

BIBD ALAF NURTURE STRONG READING CULTURE WITH TRIP TO “BRUNEI BOOK FAIR”

For Immediate Release

March 3rd, 2017 - BIBD today organized an outing to the Brunei Book Fair at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Sports Complex in Berakas for its top thirteen achieving ALAF students. These students were also recently recognized for their excellent educational efforts at the 4th BIBD ALAF Award Presentation Ceremony.

The students showed their delight at the opportunity to browse reading material that can help support their educational aspirations in their pursuit of academic success. At the book fair, BIBD ALAF Programme students were provided with a provision to purchase selected material, while at the same time, allowing them to manage their expenses to focus on essential education materials.

This activity was aimed to encourage and inculcate a strong reading culture among ALAF students. Accompanying the students to the Book Fair were members of the ALAF Taskforce along with BIBD officials, who also provided the students with guidance on their selected items.

The ALAF programme was developed in close partnership with the Department of Schools, Ministry of Education, and in 2015 a Memorandum of Understanding was also signed with the Islamic Studies Department from the Ministry of Religious Affairs that will lead to constant efforts and close collaboration between all parties, to ensure the successful implementation and provision of assistance to the ALAF programme. Today, the Program has 141 students and this year, will be supporting its first ALAF Scholar in tertiary education at a leading international university, In Shaa Allah.

Members of the public wishing to contribute into the BIBD ALAF fund may do so with a minimum donation of B\$1.01 into the BIBD ALAF account at 1018181811.

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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