

BIBD ALAF SHAPES BRUNEI'S FUTURE GENERATION THROUGH HOLISTIC EDUCATION

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In line with His Majesty's vision 2035 to develop highly educated and skillful individuals to be future leaders of Brunei, Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam (BIBD) through the Advocating Life-Long Learning for An Aspiring Future (ALAF) programme held a three-day ALAF Ta'aruf Camp including a Public Speaking Workshop and ALAF Convention.

The ALAF Ta'aruf Camp was held from 5th - 7th December 2016, and brought together 42 students from the 4th batch of ALAF for 2017. The students were formally introduced to BIBD and the ALAF Program, providing them with a deeper understanding of the Bank's vision and how its flagship CSR programme can help underprivileged but deserving students achieve their aspirations.

"Through the ALAF Ta'aruf camp, we hope that the newest batch of beneficiaries will get a deeper appreciation of the support and commitment of BIBD in helping them grow holistically through the ALAF programme. More so, this event gave everyone involved in ALAF, both the students and the teachers, a greater sense of belonging," says Haji Minorhadi bin Haji Mirhassan, Head of Government Relations & Special Projects of BIBD, who was also the guest of honor at the event.

The interactive camp consisted of team building exercises, art workshop, spelling contest as well as a presentation from the senior ALAF students on their recent educational trip to Singapore, to inspire and motivate the incoming students to excel in their studies.

A Public Speaking Workshop was also held which culminated with the ALAF Convention, held for the very first time. The three-day workshop conducted by the Silva Method, prepared the students for the culminating event which was aimed to harness and develop their leadership capabilities as part of BIBD's vision to hone future Bruneian leaders.

Twenty ALAF students presented topics ranging from Entrepreneurship, Agrifood Industry, Environment to Vision 2035 before six judges and audiences, comprising of Senior Officers and Educators from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Religious Affairs, as well as the students' families.

With just less than three days preparation time, all the students made remarkable performances, however the top three performers were identified for the Junior and Secondary category. The winners each received prizes consisting of a plaque and certificate of appreciation as well as an Acer Iconia Tablet for second runner up, a Samsung A Tablet for the first runner up and the winner received an Acer 14" Laptop. The winner in the junior category went to Muhammad Hadif Hamizan bin Zulazmi from Sekolah Rendah Saba Darat, while Lai Fook Loeng, from Anthony Abell college won the title in the senior category.

In addition, these winners are also awarded with an educational trip on a "Fascinating Adventure To Malaysia" package. The trip will inspire Brunei's young leaders of tomorrow to achieve Brunei's Vision 2035, transforming Brunei Darussalam into a nation widely recognized for the accomplishments of its well-educated and highly skilled people, high quality of life, as well as a dynamic and sustainable economy. Consolation prizes were also handed to the rest of the speakers in recognition of their outstanding performances. All prizes were presented by Haji Minorhadi bin Haji Mirhassan.

Through ALAF, BIBD demonstrates its strong support to His Majesty's 2035 vision of obtaining 100% level of education for everyone, which will help reduce poverty and lead to a more prosperous Brunei.

To find out more about BIBD's ALAF programme and how you can make a difference, visit <http://www.bibdalaf.com>

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