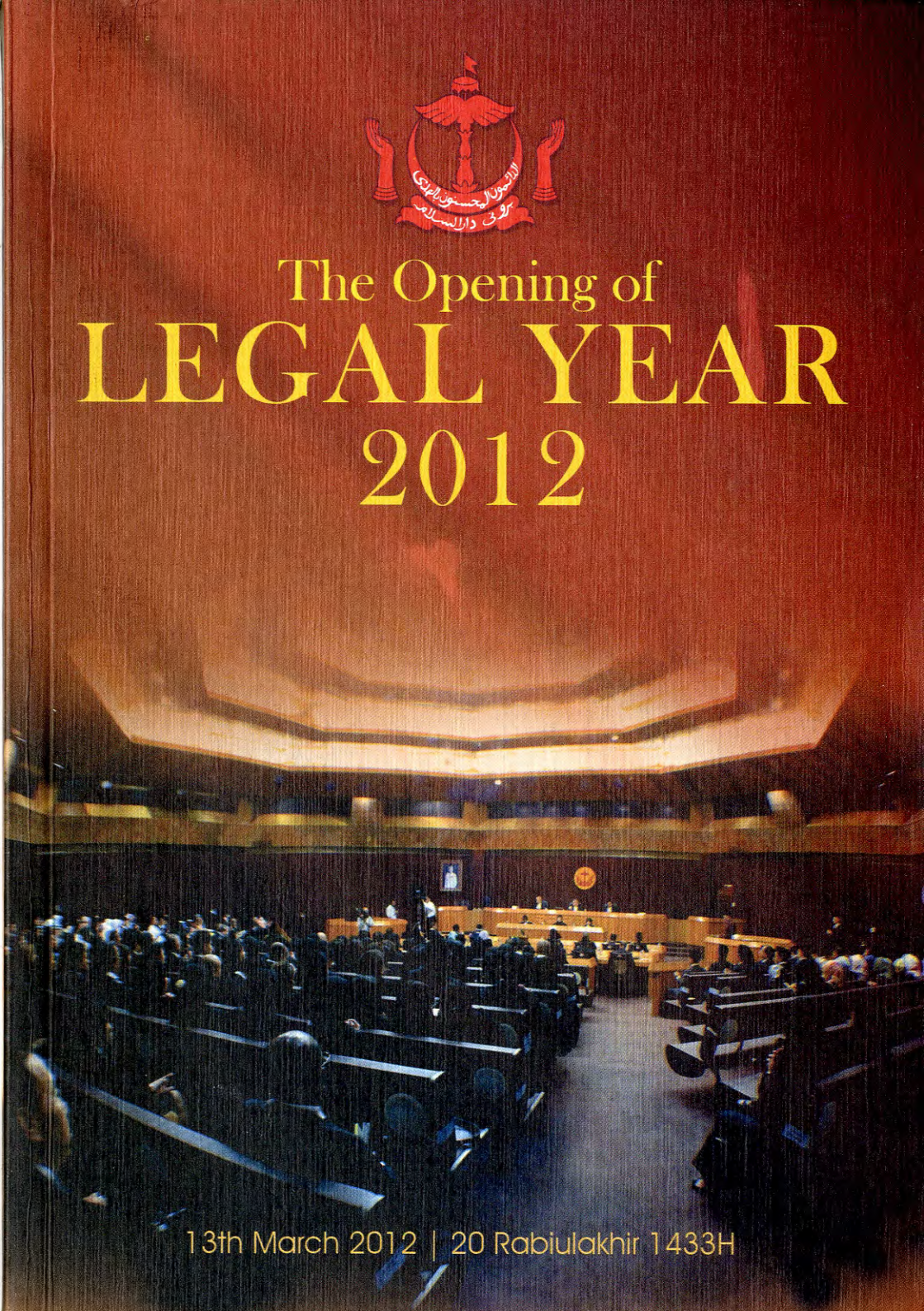
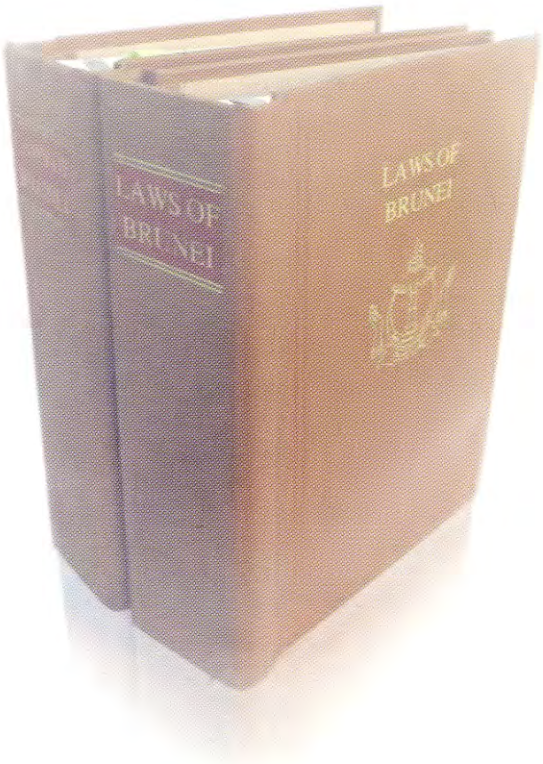
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Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda
Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum
Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien,
Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam

EXCERPTS FROM HIS MAJESTY'S TITAH

"Sesungguhnya adalah harapan Beta supaya pada suatu ketika nanti semua pegawai-pegawai dan kakitangan kehakiman kita akan kesemuanya terdiri dari rakyat Beta iaitu sepertimana juga kedudukan Jabatan Undang-Undang sekarang. Tetapi yang penting sekali ialah memelihara kedudukan Kehakiman yang adil dan saksama. Kearah itu Beta menggesa rakyat Beta khususnya mereka yang masih berada di bangku sekolah dan institusi-institusi pengajian tinggi untuk juga memilih mata pelajaran-mata pelajaran undang-undang supaya pada satu ketika nanti mereka dapat memainkan peranan yang penting di dalam pentadbiran kehakiman dan kepeguaman baik di sektor Kerajaan mahupun di sektor swasta."

Petikan Titah Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda
Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddulah, Sultan dan Yang Di-Pertuan
Negara Brunei Darussalam sempena Istiadat Pembukaan
Rasmi Bangunan Baru Mahkamah Besar
Negara Brunei Darussalam pada 15hb Mac 1984.

"Although it is my hope that one day all our judicial officers and staff would be from my subjects as can be found in the Legal Department now, but the most important factor is the maintenance of the status of a just and impartial judiciary. Towards this end I call upon my subjects especially those who are still in schools and institutes of higher learning to choose law as a subject which they should pursue so that in future they would be able to play an important role in the administration of justice and laws either in the public sector or the private sector."

Titah of His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddulah,
Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the Official
Opening of the New Supreme Court Building of Brunei Darussalam
on 15th March, 1984.

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Foreword

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Once again, I am pleased to welcome you to the Opening Ceremony marking the Opening of the Legal Year 2012 where we traditionally take a close look at the past year's achievements and look forward to new goals and objectives.

The past 12 months have been an exciting and fruitful time for the Judiciary as a whole. Alongside the usual international conferences attended by the Judicial Officers in different countries all over the world, the Judiciary achieved a significant milestone in organizing an in-house Mediation Workshop in Brunei Darussalam in collaboration with the Singapore Mediation Centre in January 2012. Not only are the Judicial Officers now equipped with basic mediation skills for application in their daily duties but they have also come away with invaluable skills that can be applied in any situations which involved resolving conflict.

The training in the field of mediation for Judicial Officers has also paved the way for establishment of the Small Claims Tribunals where disputes under the recently enforced Consumer Protection (Fair Trading) Order 2011 will be heard. As more and more new legislation comes in force, the Judiciary remains committed to meeting the challenges brought about by such developments through continuous training and development.

It is a paradox then, however, that the organization of the Judiciary remains largely unchanged. This unfortunately means that despite the best efforts of the Judiciary to be responsive to the needs and expectations of court users, the limited manpower within the Judiciary makes for a great stumbling block in achieving the desired objections. There remains an urgent need for appointment of more Judicial Officers and recruitment of administrative staff and I hope that this requirement will be met sooner, rather than later.

With the growing caseload, the Judiciary has also looked at implementing e-case management system to facilitate smoother operations and to allow for more efficient data collection and analysis. It is also hoped that the system once put in place will provide greater access to justice for parties involved in court proceedings.

The expansive use of technological advances within the confines of the courtroom will undoubtedly warrant the establishment of a Technology Court. The Judiciary, as part of its commitment to strive to improve quality of the delivery of services to court users will continue to explore and consider all initiatives that will put the Judiciary of Brunei Darussalam in tandem with other leading judiciaries.

This year's accomplishment would not have been possible without the tireless work of the Judicial Officers and all the staff of the Judiciary. I am grateful that despite the challenges the Judiciary faces, morale remains high and the commitment to deliver remains unwavered.

I must also express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the members of the organizing committee as well as to the officers and personnel of various Government Departments in ensuring that today's event runs smoothly.

I thank you all for your presence today and wish you all a successful and prosperous year ahead.

Pengiran Rostaina binti Pengiran Haji Duraman
Chief Registrar Supreme Court
(Chairperson of the Organising Committee)

MISSION STATEMENT

Mission

"Administration of Justice"

Objective

"Upholding the Rule of Law"

Goals

"Securing Justice"
"Enhancing Access to Justice"
"Preserving Public Trust and Confidence"

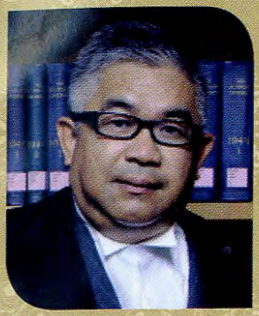
Values

"Taqwa"
"Independence"
"Accountability"
"Timeliness"
"Accessibility"
"Equality and Fairness"
"Integrity"

Principles

"To faithfully discharge judicial duties"
"To do right to all manner of people after the Laws and Usage of Brunei Darussalam without fear or favour, affection or ill will to the best of their ability"
"To be faithful and bear true allegiance to Brunei Darussalam"

THE HON. CHIEF JUSTICE'S SPEECH DURING THE OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR 2011



بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Your Royal Highness Princess Hajah Muta-Wakkilah Hayatul Bolkiah, The Honourable Attorney General, The Honourable Chief Syar'ie Judge, President of Brunei Darussalam's Law Society, Members of the Bar, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, good morning and welcome.

It's been a few months now that we said goodbye to the last year and welcomed the New Year, 2011. With Allah's Blessing, we hope this new year will be a happy and prosperous year like the previous years.

1. STATISTICS

As usual the figures of the various type of cases for 2010, starting with the Magistrates' Courts, and criminal cases first. The Court in Bandar Seri Begawan had 3418 cases in 2010, that being 725 more than in 2009; for Kuala Belait the figure was 640, that is, 339 more than the previous year; Tutong Court had 146 registered in 2010, that being 48 more than in 2009; and Temburong Court had 26 criminal cases registered compared with 16 in 2009.

The figures for civil cases registered in the Magistracies were: in Bandar Seri Begawan 1641 suits were registered in 2010 as against 1594 filed in the previous year; Kuala Belait Court had 327 registered in 2010, that being 56 more than the previous year; Tutong Court had 250 registered in 2010, that is less than in 2009, and in Temburong Court no civil matter was registered as in the previous three years.

The Intermediate Court had 114 civil matters registered in 2010, this being 16 more than in 2009; and 17 criminal matters were registered in the past year, that being 3 more than in 2009.

There were 5 civil appeals from the Magistrates' Courts to the High Court in 2010, less than 1 in 2009; and 55 criminal appeals were filed in 2010, this being 14 more than in 2009.

Coming now to the criminal case heard in the High Court, the Court dealt with 28 cases as against 26 in 2009, and 195 civil cases were filed in the High Court in 2010 as against 199 in the previous year.

Civil appeals from the High Court and Intermediate Court to the Court of Appeal in 2010 numbered 16, that being 2 less than in 2009; and criminal appeals to the Court of Appeal in 2010 were 23 in number, this being 11 more than in 2009.

With regards to Bankruptcy matters, 751 notices were received during 2010, that being 11 more than 2009; 198 receiving orders were made in 2010, that is 88 more than in 2009; and 36 adjudication orders were made in 2010, that being 6 less than the previous year.

Chamber hearing before the Senior Registrars and Registrars decreased by 56 from 334 in 2009 to 278 in 2010.

There is 1 capital case before the High Court awaiting trial of which is a drug trafficking case. Trial dates have been given for the case.

Lastly, the total revenue collection during 2010 amounted to B$6,063,344.31 as compared to B$6,403,634.47 during 2009.

2. JUVENILE COURTS

At the Opening of the Legal Year 2010, the Honourable Attorney General announced the enforcement of the Children and Young Person (Amendment) Order 2006 on 1st March 2010 which provides for the setting up of the Juvenile Court in Brunei Darussalam. I am pleased to say that the Judiciary has responded swiftly to the enforcement of the legislation and my judicial officers have

undergone an attachment program with the Singapore Juvenile Courts with plans to undergo further attachments in relevant jurisdictions, in order to equip themselves with the necessary knowledge and skills to preside over matters in the Juvenile Court here in Brunei Darussalam.

The Juvenile Court celebrates the first anniversary of its inception today. It deals not only with juvenile offenders but also with children who are beyond parental control and those who need care and protection.

Over the last 12 months, 2 juvenile arrest cases, 1 care and protection order application, 1 beyond parental control application and 9 juvenile traffic cases were heard and concluded in the Juvenile Courts. Of the 9 juvenile traffic cases, 1 was heard in the Kuala Belait Juvenile Court. In order to ensure access to the Juvenile Courts nationwide, a Juvenile Court Magistrate is available in all 4 districts, Bandar Seri Begawan, Tutong, Kuala Belait and Temburong, to preside over matters brought before it.

The Juvenile Court does not work in isolation. It is assisted by a Panel of Advisers in deciding the best way to deal with a juvenile offender and works together with the various units under the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports in the effort to rehabilitate and reintegrate an offending juvenile back into society. Unlike the adult criminal courts, the Juvenile court is assisted in its decision making by a Panel of Advisers. The fully constituted Juvenile Court consists of the presiding Magistrate and 2 advisers from this Panel of Advisers. These advisers are lay volunteers, some of whom are retirees, and come from diverse professions including educators, psychologists, religious officers and social welfare officers. They bring a fresh perspective to the Court from their particular fields of expertise and from their working experiences. With their strong community links, they are able to offer practical and useful help and suggestions on long term plans of action to be made in respect of each juvenile offender. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the parties mentioned for their cooperation and effort in working towards establishing a framework for the juvenile justice process. I also think it is important to highlight the need for recruitment and appointment of more members of the Panel of Advisers with remuneration to be considered for their services so as to avoid unnecessary adjournments due to unavailability. At present, there are a total of 4 members of the Panel of Advisers.

The Juvenile Court occupies a pivotal position in the juvenile justice process and implements the legislation that provides the platform for the innovative measures that are now available to deal with juvenile offending and delinquency. Section 51 of the Children and Young Persons Order 2006 provides that:

(1) "Subject to this section, where a Juvenile Court is satisfied that an offence has been proved, or where the child or young person (referred to in this section as the offender) admits the facts constituting the offence, the Court shall, in addition to any other powers exercisable by virtue of this Order or any by other written law, have power-

(a) to discharge the offender;

(b) to discharge the offender upon his entering into a bond to be of good behaviour and to comply with such order as may be imposed;

(c) to commit the offender to the care of a relative or other fit person for a period to be specified by the Court;

(d) to order his guardian to execute a bond to exercise proper care and guardianship and to abide by such order as the Court may make in relation to the welfare, maintenance and rehabilitation of the offender;

(e) subject to any other written law, to make a probation order requiring the offender to be under the supervision of a probation officer or a volunteer probation officer for a period of not less than 6 months and not more than 3 years;

(f) subject to any other written law, to make an order, in accordance with the prescribed requirements, requiring the offender to perform community service, not exceeding 240 hours in aggregate, of such nature and at such time and place and subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Court;

(g) to order the offender to be detained in a place of detention for a period not exceeding 6 months;

(h) to order the offender to be detained in a place of detention or an approved institution over such number of weekends, not exceeding 52, as the Court thinks fit;

(i) to order the offender to be sent to an approved school for a period of not less than 2 years and not more than 3 years;

(j) to order the offender to pay a fine, damages or costs;

(k) to order the offender to be brought before the Intermediate Court to be dealt with under section 14A of the Criminal Procedure Code (Chapter 7) if the offender -

(i) has attained the age of 18 years; or

(ii) having attained the age of 14 years but being below the age of 18 years, has previously been dealt with by a court in connection with another offence and had, in respect of that other offence, been ordered under paragraph (i) to be sent to an approved school, and the Juvenile Court is satisfied that it is expedient with a view to his reformation that he should undergo a period of training in a reformative training centre.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the Juvenile Court shall have power-

(a)to make an order referred to in paragraph (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) or (j) of subsection (1), either singly or in combination in such manner as it thinks just and expedient in the circumstances ....."

Section 58 of the same Order provides that,

"(1) Where the guardian of a child or young person proves to a Juvenile Court that he is unable to control him, the Court, if satisfied-

(a) that it is expedient so to deal with the child or young person; and

(b) that the guardian understands the results which will follow from, and consents to, the making of the order, may order him -

(i) to be placed under the supervision of a community community development officer or of some other person appointed for the purpose by the court, for a period not exceeding 3 years; or

(ii) to be sent to an approved home for a period of not less than 2 years and not more than 3 years."

It is important therefore that the legislation is reviewed from time to time as is done by our counterparts in Singapore and Malaysia to ensure that the legislation remains current, relevant and practical in keeping up with changing trends in our society that undeniably shapes our children.

3. TOWARDS A BETTER AND AN EFFICIENT JUDICIAL/LEGAL SERVICE

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam for giving the usual consent to our Judicial Officers to attend Meetings/Seminars and visiting the Courts in other countries not only for the purpose of net-working but also to learn from the experience of other countries. The Judiciary also appreciate the facilities we were given to help us to do our jobs. As I have said before, our Judicial Officers have to be given proper training and the right tools to do their works efficiently.

In return as Judicial Officers we will strive to continuously improve and upgrade ourselves so that we can give excellent service to our community.

I have noted that the Law Society since its establishment, has been very active in organizing Law Dinners, Sports, Games and Seminars for its members. Last year for the first time, the Law Society has conducted several Legal-Aid Clinic for members of the public who do not have the means to pay a lawyer. I commend the Law Society's initiative and best efforts to help the poor by giving them free legal advice. This is another remarkable legal history for Brunei Darussalam. I hope the Legal Aid Clinic would continue this noble work. Instead of just stationing the clinic at the new Court Building in Bandar Seri Begawan, the Legal Aid Clinic should move occasionally to Tutong, Kuala Belait and Temburong. I have also been informed that the Law Society has organized for its members, a Seminar on 'Legal Ethics' sometime last year.

The Law Society should continue its useful activities for the benefit of its members. This would be consistent wit the purposes of the setting up of the Law Society outlined in Section 4 of the Legal Profession (Law Society of Brunei Darussalam) Order, which provides, inter alia, that

"4.(1) The purposes of the Society shall be -

(a) to maintain and improve the standards of conduct and learning of the legal profession in Brunei Darussalam;

(b) to facilitate the acquisition of legal knowledge by members of the legal profession and others;

(c) .....

(d) to represent, protect and assist members of the legal profession in Brunei Darussalam and to promote in any manner the Society thinks fit the interests of the legal profession in Brunei Darussalam;

(e) .....

(f) to protect and assist the public in Brunei Darussalam in all matters touching or ancillary or incidental to the law;

(g) to make provision for or assist in the promotion of a scheme whereby impecunious person on non-capital charges are represented by an advocate and solicitor;

(h) .....

(i) to grant pecuniary or other assistance to any association, institute, board or society in Brunei Darussalam in the interests of the profession of law or of students for that professions;

(j) .....

(k) to promote good relations and social intercourse among members and between members and other persons concerned in the administration of law and justice in Brunei Darussalam; and

(l) to establish and maintain good relations with professional bodies of the legal profession in other countries and to participate in the activities of any international association and become member thereof."

4. CONCLUSION

I am grateful to the Chief Registrar and the officers and staff of the Judiciary for the preparations they have made for this ceremony.

My thanks also go to the Commissioner of Police and the Royal Brunei Police Force for the guard of honour which I was privileged to inspect this morning.

I should not forget the Prisons Department for their assistance in holding the prisoners awaiting plea and trial, in safe custody.

Finally, on behalf of the Judiciary I must express my appreciation to all of you who have found time to attend this annual occasion. I think it signifies that there remains a deep interest in our judicial system which I believe has served Brunei Darussalam well and will continue to do so in the future.

I shall now call upon the Honourable Attorney General to address this gathering, and she will be followed by the President of the Law Society.

At the conclusion of all the speeches and thanksgiving prayers, would you please proceed to the ground floor for refreshments.

Dato Seri Paduka Haji Kifrawi bin Dato Paduka Haji Kifli
Chief Justice of Brunei Darussalam

THE HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SPEECH DURING THE OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR 2011



بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Good Morning

Your Royal Highness Princess Hajah Muta-Wakkilah Hayatul Bolkiah, My Lord Honourable Chief Justice, Yang Amat Arif Chief Syarie Judge, Honourable Judges, President of the Brunei Darussalam Law Society, Members of the Bar, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

My Lord,

I am grateful to Allah Subahanahu Wata'ala for giving me another opportunity to attend and address this auspicious occasion of the Opening of the Legal Year 2011. Apart from its tradition, the occasion affords us, the Judiciary and the Legal community to gather and to take stock and review the past year and to share our wish list and plans for the future.

Congratulations and acknowledgment

Allow me to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to each officer and staff in Chambers for their contribution and support. May I also on behalf of Chambers congratulate Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Utama Haji Awang Isa bin Pehin Datu Perdana Menteri Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Ibrahim, on Yang Berhormat's appointment as Speaker of the Legislative Council on 10 February 2011. Yang Berhormat is a long standing and much respected member of the Brunei Bar and had served in the AGC from 1962 to 1968; so, it is with much pride that we greet Yang Berhormat's appointment.

I next congratulate Her Honour, Pengiran Hajah Hanani binti Pengiran Haji Metusain on Her Honour's appointment as Intermediate Court Judge and His

Honour Haji Nabil Daraina bin Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin as Senior Magistrate. We wish each of them many fruitful and satisfying years on the bench.

The Year 2010

The year 2010 proved to be another busy year for Chambers. We launched our Program Mendekati Masyarakat (Community Outreach Programme). The main objective is to assist the public to gain better understanding of the role of Chambers and their rights and obligations under the law. The Criminal Justice Division (CJD) held 2 such Talks on the topic of "Rights and obligations of an accused person and of a victim under the criminal law".

The Civil Division also held such a Talk on "Bloggers" Rights and Responsibilities and Other Legal Issues Arising out of Use of Social Media".

This programme is in addition to the continuous dialogues (muzakarah) routinely held throughout the year between all the Divisions and the relevant Ministries and Government Departments.

The response and feedback had been encouraging and we hope to continue it this year. I am most grateful to the officers for taking on board my challenge despite their already heavy workload. This year, we intend to also reach schools on subjects such as, school bullying and mischief (especially destroying Government property) amongst others.

The Chambers also hosted a seminar titled "The Media and the Law: Exploring the Limits and Freedoms of Expression" on 24 and 25 May 2010, which gave the Chambers of Brunei Darussalam, Malaysian and Singapore the opportunity to discuss openly relationship between the media and the prosecution. The role of regulators, service providers and the impact of the new media on the society as a whole were some of the topics discussed. Following feedback from Government Ministries and Departments as well as the media, the Seminar was a success in that it paved the way for good relationship between the Government and the media.

Another notable contribution for which we had received recognition, is the E-Registry, it was reported in "The Doing Business Report 2011" by World Bank, Brunei Darussalam improved its ranking from 117th in 2010 to 112th out of 183 economies. We take pride in being acknowledged as 'largely attributed by the improvement of the E-Registry system which shortened the registration process'. The Registry is also one of 13 Departments involved in the Business Licensing System (BLS) a project co-chaired by Ministry Industry and Primary Resources and Ministry of Home Affairs to provide a single online window of setting up business. The Companies Act has been amended to attract foreign investors and the Registry is working with the relevant Ministry to ensure its smooth implementation.

On the subject of Intellectual Property, I am pleased to inform that an expert mission from WIPO will be in Brunei Darussalam to assist in the modernisation of the IP system in April this year. Chambers will also be hosting the 1st ASEAN-China IP Officers Meeting and 35th ASEAN Working Group on IP Co-operation in March.

My Lord,

Debts owed to Government

I mentioned last year that Chambers is looking into the outsourcing of more than 3000 files of debt owed to Government (it has now increased to about 3500) which had been referred to Chambers, for legal action. However, I have to emphasise that legal action is a last and unpleasant resort and due diligence by the respective Departments not to allow the debts to accumulate and the responsibility of the public to pay their dues is crucial, Chambers have written to all the law firms to submit proposals for legal recourse. We have received some and will consider them before submitting them for approval by the relevant authorities.

Administration of Justice and Criminal Justice

My Lord has mentioned the Children and Young Persons (Amendment), Order 2006 in great details. I wish to commend Your Lordship and the Juvenile Courts for the successful implementation of the provisions in the Order and take heed of Your Lordship's apt reminder, to keep the Legislation in check from time to

time. My officers and DPPs have been instrumental not only in lending legal assistance to Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports and enforcement officers but also in concluding these cases.

With regards on the matter of protection of women, the Islamic Family Law (Amendment), Order and the Married Women Act (Amendment), Order came into effect on 26th June 2010. The Orders are aimed to deal with domestic violence, or "dharar Syar'ie" among family members in Muslim and non-Muslim families respectively. Towards understanding the underlying provision of these Orders, Chambers has continuously made them known to the public through various means with the collaboration of the Department of Community Development, Royal Brunei Police Force, the Syariah Affairs Department and Islamic Legal Unit of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Ministry of Health and the relevant enforcement agencies.

In addition, the Criminal Justice Division is also currently looking into provisions affecting children and young persons that have developed in other jurisdictions, such as sexual grooming and child pornography.

My Lord has also narrated the statistics on criminal cases that had come before the courts. There are of course numerous other files, either with the Royal Brunei Police Force and other enforcement agencies, for investigations or further investigations as directed by DPPs or with CJD for scrutiny and consideration before bringing them to the courts. We took serious note of Your Lordship's call to expedite cases in Your Lordship's speech last year and with excellent co-operation from the Courts, we have cleared the back log as much as possible. However, the cases continue to increase especially with 'multiple' defendants who had been granted separate trial. This being the case, My Lord, increasing judicial officers and prosecutors alone may not offer the only effective solution. For that reason, I believe that, it is worthwhile to look into the recent changes in the Criminal Procedure Code in our neighbouring countries. The notable ones are the structured Criminal Disclosure Procedure which applied to scheduled offences and requires parties to serve statements and documents on each other at the pre-trial stage. The other is the Criminal Case Management System (CCMS) which was described by the Honorable Attorney General of Singapore in his recent Opening of Legal Year Address, as something which as fostered a

culture of frank discussion between prosecutions and defence. Conducted in the absence of the judiciary officers, defence and prosecutors meet to discuss the merits of their cases and narrow down the issues of contention and reach agreement on plea bargains. The Honourable Attorney General of Singapore has quoted that out of 1483 cases that were processed through CCMS between March 2009 and October 2010 - 88% were resolved without the need for full trial.

My Lord,

I believe that such a system, and indeed any change that have served so well in jurisdiction with much bigger case-loads, is worth looking into and I hope to bring the senior officers from Criminal Justice Division to see first hand how it work. I will also have a dialogue with the Law Society in particular criminal lawyers (I don't mean that literally) and investigation officers to brainstorm and get their feedback. This is crucial because for the system to work, it will need full and genuine commitment of prosecutors, defence lawyers and the investigations officers. However, I am confident, my Lord, that the prosecution and defence lawyers and the investigations officers in Brunei Darussalam like their counterparts in other jurisdiction are capable and ever ready to meet any challenge to embrace 'change' and to work together towards the improvement of the administration of justice.

My Lord,

The year 2010 also witnessed a long list of legislation and amendments including the Islamic Family Law (Amendment) Order, 2010, Married Women Act (Amendment) Order 2010, Money Laundering (Amendment) Order, 2010, Halal Meat (Amendment) Order, 2010 amongst others and various financial legislation notably the Income Tax (Amendment) Order, Authority Monetary Brunei Darussalam Order, 2010. As a result of the Deposit Protection Order, consequential amendments were also made to the Islamic Banking Order and The Finance Companies Act. The Legislative Drafting Division also continues the Attorney General's efforts with the Law Revision under Article 83(3) of the Constitution of Brunei Darussalam and at least 9 more Order made by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam were revised in 2010. All these are published in the Attorney General's Chambers website. At this juncture I wish to thank the Information Technology (IT) team for working hard to make this possible.

Law Society

My Lord,

I join my Lord in commending the Law Society for their effort in organizing the free Legal Advice Clinic and the Seminar on 'Ethics'. 'Ethics' is indeed the core and trademark of our honourable profession, which should never be compromised and this is much more important on lawyers who represent their clients. I hope that such laudable efforts would be continued to a higher level. The other aspect that I would strongly recommend is international outreach and networking expanding regional and international connections, such as through ALA, LAWASIA to name a few. Although Brunei Darussalam has a small Bar, it should not be an excuse for their voices not to be heard in the various legal for a especially with the emerging economies in Asia and the ASEAN Community. I find it rather unfortunate that Brunei Darussalam, Law Society is often not represented in such fora. As our Lordship is aware, we have been bringing on Government expense one private practitioner to relevant ALA meetings. The objective is to give them opportunity to network, and keep up with the latest development and then to share with the other members of the legal fraternity in Brunei Darussalam. Continuing legal education is something that I hope the Law Society will take up more proactively; as it should not be left to the Government alone.

International Affairs

In your 'legal year' speech in 2009 as Attorney General, you informed us of the need to address the issue of progressive liberalization of legal services, towards achieving an ASEAN Economic Community by 2015. I am pleased to inform you the IAD will lead the hosting of the ASEAN Law Forum on 13th to 14th April. We are hoping to invite legal experts from the ASEAN Members States, the Judiciary, members of the legal profession, academics and the relevant Government agencies. It is my hope that the speakers that we have invited would give us valuable insight into the issues and concerns related to the progressive liberalization of the services sector in particular the legal sector. I strongly urge the Legal fraternity to actively participate in the Forum.

Human Capital Development and Capacity Building

We are grateful to His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, for recognising and supporting the need for continuous training of officers in Chambers. In order to achieve, our vision towards specialisation and expertise in our journey towards excellence and the WAWASAN 2035 for Brunei Darussalam to 'produce educated and highly skilled people', the need for continuous training, attachment and exposure cannot be in undermined. The legal landscape will continue to change and our legal service needs to keep abreast of the developments and we need good and able minds with expertise to advise, prosecute and adjudicate. Amongst new areas of expertise required are environment, trade, maritime and cyber laws. Chambers have also invited our own senior officers and various experts from outside to deliver lectures and hold dialogues on various topics during our SDS (Share and Discuss Session) and will continue to do so. On our part, the HRD Committee in Chambers has identified the areas of expertise required and the potential officers will be carefully selected to pursue those courses and/or undergo attachment with established and reknown experts overseas. It is my fervent hope that the Prime Minister's Office will allocate a kinder budget for this purpose, not only to the legal officers but also the enforcement officers, in particular those involved in investigations. This is crucial because crimes will become more and more sophisticated and transnational in nature. We must therefore be prepared even before they reach our shores and pose a threat to the safety and security of Brunei Darussalam 'the Abode of Peace'.

Strategic Transformation Initiatives

I am pleased to share that Chambers also hope to launch the 5 years Strategic Planning (2011 to 2015) in the near future. The restructure of the Divisions have in fact been implemented towards our vision for specialization and, personal career growth of our officers. Revision of scheme of service is also in its final drafting stage. I am indeed grateful to the relevant Working Committee for their hard work and perseverance and to all my officers and staff for their support including those "dissenting voices/whispers" which has helped me to see it from various angles and the Prime Minister's Office and Public Services Department, for their much needed guidance and support.

As a Marksman would suggest, 'AIM FOR THE BULL'S EYE, SO THAT, EVEN IF YOU MISS; YOU WILL STILL BE ON TARGET' (I have not tried it tho) sceptics aside, that is the target we aim for.

My Lord,

Still on the topic of capacity building and specialisation, we are pleased to share that two officers had returned to Chambers with LLM and 6 others are in the UK pursuing their Bar and LLM in various fields such as, Criminology and Public International Law. Four officers are also pursuing the Diploma of Syarie and Islamic Law, and legal Practice in UNISSA on part-time basis. We are on our way towards 'specialisation'. We still have a long way to go but we are positive that we will get there.

My Lord,

The journey to excellence must never end and I place strong faith on the officers in Chambers including those seconded to Ministries and Government Departments who had shown great potential, and the young officers who have just joined us. To carry on the journey to the future, they must be trained continuously to be confident, competent, proactive and with strong desire to learn whatever they can, as we, the older generation who had treaded on that long arduous journey, can testify to, success does not come overnight.

Recruitment

On the point of recruitment of young graduates, whilst I have no qualms whatsoever, to carry on the tradition of a 'cross-over' of officers from Chambers to Judiciary and, vice versa, as it is after all for the good of the country, I would urge Your Lordship to also consider the possibility of recruiting young law graduates with excellent academic credentials and to groom them to become judicial officers in the Courts, who eventually in future will become those good, competent people with the right judicial temperament and other values such as independence, fairness, humility, patience, that My Lord and other experienced judicial officers possessed. An excellent product of that exercise, if I may humbly mention is, the Honourable Justice Steven Chong himself.

Conclusion

Administration of Justice is never a 'one man show' but comes from teamwork, not only within AGC but with others such as, the Judiciary, Royal Brunei Police Force and other enforcement agencies, and other relevant Departments and Ministries and the BAR. We should be proud to form part of the machinery of justice and our mutual cooperation must be strengthened. It is an honourable but an onerous and heavy responsibility. Whatever different perspective we have, however much we argued and differ professionally, it is our joint role, to assist in the administration of justice, with the ethics, professionalism, fairness, integrity, humility and competency expected of us. Above that, is our conscience for which we will remain answerable to the people and Allah the Almighty.

Outcome of any effort may not be immediate. But, fruits to be borne for the future depend on the seeds sowed today. We hope to produce generations after us who will be able to be the beneficiary of the end product, and to bring Brunei Darussalam to greater heights. InsyaAllah.

May I conclude, by wishing my Lord, your brethren judges in the judiciary, the Syariah Courts, the legal fraternity and those here today, a healthy and successful 2011.

Thank you.

Datin Seri Paduka Hajah Hayati binti POKS DSP Haji Mohd Salleh
Attorney General

THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAW SOCIETY'S SPEECH DURING THE OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR 2011



Opening of the Legal Year 2011
Speech by the President of the Law Society

Your Royal Highness Princess Hajah Muta-Wakkilah Hayatul Bolkiah, My Lord Chief Justice, Honourable Justices of the Supreme Court, The Honourable Attorney General, fellow counsel and colleagues of the legal profession, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, good morning.

We are thankful for the blessings of Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala for being able to come together on this occasion to make the opening of this legal year 2011.

Firstly, I wish to express the gratitude and appreciation of the legal community for being able to live and work in a peaceful, safe, secure and stable environment.

This would not be possible without the adherence to the fundamentals of the rule of law, and all that it entails. This includes the institutions of an independent judiciary the respect for the principles of equality before the law, the presumption of innocence, due legal process and the adherence to and protection of rights under all branches of the law.

We are grateful for this and importantly for the wise leadership and direction of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

I take this opportunity to congratulate on behalf of the Law Society the four new appointments within the Judiciary made during 2010. The appointment of the new President and Commissioner of the Court of Appeal, the elevation of the Deputy Chief Registrar to become an Intermediate Court Judge, and the appointment of a new Senior Magistrate.

We wish you all the best in your new appointments and have no doubt that these will be undertaken with the same dedication, wisdom and diligence as exhibited by all members of the Judiciary of Brunei Darusssalam.

On the Law Societies front, our numbers at the start of this year increased to 101 members. This is an increase from 99 in 2010. We welcomed 6 new members, meaning that 4 members choose not to renew their practicing certificates. Of 101 members, approximately 58% are over 10 years call, 16% of between 5 and 10 years call and 26% have practiced for less than 5 years.

In the course of the last year, the Law Society had useful meetings with both Your Lordship's office and that of the Attorney General's. In respect of the meetings the Judiciary, we are grateful to My Lords Office in allowing the Law Society the use of premises for the conduct of the Free Legal Aid Clinic.

In respect of meetings with the Honourable Attorney General, we had similarly useful discussion, among other things, matters in relation to the Company and Trade Mark registries were raised and noted.

The Law Society is thankful to the Honourable Attorney General for the new appointment from Her Office to the Enquiry Panel looking into complaints made against legal practitioners. We are further grateful for the provision of invaluable assistance from her chambers in all of our other activities in the past year.

On the subject of complaints, during the course of 2010, two complaints against practitioners were forwarded to the Enquiry Panel. I understand that The Enquiry Panel, made up of practitioners, counsel from the Attorney Generals Chambers and lay persons is looking into these.

On behalf of all practitioners and members of the public I would express the sincere hope that members of the Enquiry Panel will see to the timely disposal of these matters. Whist we do appreciate that the work is onerous, the Law Society hopes that these duties will be discharged in a fair manner taking into account the interests of all relevant parties.

On a lighter note, the Law Society organized, during the course of 2010, its usual program of social activities, including the annual legal year dinner and the annual games.

Last year, the Judiciary, Attorney Generals Chambers and the Law Society competed in futsal, bowling, netball, golf, badminton and table tennis.

I believe that it is a testament to the professionalism of all parties involved and a reflection of the best traditions of our common profession that we can occasionally share in a convivial meal or participate in the spirit of friendly competition.

I hope that as many members of the profession, the judiciary and the attorney generals chambers will be able to participate in this year's activities. The Law Society is most grateful for all those who have given up their time to help in the organization of these activities.

During the course of the preceding year, the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Law Society organized 2 workshops and talks.

The first talk organized in April, on the subject of Law and the Internet; was given by Senior Counsel from the Attorney Generals Chambers. It was held at UBD and attracted interest from individuals and institutions from both within and outside the Profession. I believe that those who attended found the talk both interesting and edifying, I for one certainly did.

The second, a workshop held later on in the year, was on the subject of professional ethics. Two senior practitioners shared their views on this subject, and there was a most useful discussion on many issues. The workshop was attended by 35 practitioners along with officers and counsel from the Attorney Generals Chambers.

We hope to be able to continue with these activities in the forthcoming year. One topic that we believe will be of interest are the new requirements for legal practitioners to comply with the provisions of the Anti-Money Laundering Order.

In 2010, The Law Society also started its Free Legal Advice Clinic for the purpose of providing free basic legal advice to members of the public who may not otherwise have access to legal representation.

The First Clinic was held in September of last year and has continued on a monthly basis since then. For 2011, we hope to be able to continue with the Clinic, to be held on the last Saturday of each month. Again I thank the Judiciary for being able to provide premises for this.

We are also humbled by My Lords commendation.

At this clinic, The Law Society aims to provide three different lawyers to provide general advice in relation to criminal, civil and sharia matters. Counsel provide their time voluntarily and act in rotation. The take up by members of the public and the provision of time by practitioners to this endeavor has been heartening. It is still early days, but we will look into extending the scope of the clinic subject to personnel and logistical requirement.

We wish to align ourselves with My Lords views on continuously striving to improve ourselves.

We look forward to being able to work with the Attorney Generals Chambers in discussing ways that aspects of practice and procedure may be changed or amended in order to improve the proper administration of justice with the ultimate aim of bringing a benefit to the community that we all serve.

Finally, we reaffirm our pledge to serve the law and the interests of justice. The Law Society will also seek to continue to support the aims and aspirations of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.

I do not wish to detain My Lords guests from the refreshments any further. I Thank My Lord Chief Justice, the Chief Registrar and all parties involved for organizing today's colorful and poignant ceremonies. I pray that we all have a safe and productive year ahead.

Thank you.

Pengiran Izad-Ryan PLKDR Pengiran Haji Bahrin
President, Law Society of Brunei Darussalam

THE SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court consists of the Court of Appeal and the High Court. The Court of Appeal exercises appellate criminal and civil jurisdiction and the High Court exercises original and appellate criminal and civil jurisdiction.

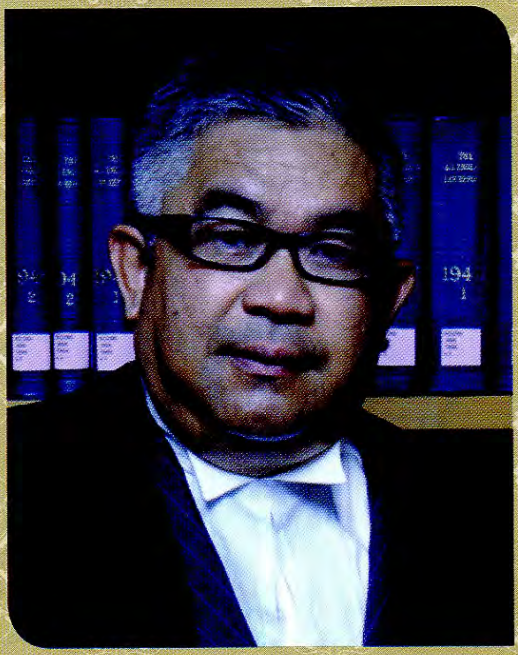
The Supreme Court bench is made up of The Chief Justice, the President, the Judges and Judicial Commissioners of the Supreme Court.

The Judges of the Court of Appeal consists of the President and two Judges. The Judges of the High Court are made up of the Honourable Chief Justice and such number of Judges as may be prescribed from time to time by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan in Council.

The Judges of the Supreme Court are appointed by His Majesty by instrument under His Sign Manual and the State Seal.

The administration of the Supreme Court is managed by its registry which handles matters such as receiving and storing court documents filed in the court and ensuring they are transmitted to judges for use during hearings. The Registry is headed by the Chief Registrar who is assisted by the Deputy Chief Registrar, Senior Registrars and Registrars.

In addition to their administrative responsibilities, Registrars deal with certain types of court proceedings in chambers such as the assessment of damages, interlocutory matters, pre-trial conferences and also sit as Taxing Masters. The Registrars deal with bankruptcy matters in their capacity as Deputy Official Receivers and also deal with probate matters in their capacity as Deputy Probate Officers.



The Honourable
Dato Seri Paduka Haji Kifrawi Bin Dato Paduka Haji Kifli
The Chief Justice Of Brunei Darussalam

The Court of Appeal

The Court of Appeal hears appeals against the decisions of the High Court and Intermediate Court Judges in both civil and criminal matters. It is a final court of appeal for criminal matters. An appeal in any civil cause or matter shall, with the leave of Court and the agreement of parties, lie from the Court of His Majesty, and shall be referred by His Majesty to the Judicial Committee of Her Brittanic Majesty's Privy Council.

The President of the Court of Appeal usually sits with 2 other Judges of the Court of Appeal. The current President of the Court of Appeal is His Lordship The Honourable Justice John Barry Mortimer. Judicial Commissioners of the Supreme Court who are also members of the Court of Appeal include His Lordship The Honourable Justice Geoffrey Lance Davies and His Lordship The Honourable Justice David John Leonard.

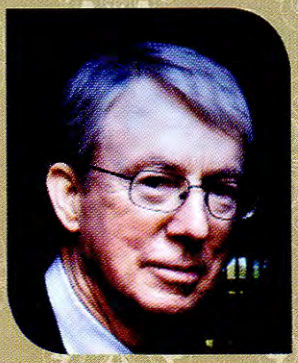
The Court of Appeal sits twice a year, in May and November.

Court of Appeal Judges



Justice John Barry Mortimer
President of the Court of Appeal

Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court and Members of the COA



Justice
Geoffrey Lance
Davies



Justice
David John
Leonard

The High Court

The High Court consists of The Honourable Chief Justice, Judges of the High Court, Judicial Commissioners of the High Court and Registrars. The judges of the High Court comprise of two local judges, His Lordship The Honourable Dato Paduka Steven Chong and His Lordship The Honourable Dato Paduka Haji Hairol Arni bin Haji Abdul Majid. In addition, Visiting Judges Justice James Kerr Findley, Justice Nicholas John Barnett and Justice Gareth John Lugar-Mawson sit in January, June and November each year.

The High Court hears both criminal and civil cases as a court of first instance. The High Court also hears appeals from the decisions of the Magistrate's Court in civil and criminal cases. In criminal cases however, the High Court generally tries cases where the offences are punishable with death or imprisonment for a term which exceeds 20 years.

Generally, a civil case must be commenced in the High Court if the value of the claim exceeds $300,000.

The following matters are also heard by the High Court:

- Company winding up proceedings
- Applications for the admission of advocate and solicitors
- Bankruptcy proceedings
- Divorce petitions for non-muslims and ancillary matters in family proceedings
- Adoption Applications
- Registration of Civil Marriages
- Contested Probate Matters

In addition, the High Court has general supervisory and revisionary jurisdiction over all subordinate courts in any civil or criminal matter.

Supreme Court Judges

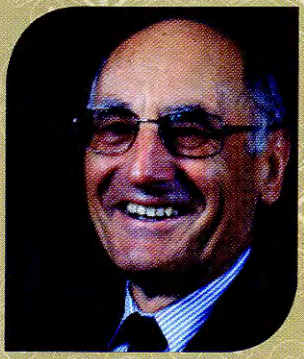


Justice Dato Paduka
Steven Chong Wan Oon
High Court Judge

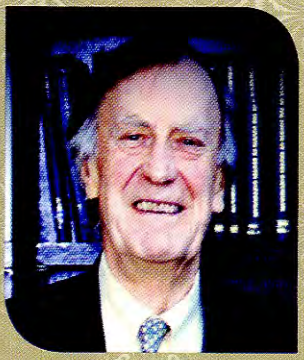


Justice Dato Paduka
Hairol Arni bin Haji Abdul Majid
High Court Judge

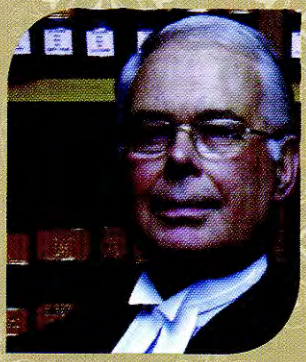
High Court Visiting Judges
(Judicial Commissioners of the Supreme Court)



Justice Nicholas John Barnett
Judicial Commissioner



Justice James Kerr Findlay
Judicial Commissioner



Justice Gareth John Lugar-Mawson
Judicial Commissioner

Registrars of the Supreme Court



Pg Rostaina binti Pg Hj Duraman
Chief Registrar



Radin Safiee bin Radin Mas Basiuni
Deputy Chief Registrar



Ramzidah binti PDKD
Hj Abdul Rahman
Senior Registrar



Dk Hjh Norismayanti binti
Pg Hj Ismail
Senior Registrar



Hjh Hazarena binti
POKSJDP Hj Abu Hurairah
Senior Registrar



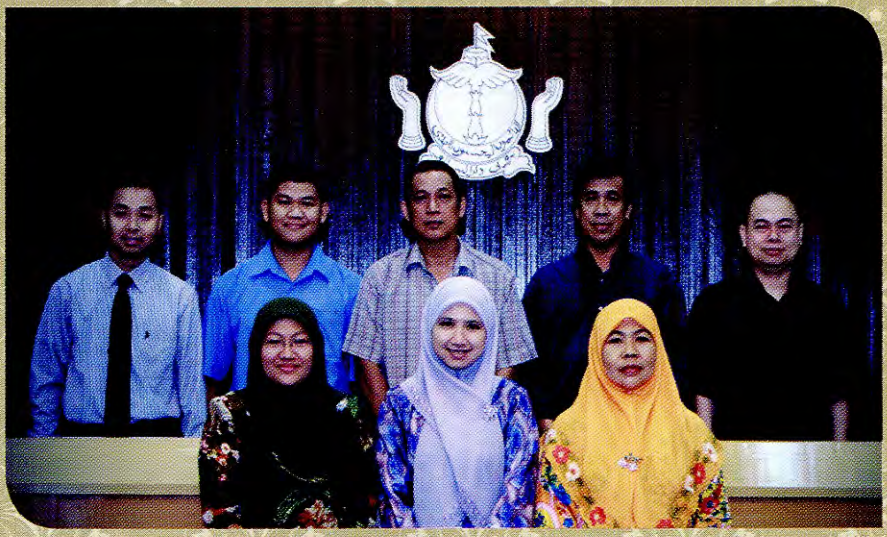
Harnita Zelda Skinner
Senior Registrar



Azrimah binti Hj
Abdul Rahman
Registrar



Supreme Court Officers and Staff



Bankruptcy Section



Court Translators Section



Probate Section



Finance Section

THE INTERMEDIATE COURT

Criminal Jurisdiction

The Intermediate Court has, (concurrently) with the High Court all the jurisdiction, powers, duties and authority as are vested, conferred and imposed on the High Court in the exercise of its criminal jurisdiction.

However, the Intermediate Court has no jurisdiction in respect of any offence punishable with death or with imprisonment for life or to impose a period of imprisonment longer than 20 years in respect of any offence.

Civil Jurisdiction

The civil jurisdiction of the Intermediate Court extends to claims where the value of the subject matter in dispute exceeds $50,000.00 but does not exceed $300,000.00.

The Intermediate Court is comprised of two local Intermediate Court Judges. The Honourable Judge Lim Siew Yen and The Honourable Judge Pg Hjh Hanani bte Pg Hj Metusain.

Judges of the Intermediate Court



Judge Lim Siew Yen



Judge Pg Hjh Hanani binti Pg Hj Metusain

THE SUBORDINATE COURT

The Subordinate Courts as constituted by the Subordinate Courts Act Cap 6, is made up of the Magistrates' Court and the Juvenile Court.

The Chief Magistrate leads the Subordinate Courts in the administration of justice.

There are currently six Magistrates serving the whole country with two designated Magistrates holding concurrent appointments as resident Kuala Belait and Tutong Court Magistrates. A Magistrate on rotation travels to Temburong once a month to deal with administration matters and presides over cases.

Apart from dealing with criminal cases and civil cases in court, the Magistrates' portfolios include dealing with probate matters as Deputy Probate Officers (in Kuala Belait and Tutong Court only), marriage matters as Registrar of Marriages (in Kuala Belait Court only), witnessing signing of documents as Notary Public, dealing with matters of the Juvenile Court, hearing of inquests and an appointment as Coroner.

The Magistrates are supported by the services of seven Registrars of the Subordinate Courts. The portfolio of the Registrars of the Subordinate Courts includes signing of Statutory Declaration, signing of Certified True Copies, signing of affidavits and witnessing of Employment Contracts.

Last but not least, the Magistrates are assisted in the courtrooms by a team of 17 interpreters at Bandar Seri Begawan court and two interpreters who assist in both Kuala Belait and Tutong court. Of the 17 interpreters, 11 hold permanent positions whilst six are on call interpreters. These interpreters are also mandated to service the Intermediate Court, High Court and Court of Appeal proceedings, in court as well as in chamber hearings.



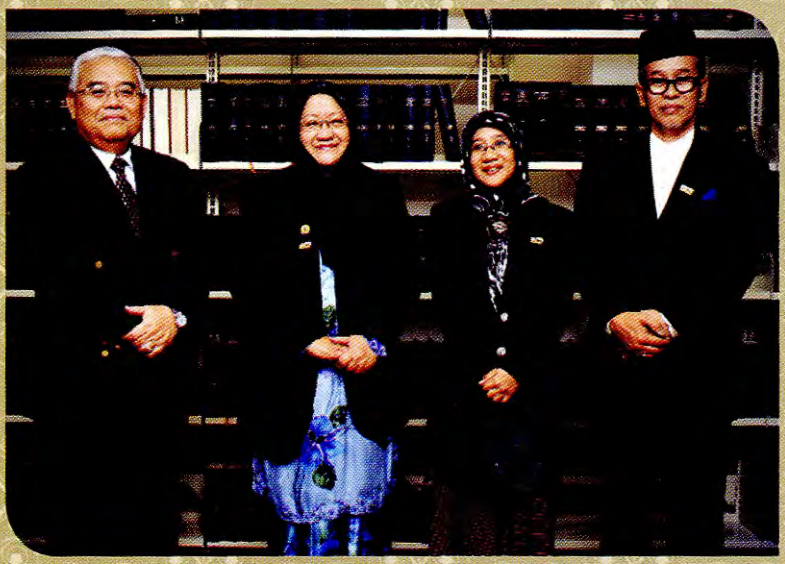
From left: Lailatul Zubaidah binti Hj Mohd Hussain Senior Magistrate, Muhammed Faisal bin PDJLD DSP Hj Kefli Senior Magistrate, Pg Masni binti Pg Hj Bahar Senior Magistrate, Harnita Zelda Skinner Senior Registrar /Magistrate, Hj Abdullah Soefri bin POKSM DSP Hj Abidin Chief Magistrate, Hj Nabil Daraina bin PUKDPSSU Hj Badaruddin Senior Magistrate

Panel of Advisers to the Juvenile Court

The Panel of Advisers of the Juvenile Court are nominated by The Chief Justice to assist the Magistrates in deciding the best way to deal with a juvenile offender.

The introduction of the juvenile justice system has empowered Magistrates with alternative 'sentencing' options which include the making of probation orders, community service orders, placement in an Approved School and Approved Home and placement in a Detention Centre. Before making these orders, the Magistrate participates in discussions with a Panel of Advisers who will deliberate over the best interests of the child in consultation with the Probation Unit officers.

There are currently 4 members of the Panel of Advisers who have significantly contributed their invaluable experience and relevant knowledge in the application of juvenile justice in Brunei Darussalam.



From left: Hj Awg Abd Alim bin Hj Awg Othman, Hjh Mordiah binti Hj Jackia, Alinah bte Hj Tamin, Ustaz Hj Md Lazim bin Hj Matali

Registrars of Subordinate Courts



Hj Badaruddin bin Hj Abdul Karim
Senior Registrar



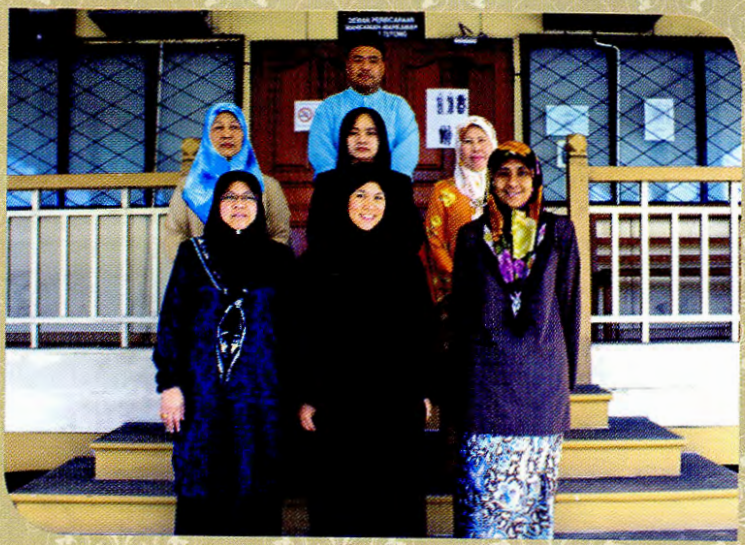
Bandar Seri Begawan Officers and Staff



Kuala Belait Magistrate and Court Staff



Tutong Magistrate and Court Staff



Temburong Magistrate and Court Staff



Court Interpreters



Pg Norfarzat Irwani binti Pg Hj Mohd Jaafar
Chief Interpreter



THE STATE JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT

In May 2002, the State Judiciary Department was established in Brunei which is responsible for the administration of Brunei's judicial matters. Since its establishment, the State Judiciary Department has provided invaluable support to the Civil courts from the overseeing of maintenance works of the court buildings to facilitating the organization of in-house training events. The Director of the State Judiciary Department is currently Hj Mohd Serudin bin Hj Timbang.



Hj Mohd Serudin bin Hj Timbang.
Director of the State Judiciary Department



Officers and Staff of The State Judiciary Department

EVENTS



Working visit from His Royal Highness Prince 'Abdul Malik ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, 29th October 2011

Legal Year 2011 9th March 2010



Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Muta-Wakkilah Hayatul Bolkiah binti
His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah



















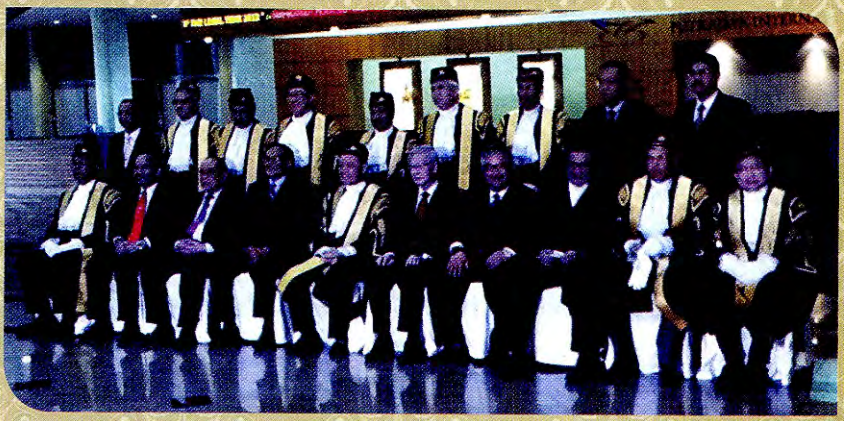
Visit from Mr Justice Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Richard Malanjum, Chief Judge of the High Court of Sabah and Sarawak, Malaysia, 30th March 2011



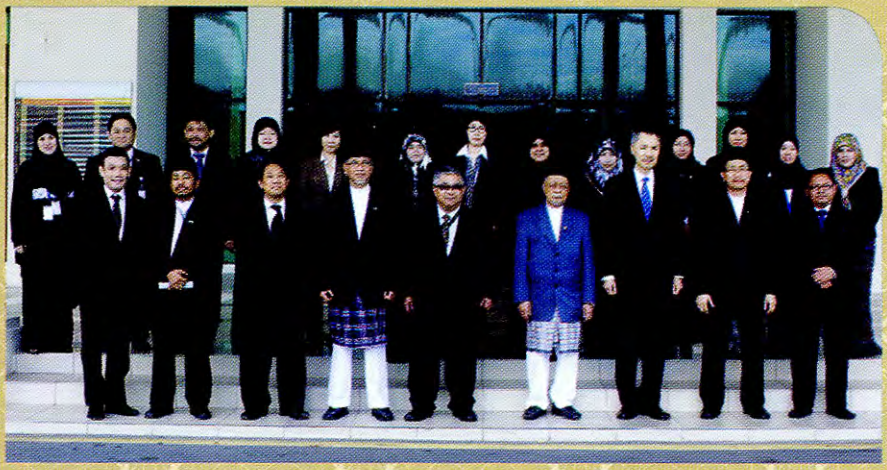
Opening of Malaysian Legal Year 2012, 14th January 2012



Visit from Mr Justice Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Richard Malanjum, Chief Judge of the HIgh Court of Sabah and Sarawak, Malaysia, 30th March 2011



Opening of Malaysian Legal Year 2012, 14th January 2012



Mediation Workshop, Bandar Seri Begawan, 19th to 21st January 2012



Working visit to New Zealand Youth Court
31st October to 4th November 2011



14th Conference of Chief Justices of Asia and the Pacific, Seoul, Korea,
12th to 16th June 2012



11th General Assembly and 34th Governing Council Meeting,
ASEAN Law Association, 15th to 18th February 2012



Courtesy visit from Pusat Undang-Undang Harun M. Daud Hashim, Islamic University Malaysia, 27th January 2011



Study visit from Court Martial, 6th December 2011



Student visit from Institute Technology Brunei
September 2011

Law Society Annual Dinner 2011













ACTIVITIES



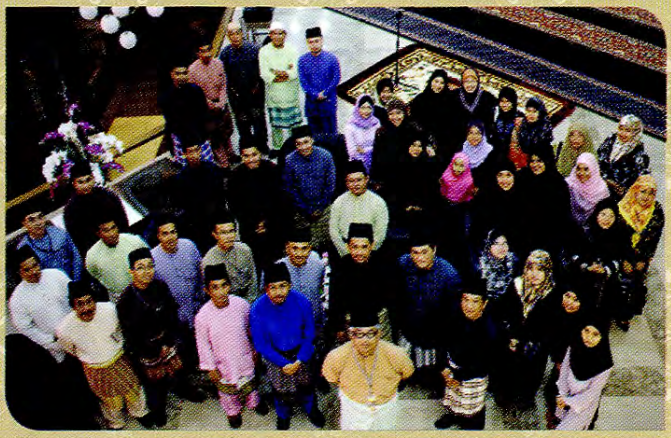
Muhd Zulfadhli Hj Abd Hamid's farewell, 1st March 2011



Habibah Osman's farewell, 19th November 2011



Soffriana Hj Masri's farewell, 4th February 2012



Bertadarus Ceremony, 15th September 2011



Muhd Amin Abdullah Lim's conversion ceremony
19th November 2011



Subordinate Court Aidilfitri Celebration, September 2011



Bowlling Team

Legal Year Sports Tournament 2011



Golf



Netball Team

STATISTICS

SUPREME COURT

COURT OF APPEAL

Civil & Criminal Appeal Cases (From High Court and Intermediate Court to Court of Appeal)			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Civil	14	16	20
Criminal	12	23	8

HIGH COURT

Year	2009	2010	2011
Civil	199	195	127
Criminal	26	28	12

Civil & Criminal Appeal Cases (From Magistrates Court to High Court)			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Civil	6	5	6
Criminal	41	55	39

Chamber Hearing before Registrars in High Court			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Civil	334	278	232

Other Matters

Legal Aid			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Granted	2	1	3

Bankruptcy			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Bankruptcy	740	751	629
Receiving Order	410	498	489
Adjudication Order	42	36	48
Recission	24	18	36
Discharge of Adjudication Order	0	1	6
Winding-Up Orders	3	4	2
Creditors Meeting Fixed	1467	1605	1717

Letters of Administration			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Received	367	380	361
Issued	300	303	320

Probate			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Received	5	5	4
Issued	3	4	4

Marriage and Divorces			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Marriage	156	147	189
Divorce	16	21	32

INTERMEDIATE COURT

Year	2009	2010	2011
Civil	98	114	190
Criminal	14	17	38

SUBORDINATE COURT

Magistrate's Court

Bandar Seri Begawan			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Civil	1594	1641	1400
Criminal	2693	3418	2608
Lunacy Complaints	44	32	58
Married Women Order	NIL	NIL	1

Kuala Belait			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Civil	271	327	287
Criminal	301	640	341
Lunacy Complaints	NIL	9	13
Married Women Order	NIL	NIL	NIL

Tutong			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Civil	275	250	284
Criminal	98	146	432
Lunacy Complaints	NIL	NIL	NIL
Married Women Order	NIL	NIL	NIL

Temburong			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Civil	NIL	NIL	NIL
Criminal	16	26	13
Lunacy Complaints	NIL	NIL	NIL
Married Women Order	NIL	NIL	NIL

Juvenile Court

Year	2010	2011
Juvenile Arrest Case	2	11
Juvenile Traffic Case	8	5
Care Protection Order	1	3
Beyond Parental Control	NIL	2

Inquest Heard

Year	2010	2011
Bandar Seri Begawan	35	23
Kuala Belait	NIL	NIL
Tutong	NIL	12
Temburong	NIL	NIL

Statutory Declarations

Year	2010	2011
Bandar Seri Begawan	16966	16996
Kuala Belait	2575	3497
Tutong	1058	1156
Temburong	208	218

The Revenue of the Judiciary of Brunei Darussalam

Year	2009	2010	2011
Estate Duty	$976,624,60	$254,041.30	$304,669.33
Stamp Duty	$5,388,186.84	$5,766,172.70	$5,661,417.91
Search and Registration	$35,360.00	$36,660.00	$42,060.00
Miscellaneous	$2,983.02	$6,470.31	293,009.02
Total Revenue	$6,403,634.47	$6,063,344.31	$6,301,156.26

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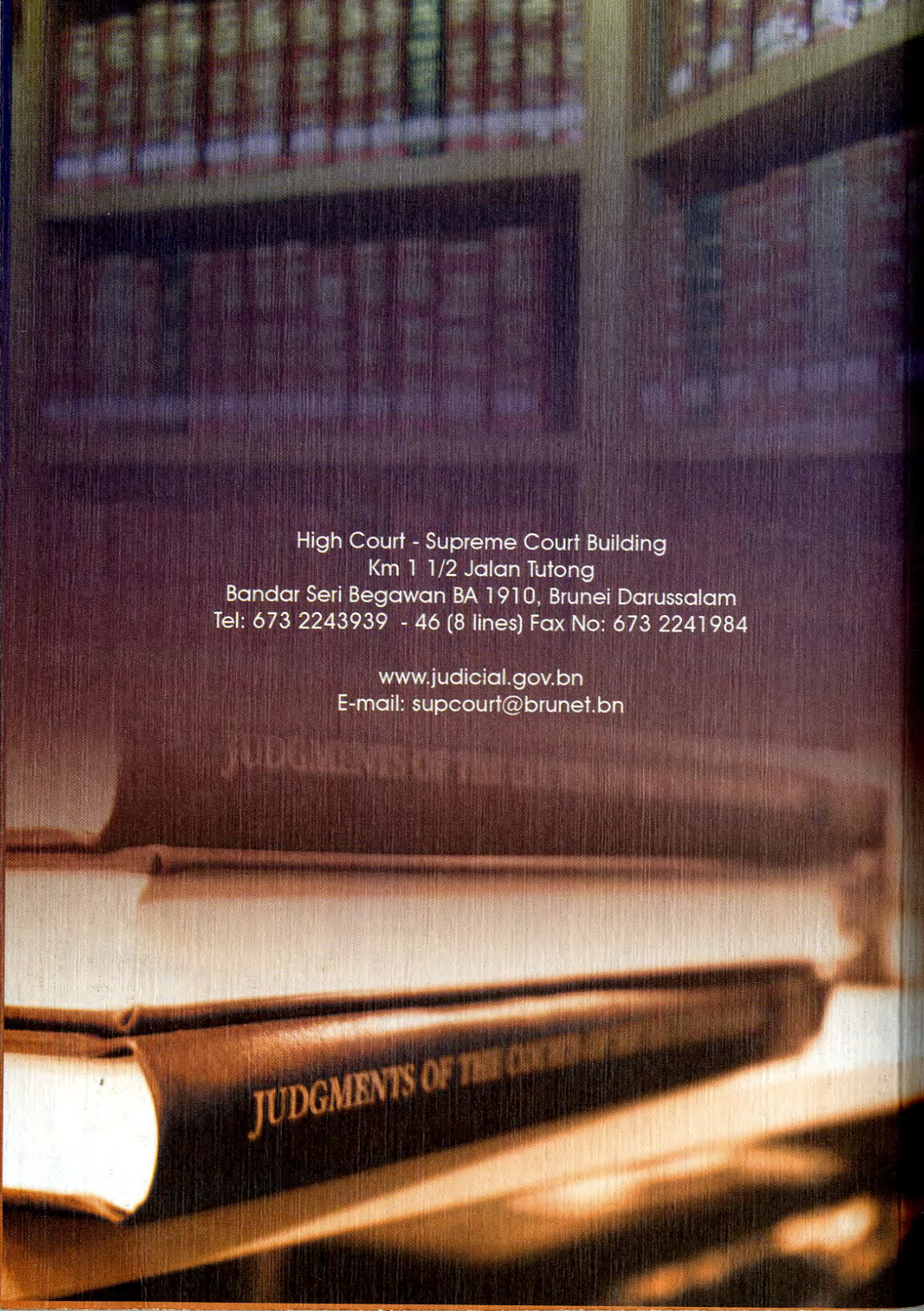
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