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Selamat Datang!

Welcome to Brunei Darussalam, the Abode of Peace

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Brunei Darussalam for the inaugural PISA Consortium. Situated on the coast of Borneo facing the South China Sea, Brunei is a small nation with a big heart. Rainforest, rivers, and a gentle tropical climate surround a country whose culture is grounded in its Malay heritage, its Islamic faith and its enduring tradition of hospitality.

Brunei is a calm and friendly country, and visitors can easily experience both its institutional life and its warm community spirit. You will find that people here are gracious, courteous and genuinely pleased to share their country with guests, whether over a cup of Teh Tarik at a kopitiam or among the colourful stalls of the Gadong night market.

Brunei is known for its golden domes, its living water villages and its untouched rainforest. At the heart of the capital, Bandar Seri Begawan, stands the Sultan Omar ‘Ali Saifuddien Mosque - one of the most recognisable landmarks in Southeast Asia. Across the Brunei River lies Kampong Ayer, a water village that has been home to generations of Bruneians for over a thousand years.

Beyond the city centre, the bustling commercial district of Gadong offers shopping malls, restaurants and lively evening crowds. Further along the coast, Jerudong Park promises rides, attractions and a touch of excitement for the young at heart. For those who wish to venture further, the pristine rainforest of Ulu Temburong National Park offers a glimpse of one of the oldest and richest ecosystems in the world.

Education is central to Brunei’s national aspirations under Wawasan Brunei 2035, which envisions a nation known for the accomplishments of its well-educated and highly skilled people. Brunei Darussalam’s participation in PISA reflects its commitment to learning from, and contributing to, the international conversation on what young people need to thrive. It is therefore a particular honour for us to host the first gathering of the PISA Consortium. We hope the coming days bring productive dialogue and new partnerships, and that you leave with fond memories of the Abode of Peace.

We look forward to welcoming you.

For more information about Brunei Darussalam:
Visit Brunei Year 2027 *(https://www.bruneitourism.com/vby2027)*



Sultan Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Mosque and Taman Mahkota Jubli Emas

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Programme Schedule

Southeast Asia PISA Education Consortium 2026

We are pleased to welcome delegates to the inaugural Southeast Asia PISA Education Consortium 2026, hosted by the Ministry of Education, Brunei Darussalam, from 10 to 12 November 2026.

The Consortium will provide a regional platform for education representatives, OECD experts and participating delegates to exchange experiences, share good practices and discuss key insights from PISA, with a view to strengthening educational outcomes and informing future policy and practice.

The main Consortium programme for international delegates will take place over two days, beginning with the Opening Ceremony on Tuesday, 10 November 2026. Day 1 will feature Plenary Session 1, focusing on best practices and key learnings in improving PISA results, alongside opportunities for professional exchange and networking. A Welcome Dinner will also be held in the evening. On Wednesday, 11 November 2026, delegates will participate in a school visit, followed by a Dialogue Session on lessons from PISA 2025 results, exploring current challenges and future opportunities. The programme will conclude with the Closing Ceremony of the Southeast Asia PISA Education Consortium 2026. A national programme will be held on Thursday, 12 November 2026, where official from the Ministry of Education, Brunei Darussalam convene. This day will feature dedicated sessions for System Leaders and School Leaders, focusing on learning from PISA 2025 and its implications for the national education system.

Please note:

International delegates are required to attend the Consortium programme on Day 1 and Day 2 only.

Before meeting

To help ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience, delegates are encouraged to review the programme schedule and make the necessary preparations before arrival.



Pre-Event Preparations & Arrangements

Please confirm your travel and accommodation arrangements, ***take note of registration times for 10 and 11 November 2026***, and review arrangements for the school visit and official ceremonies.



Special Requirements & Assistance

Kindly inform the organising committee in advance of any dietary requirements, food allergies, accessibility needs or other special arrangements.



Programme Updates & Contact Information

As programme details may be updated, please refer to the latest information shared by the organising committee and keep the ***relevant contact details readily available in Page 21***.

We look forward to an engaging and fruitful exchange of knowledge and experiences with colleagues from across the region.

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Getting Ready to Travel

Travel Document



All visitors must hold a valid passport or travel document recognised by the Government of Brunei Darussalam. ***Passports must have a minimum validity of six (6) months from the date of entry into the country.*** This requirement is in accordance with immigration regulations and is essential to ensure a smooth entry process.

Visa Requirement

All foreign nationals entering Brunei Darussalam must have visas obtainable from any Brunei Darussalam diplomatic missions abroad except countries with whom Brunei Darussalam has visa arrangements.

QR Code for Link

Delegates from non-ASEAN countries are advised to refer to the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam at *https://www.mfa.gov.bn/Pages/Visa-Information.aspx* for detailed information on visa regulations and application procedures.

Alternatively, you may contact the nearest Brunei Darussalam diplomatic mission in your respective country for further assistance. It is recommended that delegates allow sufficient time for visa processing to avoid any travel disruptions, if required.

E-Arrival Card

All foreign nationals arriving or departing to/from Brunei Darussalam through sea, air and land immigration control posts need to submit E-Arrival Card registration through website link *https://www.imm.gov.bn*

QR Code for Link

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Consortium Date and Venue





The Southeast Asia PISA Education Consortium 2026 will be held at **The Rizqun International Hotel, Gadong, Brunei Darussalam.** Conveniently located in the Gadong area, the hotel is close to shopping centres, restaurants and other local amenities. The hotel is located approximately 7 kilometres from Brunei International Airport, with a journey time of around 7 to 12 minutes by car.



Approximately 7 Kilometers

7-12 Minutes by car

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Hospitality and Events

In addition to the official Consortium sessions, delegates will have the opportunity to participate in activities designed to encourage informal exchanges and provide insights into Brunei Darussalam's education system, culture and hospitality. Lunch and refreshments will be provided during the scheduled sessions, as indicated in the programme.

Delegates with food allergies or dietary restrictions are kindly requested to inform the organising committee in advance to facilitate the necessary arrangements.

Welcome Dinner

On the **evening of Tuesday, 10 November 2026**, delegates will be invited to a Welcome Dinner hosted as part of the Southeast Asia PISA Education Consortium 2026. The dinner will provide an opportunity for delegates to connect with fellow participants, exchange experiences and enjoy an evening of Brunei Darussalam's hospitality and cultural traditions. Further details regarding the venue and other arrangements will be communicated to delegates as part of the final programme.

School Visit

On **Wednesday, 11 November 2026**, delegates will participate in a school visit as part of the Consortium programme. The visit will offer an opportunity to gain insights into Brunei Darussalam's education system and school practices, while encouraging the sharing of experiences and perspectives among participating countries.

Further information regarding the school, transportation and visit arrangements will be communicated to delegates as part of the final programme.

QR codes for School Visit Details:

Sekolah Rendah Mabohai
bit.ly/485m2Ke

Maktab Sains PSBS
bit.ly/3WjQz4s

Where to stay

To assist with your planning, a list of recommended hotels is provided below:

The Rizqun International Hotel



Abdul Razak Complex, Kampong Gadong,
Bandar Seri Begawan, BE3519

+673 242 3000

https://arhbrunei.co/therizquninternationalhotel/

The Centrepoint Hotel



Gadong Centrepoint, Abdul Razak Complex,
Kampong Gadong, Bandar Seri Begawan, BE3519

+673 243 0430

https://arhbrunei.co/thecentrepointhotel/

Radisson Hotel



2203 Jalan Tasek,
Bandar Seri Begawan BS8674

+673 224 4272

https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/destination/brunei

J Hotel



Unit 1-14, Block B, Taibah Complex,
Kampong Kiulap, Bandar Seri Begawan, BE1518

+673 243 3333

https://jhotel.co

J Vista Hotel



Lot 45238, Simpang 88, Block B, Kampong Kiulap,
BE1518, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam

+673 250 4183

https://jvistahotel.com/
reservation@jvistahotel.com

Higher Hotel



Simpang 88-4, Jalan Jame' Asr,
Kampung Kiulap, Gadong B,
Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, BE1518

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https://www.instagram.com/
higherhotelbrunei?rpxt=NXNyMHN4d3VhazJr

The Empire Hotel



Kampong Jerudong, BG3122
Brunei Darussalam

+673 241 8888

https://theempirebrunei.com/

Transportation

Travelling by car is the most convenient way to get around Brunei Darussalam. Delegates may wish to use taxis, arrange private transfers or book rides through Dart, Brunei's local ride-hailing service, for ease of travel during their stay.



Taxis

Brunei International Airport is approximately a 15-minutes drive from Bandar Seri Begawan. Taxis are available at the airport and major hotels.



Dart

Delegates may also use Dart, Brunei's local ride-hailing service, to arrange transport conveniently.

@ *https://www.dartbrunei.com/*

Getting Around

For convenience, delegates may wish to arrange transport through their hotels or use Dart to travel between accommodation, the event venue and other destinations. Please refer to the organising committee for any specific transportation arrangements provided for official Consortium activities, including the school visit.

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Practical Information

Currency and Payment Methods

The official currency of Brunei Darussalam is the Brunei Dollar (BND). Currency exchange services are available at banks, hotels and authorised money changers. Major credit and debit cards, particularly Visa and Mastercard, are accepted at many hotels, restaurants and larger retail establishments. However, delegates are advised to carry some cash in Brunei Dollars for purchases at smaller shops, local eateries and other establishments that may not accept card payments.

The Singapore Dollar (SGD) is also commonly accepted in Brunei Darussalam under the Currency Interchangeability Agreement between Brunei Darussalam and Singapore, with both currencies valued at par (BND 1 = SGD 1).

Money Changer

Several currency exchange facilities are available in Bandar Seri Begawan for the convenience of visitors. A list of selected establishments is provided below:

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
EzXchange Money Changer	Arrivals Hall Brunei International Airport, Bandar Seri Begawan	**+673 234 5119**
Zamada Money Changer	Departure Hall Brunei International Airport, Bandar Seri Begawan	**+673 233 8876**
Syarikat Bumi Indah Money Changer	No. 4, Ground Floor, The Mall, Gadong, Bandar Seri Begawan	**+673 222 0465**
Husne Money Changer	Unit 1, Block 1, Ground Floor, Abdul Razak Complex, Jalan Gadong, Bandar Seri Begawan	**+673 242 6144**
BruCash Money Changer	Abdul Razak Complex, Unit 10A, Block A, Bandar Seri Begawan	**+673 258 4615**
Haji Ya'akub bin Awang Zainal Money Changer	Lot 1999, Ground Floor, Bangunan Halimah Saadiah Jalan Gadong, Bandar Seri Begawan	**+673 242 0203**

Weather

Brunei Darussalam has a tropical climate with year-round hot weather and high humidity. Brunei has two (02) monsoon seasons, and experiences heavy rainfall from October to February and from May to June. At times rain showers tend to be heavy. Weather Forecasts in November 2026, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, are as below:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
33° 25°	32° 25°	31° 25°	32° 25°	32° 25°	32° 25°	31° 24°
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
32° 25°	31° 24°	31° 25°	32° 24°	32° 25°	32° 25°	32° 24°
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
32° 25°	32° 25°	32° 24°	32° 25°	31° 25°	33° 24°	31° 25°
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
31° 25°	33° 24°	32° 25°	33° 24°	32° 25°	32° 24°	33° 24°
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
33° 25°	32° 24°	32° 23°	32° 25°	33° 24°	33° 24°	32° 24°

Time Zone

Brunei Darussalam is eight hours ahead of the Greenwich Mean Time **(GMT+8).**

Electricity and Plug Type

Brunei uses the standard electrical sockets Type G. The standard voltage is **240 volts,** with the frequency of **50 Hz.**



Prayer Times

For the convenience of Muslim delegates, the prayer times for November 2026 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, are provided below:

TARIKH MASEHI	TARIKH HIJRAH	IMSAK	SUBOH	SYURUK	DOHA	ZOHOR	ASAR	MAGHRIB	ISYAK
07.11.2026	27 Jamadilawal 1448H	4.36	4.46	6.06	6.29	12.05	3.26	6.02	7.13
08.11.2026	28 Jamadilawal 1448H	4.36	4.46	6.06	6.29	12.05	3.26	6.02	7.13
09.11.2026	29 Jamadilawal 1448H	4.36	4.46	6.06	6.30	12.05	3.26	6.02	7.13
10.11.2026	30 Jamadilawal 1448H	4.36	4.46	6.07	6.30	12.05	3.26	6.02	7.14
11.11.2026	1 Jamadilakhir 1448H	4.36	4.46	6.07	6.30	12.05	3.26	6.02	7.14
12.11.2026	2 Jamadilakhir 1448H	4.37	4.47	6.07	6.30	12.05	3.27	6.02	7.14
13.11.2026	3 Jamadilakhir 1448H	4.37	4.47	6.07	6.31	12.06	3.27	6.02	7.14
14.11.2026	4 Jamadilakhir 1448H	4.37	4.47	6.08	6.31	12.06	3.27	6.02	7.14

For the latest prayer times and further information, please refer to *https://www.mora.gov.bn/SitePages/WaktuSembahyang.aspx*

Mobile Connectivity



For delegates who prefer a local SIM card, tourist SIM packages are available from providers such as DST. These can be purchased at selected outlets, including Brunei International Airport. Delegates should bring their passports for SIM card registration.



Delegates may also use an eSIM, where supported by their mobile devices, or activate international roaming through their existing mobile provider before travelling. It is advisable to check roaming charges, data allowances and device compatibility in advance.



Wi-Fi may be available at hotels and selected establishments. Delegates are encouraged to check availability with their accommodation provider and ensure they have suitable mobile connectivity throughout their stay.

Emergency Numbers

Ambulance	**991**
Police	**993**
Fire & Rescue	**995**
Search and Rescue	**998**

Language and Communication Tips

The official language of Brunei Darussalam is Malay (Bahasa Melayu), while English is widely spoken and understood, particularly in business and tourism settings.

Learning a few basic Malay expressions can be a useful way to connect with the local community during your stay.

A few useful Malay expressions:

English Language	*Local Malay Language*
Good morning	***Selamat pagi***
Good afternoon	***Selamat petang***
Thank you	***Terima kasih***
You're welcome	***Sama-sama***
Yes	***Ya***
No	***Tidak***
How are you?	***Apa khabar?***
Where is…?	***Di mana…?***
How much is this?	***Berapa harga ini?***
I would like to go to…	***Saya mahu pergi ke…***

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Diplomatic Missions

The Ministry of Education, Brunei Darussalam acknowledges the support of diplomatic missions accredited to Brunei Darussalam from countries represented at the Consortium.

List of diplomatic missions in Brunei Darussalam include:

Kingdom of Cambodia



Head of Mission:
His Excellency Chey Ratha
Ambassador-Designate

Foreign Mission:
Royal Embassy of The Kingdom of Cambodia

Simpang 336-71, Diplomatic Enclave, Jalan Kebangsaan, Bandar Seri Begawan, BC3915, Brunei Darussalam

(+673) 2426450/51

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People's Republic of China



Head of Mission:
His Excellency Chen Shaochun
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Foreign Mission:
Embassy of the People's Republic of China

No. 1, Simpang 462, Kampong Sungai Hanching, Jalan Muara, Bandar Seri Begawan, BC2115, Brunei Darussalam

(+673) 233 4163

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Republic of Indonesia



Head of Mission:
His Excellency Dr. Achmad Ubaedillah
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Foreign Mission:
Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia

Simpang 336-43, Diplomatic Enclave,
Jalan Kebangsaan, BS8111, Brunei Darussalam

(+673) 2330180

kbribsb@brunet.bn
bsbegawan.kbri@kemlu.go.id

Japan



Head of Mission:
His Excellency Maeda Toru
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Foreign Mission:
Embassy of Japan

House No. 33, Simpang 122-1, Kampong Kiulap,
Bandar Seri Begawan, BE1518, Brunei Darussalam

(+673) 222 9265 / 222 9592 / 222 6010

embassy@bw.mofa.go.jp

Republic of Korea



Head of Mission:
His Excellency Kim Soung-eun
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Foreign Mission:
Embassy of the Republic of Korea

Lot No. 24160, Simpang 336, Diplomatic Enclave,
Jalan Kebangsaan, Kampong Kianggeh, Bandar Seri Begawan,
BS8111, Brunei Darussalam

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Lao People's Democratic Republic



Head of Mission:
Her Excellency Sengdavanh Vongsay
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Malaysia



Head of Mission:
His Excellency Datuk Mohd Aini Atan
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Foreign Mission:
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Republic of the Union of Myanmar



Head of Mission:
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Foreign Mission:
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Republic of the Philippines



Head of Mission:
Her Excellency Marian Jocelyn R. Tirol-Ignacio
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Republic of Singapore



Head of Mission:
His Excellency Yip Wei Kiat
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Foreign Mission:
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Kingdom of Thailand



Head of Mission:
His Excellency Akrapong Chalermnon
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Foreign Mission:
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Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste



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