels for four students, nine O-levels each for two students,

eight O-levels and A12 for one student at Mahad Islam Brunei, and also eight o-Levels and A8 for one SUAMPRIPAHS student.

The event was attended by guest of honour, Yang Mulia Hjh Noraini binti Hj Sulaiman BIBD's Deputy Managing Director cum Chair of BIBD ALAF Board of Trustees. Also present alongside the BIBD ALAF students were BIBD ALAF Taskforce officers from the Ministry of Education's Department of Schools and the Ministry of Religious Affairs' Islamic Studies Department, along with the respective parents of the BIBD ALAF students.

Yang Mulia Haji Mohammad Yusri commented that, "Alhamdulillah, today is another milestone, not only for BIBD, but also the close relationship we have with the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Ministry of Education to deliver a programme that caters to nation-building in terms of developing future leaders whilst improving the living standards for Brunei's community as a whole.

"The programme is proof of successful public-private partnership that will contribute to the realisation of Wawasan Brunei 2035 thus generating a dynamic and sustainable economy, in shaa Allah".

About the ALAF Programme

The BIBD ALAF (Advocating Life-Long Learning for An Aspiring Future) programme, launched in May 2013 by Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah, currently supports the development of 215 students. The programme is kept sustainable by collaborated efforts from both public and private efforts which include BIBD's own charity expeditions for ALAF, generous contributions from corporate agencies as well as the general public. The programme is driven by collaborative public-private partnership efforts to improve the standard of living of the Bruneian community between BIBD, the Ministry of Religious Affairs (MoRA), and Ministry of Education (MoE).

How can the public support the ALAF Programme

Members of the public wishing to contribute into the BIBD ALAF Programme fund may do so with a minimum donation of B\$1.01 into the BIBD ALAF account at 1018181811 via BIBD channels such as the BIBD Online website, BIBD Mobile app, BIBD ATM and CDMs,

and BIBD branch counters. The public can also set up a BIBD Standing Instruction to ensure a monthly donation into the ALAF fund. As an added option, BIBD account holders can also use their accumulated BIBD Hadiah Points for cash conversion into contributions into the ALAF fund account.

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In 2018, BIBD was ranked second strongest bank in South East Asia and top ten Asia by The Asian Banker. BIBD is one of the safest banks in the world and holds an impressive credit rating of A- by Standard & Poor's, the highest for a Bruneian bank and among the highest in the region. BIBD has been named the "Best Retail Bank in Brunei" by The Asian Banker for six consecutive years from 2013 to 2018.

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