

ALAF STUDENTS ACHIEVE EXCELLENT RESULTS AS BIBD CONTINUES TO SUPPORT VISION 2035

42 New Students Enrolled Into BIBD ALAF Program

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February 25th, 2017 - Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam (BIBD) recognised the achievements of 13 underprivileged students enrolled in BIBD's Advocating Life-Long Learning for An Aspiring Future (ALAF) programme.

The guest of honour, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Indera Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Suyoi Bin Haji Osman, Minister of Education, presented the Certificates of Achievements to these young achievers, at a ceremony held at The Empire Hotel & Country Club, Jerudong.

Among the recipients were five students who scored 5As in the PSR Examination; one student who achieved nine Credits in the Brunei Cambridge BGCE 'O' Level; two students who achieved an aggregate score of 10 and nine in the Brunei Religious Education Certificate Examination (SPUB) and a student who achieved 'Mumtaz' result in the Brunei Religious Certificate of Higher Education Examination (STPUB).

The ALAF students who scored 5As in their PSR Examination were also granted the ALAF Scholar Award and are currently studying at the International School Brunei.

Speaking at the awards ceremony, BIBD Head of Government Relations and Special Projects, Yang Mulia Haji Minorhadi bin Mirhassan commended the excellent results achieved by ALAF students. "The ALAF Programme has reached a major milestone since its inception as we witness our students pass their examinations with flying colours and move on to their next level of education,"

"Soon, we will support our first ALAF Scholar in her tertiary education at a leading international university, In Shaa Allah,"

"BIBD's continued commitment to the ALAF Programme and the determination of our students reflect our collective efforts to realising Vision 2035, to become a nation that

is widely recognised for the accomplishments of its well-educated and highly-skilled people.”

The annual BIBD ALAF Programme Awards Ceremony continues to recognise the importance of inclusive education. The BIBD ALAF ‘Special Education Bursary’ was awarded to a total of six special needs students from the Special Education Unit of the Ministry of Education. The Bursary includes educational provisions such as laptops, printers, special need education materials and wheelchairs.

The event also witnessed the presentation of a letter of appointment to 50 new ALAF Student Welfare Teachers from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Religious Affairs, for a two year term.

With the induction of 42 new ALAF students, the support and dedication of ALAF Student Welfare Teachers are a vital part of the success of this growing programme. Through their tireless efforts, these teachers complement the provisions provided to ALAF students with valuable guidance to ensure a holistic learning experience, further enabling students to achieve excellent results.

BIBD continues to support the education of young underprivileged Bruneians. A total of 141 students are currently enrolled in the ALAF programme, with more to be included next year. 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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