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NEGARA BRUNEI DARUSSALAM.

MALAYALI ASSOCIATION-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

1. Introduction

Serving others enriches both their lives and our own, bringing true fulfillment and inner peace. Life's purpose is not to be served, but to serve and make a difference. Kindness, compassion, and decisive action make this connection truly meaningful.

The Malayali Association (MA), a non-profit charity organization, was established in 2013 under subsection (3) of Chapter 8 of the Societies Act (Chapter 203), registered with the Registrar of Societies, Brunei Darussalam.

The Malayali Association is a non-profit organization representing the Malayali community in Brunei. Through various cultural, social, and charitable activities, the Association fosters unity, promotes well-being, and provides support for its members and the broader local community.

The Association's governing body, the Management Committee, consists of 17 members. As of January 23, 2026, the MA has 127 active members, including 7 new members who joined in 2025. There are also two life members this year.

2. Aims and Objective.

- a) To serve as a platform for Malayalees to meet and exchange views and ideas to foster friendship, goodwill and understanding among the community and the natives as well as to help the needy.
- b) To enable the children of Malayalees to get to know one another and to learn the language, arts, and sports of Malayali Community.
- c) To engage in Educational, Social, Charity and Welfare activities and other services for those in need in Negara Brunei Darussalam with a view to return the gratitude of the Malayali Community to this nation.
- d) To do all that is possible which may be conducive to the advancement of nation building and for upholding the national prestige of Negara Brunei Darussalam.



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3. MAMC -2024-25

The Malayali Association Management Committee for the term 2024-25 is formed through consensus from the members present at the AGM on 18th February 2024 at Serikandi Café & Restaurant, Kuala Belait and assumed the office.

SI No.	Name	Positions
1	Sajeev Kumar S Pillai	The President
2	Rajeevan P Malayil	The Vice President
3	Vineeth P Ravindran	Honorary Secretary General
4	Shine Thomas Perumbel	Honorary Deputy Secretary General
5	Krishnaprasad Achattil	Honorary Treasurer
6	Sreekumar Vijayakumar	Honorary Deputy Treasurer
7	Swapna Baiju	Hon. Secretary of Morals and Culture
8	Ajosh Raj	Honorary Secretary of Sports
9	Bony Bibin	Honorary Secretary for Education
10	Ibrahim Edassery	Hon. Sec of Development and Social Welfare
11	Georgie Philip Plavelil	Honorary Secretary of Information
12	Manoj Kumar T M	Ordinary Committee Member
13	Manoj T.C	Ordinary Committee Member
14	Mohamed Abu Bakker	Ordinary Committee Member
15	Nibin Mambully	Ordinary Committee Member
16	Sooraj Ramachandran	Ordinary Committee Member
17	Sunilkumar.K	Ordinary Committee Member



MAMC – 2024-25- Group Photo.



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The 12th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Malayali Association was held on February 16, 2025, at the SCR Ballroom at 5:00 PM. The meeting was attended by approximately 63 members.

The President opened the meeting by thanking the attendees for their presence and continuous support. Following the opening remarks, the Honorary Deputy Secretary General conducted the review and approval of the 2023 minutes.

The Honorary Secretary General, alongside the respective Secretaries, presented the 2024 Annual Reports. Subsequently, the Honorary Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer presented the financial report and the proposed budget for 2025.

During the meeting, the floor appointed Mr. Harry Stephen as the Auditor for the year 2025. As the current Management Committee was elected for a two-year term, no elections were held during this AGM. The Vice President delivered the Vote of Thanks, and the session concluded with a group photo and dinner

4. Introduction of Committee Members to the Indian High Commissioner and Appreciation & Farewell Dinner to the Outgoing Office Bearers.

The Malayali Association Management Committee (MAMC), accompanied by their spouses, convened on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at the Panaga Club in Seria to formally introduce the 2024–25 leadership to the High Commissioner of India to Brunei Darussalam



The event was distinguished by the presence of His Excellency Shri Ramu Abbagani and Mrs. Pushpa Abbagani. In an inspiring keynote address, the High Commissioner commended the association for its unwavering commitment to cultural stewardship. He underscored the critical role such organizations play in safeguarding Kerala's rich heritage and traditions, while simultaneously applauding their impactful social initiatives and vibrant contributions to the Malayali community in Brunei. Concluding his remarks, His Excellency reaffirmed his full support for the association's future endeavors and expressed deep appreciation for the committee's dedicated service.

5. MORALS AND CULTURE.

a. Easter – Vishu – Hari Raya Celebration

The Malayali Association hosted a vibrant triple-celebration, uniting the festivities of Easter, Vishu, and Hari Raya into a single, harmonious event. Held on Sunday, May 3, 2025, at the Panaga Club Hall in Seria, the gathering served as a magnificent showcase of Kerala's rich cultural tapestry.



The event's guest of honor was Dato Seri Laila Jasa Dr. Alexander Maliakel John, a distinguished figure in the community. The Association took this opportunity to formally honor Dr. Alexander for his four decades of dedicated service to Brunei's healthcare sector. Currently a health consultant for the Ministry of Health, Brunei Darussalam, Dr. Alexander was a 2023 recipient of the prestigious Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award for Medicine, presented by the President of India.



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The festivities served as a vibrant stage for the Malayali community's diverse talents, featuring everything from the intricate footwork of Bharatanatyam to emotive vocal solos and group harmonies. With a stirring violin performance rounding out the program, the event drew over 120 guests to the Panaga Club, each gathered to witness a powerful display of artistic heritage and communal unity

The event concluded with a delightful spread of traditional Kerala cuisine alongside other local delicacies, offering attendees a taste of home and a chance to experience the diverse culinary landscape of the region.



b. MA Onam -2025 – The Mega Event

Onam is the quintessential cultural festival of Kerala, celebrated annually to commemorate the mythical return of "Mahabali". On August 10, 2025, the Pusat Insani Seria Hall was transformed into a vibrant hub of tradition for the Malayali Association's annual Onam festivities. This celebration served as a bridge between Keralite heritage and the Brunei Sultanate, successfully harmonizing cultural preservation with a strong spirit of philanthropic outreach

The event was officially inaugurated with a welcoming address by the President to an audience of esteemed guests. The program then transitioned into the hands of the MCs, who kicked off the official proceedings with the iconic Mahabali Procession, a colorful spectacle that brought the legend of Onam to life for all in attendance



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The Inauguration

The festivities commenced at 3:00 PM with an air of prestige. The event was officially inaugurated by His Excellency Shri Ramu Abbagani, the High Commissioner of India to Brunei Darussalam, accompanied by his spouse, Mrs. Pushpa Abbagani. Their presence underscored the significance of the Malayali diaspora in fostering strong bilateral cultural ties.



A Cultural Extravaganza

The core of the afternoon was a four-hour marathon of artistic excellence, featuring a cast of nearly 100 performers. The program was meticulously curated to showcase both the ancient and the modern:

- **The Grand Opening:** The stage was set with a majestic Kerala Jatayu display, a visually stunning tribute to the legendary bird from Indian mythology, symbolizing bravery and devotion.
- **The Performances:** An audience of over 500 guests was treated to a diverse repertoire including:
 - Traditional folk dances and classical performances.
 - Contemporary musical acts that brought a modern energy to the hall.
 - Vibrant costumes and rhythmic storytelling that echoed the spirit of the harvest festival.



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In a moving gesture of gratitude to their host country, the MA made significant charitable donations to:

- **SMARTER Brunei:** Supporting individuals with autism.
- **Anak-Anak Yatim Daerah Belait:** Providing aid to orphans within the Belait District.

The cultural showcase reached its crescendo with a grand finale dedicated to the spirit of Indian Independence Day. This final performance served as a stirring tribute to the nation's journey, leaving the audience with a profound sense of pride and a reminder of the enduring legacy of freedom

Culinary Heritage: The Onasadya

No Onam celebration is truly complete without the Onasadya, the grand vegetarian banquet that serves as the festival's culinary centerpiece. Once the vibrant stage performances concluded, guests were invited to partake in a communal dining experience that transcended social barriers. Served traditionally on vibrant green banana leaves, the feast offered a symphony of Keralite flavors—ranging from the sharp tang of pickles and spicy curries to the creamy, comforting sweetness of payasam. This ritual of sharing a meal in unison perfectly captures the spirit of abundance and egalitarianism that defines the legend Mahabali



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c. Onam Appreciation Dinner.

The Malayali Association Management Committee (MAMC) gathered at the BSRC Ballroom on the evening of August 30, 2025, for a special appreciation dinner to say a massive "thank you" to the heart and soul of our community.





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Following the incredible success of the MA Onam Mega-Event, the evening was a chance to unwind and give credit where it was due. From the creative choreographers and tireless participants to our dedicated sub-committees, every hand played a part in our triumph.

"While the applause happens on stage, the foundation is built in the wings."

Special mention was made of our unsung heroes—the volunteers working behind the scenes. Their late nights and "can-do" attitudes were the true catalysts for our success. It was an evening of good food, shared memories, and a deep sense of pride in what we achieved together.



d. Keralappiravi Celebration

On November 8, 2025, the IAB Hall in Seria was bathed in the colors and spirit of "God's Own Country" as the Malayali Association commemorated Kerala Piravi, the foundation day of Kerala. This milestone event served as a beautiful reminder of the community's shared heritage and cultural roots.

The evening's festivities were officially set in motion by Mr. Shine Thomas, the Honorary Deputy Secretary General, whose warm welcome speech resonated with themes of unity and cultural pride. Following the opening remarks, the stage came alive with a showcase of talent:

A Youthful Tribute: The highlight of the evening was a charming traditional fashion show. The community's children took center stage, embodying the grace of Kerala's traditional attire and drawing enthusiastic applause from the crowd.

Cultural Harmony: The program featured a series of engaging performances that captured the rhythmic beauty and artistic diversity of Malayali culture.

As the formal proceedings drew to a close, the Honorary Treasurer delivered a heartfelt Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to the volunteers and attendees who made the evening possible. To capture the spirit of the day, a commemorative group photograph was taken, freezing a moment of community solidarity in time. The celebration concluded on a high note with a communal feast, where guests savored an array of authentic delicacies.



6. EDUCATION.

a. MA Education Club Field Trip.

On May 31st, the MA Education Club organized an immersive educational field trip for 34 children from our community. The excursion was designed to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world experience, focusing on Brunei's rich natural biodiversity and its burgeoning agricultural and equestrian heritage.

Phase 1: Biodiversity at Tasek Merimbun Heritage Park

The journey commenced at Tasek Merimbun Heritage Park in the Tutong District. As Brunei's largest natural lake and a recognized ASEAN Heritage Park, it served as a living laboratory for the students.

- **Eco-Exploration:** The children explored the park's unique "blackwater" ecosystem, trekking along nature trails to observe rare flora and fauna.
- **The Butterfly Garden:** A highlight of the morning was the Butterfly Garden, where the group observed local species in their natural habitat, learning about the delicate life cycles of Brunei's insects.
- **Heritage & Geography:** The children also studied the lake's famous S-shaped shoreline, gaining a deeper appreciation for the conservation efforts required to protect such a vital landmark.



Phase 2: Recreation at Tasek Lama (BSB)

Moving into the capital, the group visited the Tasek Lama Recreational Park in Bandar Seri Begawan. This stop provided a blend of physical activity and environmental appreciation. The children engaged with the park's natural waterfall and jungle trails, highlighting the importance of maintaining green spaces within urban centers for community health and wellness.

Phase 3: Animal Husbandry at Kilugus Stable

The educational circuit concluded with an interactive session at Kilugus Stable. This visit provided a rare look into the world of animal husbandry and equestrian care.

- **Hands-on Learning:** Under professional supervision, the children were introduced to the daily management of horses and farm animals.
- **Practical Skills:** The experience emphasized the responsibilities of feeding, grooming, and stable maintenance, fostering a sense of empathy and respect for animals. This direct interaction allowed the participants to understand the discipline required to run a successful agricultural enterprise in Brunei.



b. Photography Competition.

The Malayali Association (MA) Brunei is proud to announce the successful conclusion of its recent photography competition, held between June and July 2025. Launched in conjunction with World Environment Day, the contest was centered around the evocative theme: "*Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature.*"



The winners of the MA Photography Competition 2025 were honored during a special prize distribution ceremony held as part of the Keralapiravi celebrations. The association recognized the creative talents within the community across three distinct categories. In the youth divisions, Aithen Harry secured the first prize for Kids Category 1, while Hridya Anna Panackal took home the top honors for Kids Category 2. In the Adults Category, Vanila Harry was awarded the first prize for her outstanding photographic entry

Capturing a Greener Vision

The initiative aimed to encourage members of the community to document their commitment to environmental stewardship through the art of photography. The competition saw an impressive turnout, with 15 talented photographers submitting entries. Each participant offered a unique and thought-provoking perspective, ranging from the quiet beauty of Brunei's untouched landscapes to creative depictions of sustainable daily habits.

A Fusion of Culture and Conservation

To celebrate these creative achievements, the association held a special prize-giving ceremony during the annual Keralapiravi (Kerala Foundation Day) celebrations. This timing was deeply intentional, as it allowed the association to merge the preservation of cultural heritage with the modern necessity of environmental protection.

During the festivities, the winners were honored with official certificates of achievement. The ceremony served as a powerful reminder that our cultural roots and the health of our planet are deeply intertwined—celebrating where we come from while ensuring a sustainable world for those who follow.

The Malayali Association extends its heartfelt gratitude to all participants for their contribution to this "greener future" and looks forward to continuing such initiatives that inspire both creativity and social responsibility.

c. Story Telling Competition.

Throughout the months of June and July, the MA Education Club successfully hosted its Malayalam Storytelling Competition, a flagship initiative specifically designed to strengthen the bond between our youth and their mother tongue. In an era of rapid globalization, this event served as a vital bridge to the rich oral traditions of Kerala.

Bridging Distance via Digital Innovation

To ensure maximum accessibility and safety, the competition was conducted in a fully virtual format. This allowed 10 talented young participants to transform their homes into creative stages. By utilizing digital media, the students were able to record and submit video entries that showcased their linguistic growth and artistic flair.



In the Kindergarten category, the top honors went to Naira Anna Jacob, who secured first prize, followed by Samantha Remin in second place. For the Year 1 to 4 category, Dhyan Ajosh emerged as the first-place winner, while Mikhael Georgie Plavelil earned the second-place award. The competition for Year 5 and above saw a high level of talent, with Nandini Sajith taking home the first prize and Richelle Remin securing second place.

Beyond Words: A Display of Talent

The submissions were more than just spoken word exercises; they were a masterclass in performance. The participants were evaluated on several key criteria:

- **Linguistic Proficiency:** Demonstrating a command of Malayalam vocabulary and pronunciation.



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- **Narrative Expression:** Using tone, pace, and emotion to captivate a virtual audience.
- **Creative Presentation:** Bringing stories to life through traditional gestures and expressive storytelling techniques.

Building Confidence and Cultural Pride

This initiative provided a unique platform for our youth to build public speaking confidence while celebrating their cultural identity. By integrating modern technology with an ancient art form, the MA Education Club successfully fostered a sense of pride in our heritage, proving that our mother tongue remains vibrant and relevant in the digital age.

The prize distribution ceremony for the Storytelling Competition took place during the Keralappiravi celebration, honoring the eloquent young speakers who captivated the audience with their narratives.

d. MA Onam – Coloring Contest.

On August 8th, our community was transformed into a canvas of vibrant colors and boundless creativity during the much-anticipated MA Colouring Competition. The event was a heartwarming spectacle, showcasing the intense focus and vivid imaginations of forty young artists who gathered to express themselves through art. To ensure a fair and age-appropriate experience for all participants, the competition was thoughtfully organized into four distinct categories, allowing children of various developmental stages to compete alongside their peers in a supportive and engaging environment.



The recognition of these talented youngsters reached its pinnacle during our traditional Onam festivities, which provided a magnificent and culturally rich backdrop for the Certificate Distribution Ceremony. Presenting the awards during



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such a significant community gathering elevated the experience, instilling a profound sense of pride in the children and offering their families a memorable moment of collective celebration. This seamless integration of youth creativity with our most cherished cultural traditions underscored the association's commitment to nurturing the next generation.

The winners of the MA Coloring Competition 2025 were announced and celebrated for their artistic creativity across four distinct categories.

In Category 1, Luca Shoy took home the first prize, followed by Naira Anna Jacob in second place and Antony Tony in third. Category 2 saw Nainika Chekkadan emerging as the top winner, with Darshan Sreekumar and Mikael Bibin Kumpukkattu securing the second and third prizes, respectively.

The competition remained fierce in the older groups, where Nandini Sajith earned first prize in Category 3, accompanied by Adisree Nair in second and Richelle Remin in third. Finally, in Category 4, Olivia was awarded the first prize, with Archana taking second place and Jiya Maria rounding out the winners in third.

During the ceremony, Mr. Sajeew Kumar S. Pillai, the President of the Malayali Association, offered a warm and heartfelt commendation to all the participants for their enthusiastic involvement and artistic spirit. In his address, he expressed sincere gratitude to the parents for their steadfast encouragement and to the panel of judges for lending their time and professional expertise to the evaluation process. He emphasized that the success of the contest was the result of a collective effort, noting that the children's contributions added a joyful and colorful dimension that truly enriched the overall spirit of the Mega Onam Celebration.





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7. DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WELFARE.

One of the core objectives of the Malayali Association (MA) is to foster a spirit of service through active engagement in social, charitable, and welfare initiatives. By extending vital assistance to those in need within Negara Brunei Darussalam, the Association seeks to give back to the country, reflecting the deep gratitude and appreciation the Malayali community holds for the nation.

The MA Management Committee is proud to acknowledge the successful implementation of several impactful charity events throughout the past year. These initiatives were driven by a shared enthusiasm for community service and have provided tangible benefits to numerous deserving recipients. Through these collective efforts, the Association continues to honor its commitment to social responsibility and its enduring bond with the people of Brunei.

a. 11th Hari Raya Donation Drive.

Faced with the daunting task of selecting recipients from a growing list of vulnerable families against a limited budget, the committee for the 11th Hari Raya Donation Drive sought a way to ensure no one was left behind. To address this challenge, the Malayali Association (MA) developed a strategic two-phase distribution plan designed to maximize the impact of every dollar raised.

This innovative approach allowed the Association to optimize its resources and significantly broaden its reach. By thoughtfully dividing the distribution process, the MA was able to extend vital assistance to a larger number of impoverished families than a single-phase rollout would have permitted. Ultimately, this ensured that more community members could experience the joy and relief of support during the Hari Raya celebrations, turning a logistical constraint into a resounding success for the organization's charitable mission.

1. Hari Raya Donation Drive - Phase 1

On March 15, 2025, the Malayali Association (MA) successfully inaugurated Phase 1 of its 11th Annual Hari Raya Donation Drive. In a meaningful collaboration with SOAS College's "Al-'Amal Lil Amal" project, the initiative delivered essential Ramadan packs to 78 underprivileged students, providing vital support to ease their financial burdens throughout the holy fasting month.

The MA committee was warmly received by the Principal of SOAS College, Ckg. Mohamed Santra bin Haji Bolhassan, who expressed his sincere gratitude for the Association's unwavering commitment to community welfare. To commemorate the successful partnership, the college presented a certificate of appreciation to Ibrahim Edassery, MA's Development and Social Welfare Secretary.



This joint effort underscores the Malayali Association's enduring dedication to social responsibility and its mission to give back meaningfully to the Brunei community.

2. Hari Raya Donation Drive - Phase 2

On March 23, 2025, the Malayali Association (MA) successfully conducted the second phase of its 11th Annual Hari Raya Donation Drive at Pusat Insani, Seria. Continuing its mission to support the vulnerable, the Association distributed festive hampers to 20 underprivileged families, providing essential supplies to ease their financial burdens in preparation for the upcoming Hari Raya celebrations.

The event was graced by the Guest of Honour, Khairul Abidin bin Hj Md Yassin (Acting Penghulu of Mukim Seria), and attended by Muhd Nurzairie bin Abdullah Peter (Ketua Kampung Panaga A). The proceedings commenced with a Doa Selamat, followed by a welcome address from the MA President, Mr. Sajeew Kumar S. Pillai. In his speech, the President underscored that such charitable initiatives are a core deliverable of the Association, representing its fundamental commitment to social welfare in Brunei.

Adding to the significance of the occasion, former Presidents of the Malayali Association were in attendance to share their insights and extend advance Hari Raya wishes to the community. The Honorable Secretary of Development



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and Social Welfare, played a pivotal role in coordinating the logistics of the drive, ensuring the aid reached those most in need.



The MA Committee wishes to express its heartfelt gratitude to all supporters and donors. Their continued generosity and spirit of volunteerism are what allow the Association to fulfill its dedication to the Brunei community, making a tangible difference in the lives of many during this blessed season.

b. World Environment Day Celebration.

The Malayali Association (MA) showcased its enduring dedication to environmental conservation on Sunday, June 8, 2025, by organizing a comprehensive suite of activities in honor of World Environment Day. As an organization that consistently places sustainability at the forefront of its mission, the MA utilized this year's program to strengthen its annual tradition of tree planting and ecological awareness, with a particular emphasis on inspiring the next generation of youth leaders to take up the mantle of stewardship.

The occasion was marked by the distinguished presence of Awg. Muhammad Faiq bin Haji Rani, the Assistant Belait District Officer, who served as the Guest of Honor. He officially inaugurated the day's proceedings with an evocative speech that underscored the importance of local conservation efforts before leading by example through a ceremonial tree plantation. This symbolic gesture set a proactive tone for the day, highlighting the vital intersection between official leadership and community-driven initiatives.



Following the opening ceremony, the spirit of collective action was further demonstrated through a massive coastal cleanup operation. More than 50 dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly along the shoreline to remove over 50 bags of debris, significantly improving the local ecosystem. The group paid close attention to the impact of human waste on marine life, ensuring that the gathered refuse—which primarily comprised plastics and other non-biodegradable materials—was carefully sorted to facilitate proper recycling and responsible disposal.

c. **Blood Donation Drive**

The Malayali Association (MA) demonstrated its unwavering commitment to community welfare by successfully organizing its annual blood donation drive on November 2, 2025. Held at the SSB Hospital in Kuala Belait, this critical health initiative was designed to address the pressing need for local blood reserves, ensuring that the medical facility remains equipped to provide life-saving transfusions for patients in urgent need. By facilitating this event, the Association acted as a vital bridge between willing donors and a healthcare system that relies heavily on the generosity of the public to function effectively.

The drive was characterized by a robust spirit of altruism, drawing a significant turnout that included both dedicated Malayali Association members and civic-minded residents from the broader community. This collective effort resulted in the successful collection of 39 pints of blood, a substantial contribution that serves as a lifeline for those undergoing emergency surgeries or managing chronic medical conditions that require regular transfusions. Every donation



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represented a tangible impact on the lives of local patients, reinforcing the idea that individual actions can lead to profound community-wide benefits.



In recognition of the event's success, representatives from SSB Hospital expressed their deep appreciation for the Malayali Association's proactive civic leadership. The hospital staff emphasized that community-led initiatives are the backbone of a stable healthcare system, particularly during periods of high demand or critical shortages. By consistently prioritizing these drives, the Association not only helps maintain essential medical supplies but also fosters a culture of compassion and social responsibility within the Belait District.

The Malayali Association plans to continue this vital initiative annually, aiming to broaden its reach and further promote the importance of blood donation.



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8. Sports

a. Futsal Tournament

On May 18, 2025, the Malayali Association (MA) successfully organized a high-energy Futsal Tournament, transforming the sports complex at Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) in Tungku into a hub of athletic excellence and community spirit. This tournament stands as a cornerstone of the Association's annual sports calendar, meticulously planned to advance the twin goals of promoting physical well-being and strengthening the social bonds of friendship among its members. By choosing the professional facilities at UBD, the Association provided a premier stage for participants to showcase their skills in a safe and competitive environment.



The tournament featured five diverse teams that engaged in a series of fast-paced, exhilarating matches characterized by impressive athleticism and sophisticated strategic play. Each game was a testament to the dedication of the players, who balanced competitive intensity with the high standards of sportsmanship that the MA encourages. These matches were not merely about the final scores on the board, but rather about the collective effort and energy brought forth by participants from various backgrounds within the community.

In a thrilling conclusion to the tournament, Team A, known as Nadj-B, delivered an outstanding performance in the finals to secure their place as the undisputed Championship Winners. Their victory was a testament to their superior strategy and teamwork on the pitch, earning them the prestigious top trophy. They were



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joined in the spotlight by Team B, Yanur, who put up a formidable fight throughout the high-stakes match to claim the title of Runner-up. Both teams were honored during the awards ceremony for their competitive spirit and excellence, marking a memorable end to the day's athletic festivities.

Beyond the physical competition, the event served as an essential platform for members of all ages to engage in healthy teamwork and social interaction. By facilitating this vibrant space for community engagement, the Malayali Association continues to champion the importance of an active lifestyle as a foundation for a healthy life. The day concluded not just with the crowning of champions, but with a renewed sense of unity and shared purpose, reaffirming the Association's role in fostering a dynamic and connected community through the power of sports.

b. MA Badminton Tournament

In celebration of the auspicious occasion of His Majesty's 79th Royal Birthday, the Malayali Association (MA) of Brunei Darussalam successfully conducted its 9th annual Badminton Tournament on Sunday, July 13, 2025. The event was held at the Pusat Insani Indoor Court in Seria, spanning a full day of intense competition from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM. This tournament highlighted the community's vibrant passion for the sport, drawing in 20 diverse teams who competed across two specifically curated categories: Kids Mixed Doubles and Men's Doubles. By utilizing this inclusive format, the Association ensured that players of all ages and abilities could participate, effectively using the sport as a bridge to foster community spirit, promote physical health, and encourage social bonding among both the athletes and the attending spectators.

The Men's Doubles division featured some of the most competitive play of the day, culminating in a high-stakes final where Sajith V and Manoj Kumar emerged as the champions. Their victory was a result of exceptional teamwork and strategic precision on the court. They were joined on the podium by Renju and Raju, who earned the runner-up titles after a series of hard-fought matches that showcased their resilience and athletic skill. The atmosphere during these matches was electric, reflecting the high level of talent present within the Malayali community in Brunei.

The youth participants also took center stage in the Kids Doubles category, proving that the future of the sport is in capable hands. Adabala Karthick and Jaidev Duraikannan delivered a standout performance to secure the championship trophy, demonstrating impressive coordination for their age. The runner-up position was proudly claimed by Tanishq Hegde and Swarali Magar, whose performance throughout the tournament was marked by great determination and sportsmanship. Through the success of this 9th annual event, the Malayali Association reaffirmed its commitment to building a healthy, active, and united community while honoring the national celebrations of the Sultanate.



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The climax of the event was marked by a formal awards ceremony where Mr. Sajeew Kumar S Pillai, the President of the Malayali Association, took center stage to honor the participants. He was joined by several distinguished members of the management committee, who together shared the responsibility of recognizing the hard work and dedication displayed on the court. In a series of proud presentations, the President and his team handed over the championship and runner-up trophies to the winners, offering words of praise and encouragement to each athlete. This gesture of leadership served as a fitting conclusion to the day, celebrating not only the individual victories but also the collective spirit of the entire Association.

c. MA Onam Sports

The Malayali Association (MA) transformed Anduki Park in Seria into a vibrant slice of Kerala on Sunday, September 14, 2025, during their spirited Onam Sports celebration. The event commenced in the morning with a communal breakfast that set a warm, welcoming tone for the day ahead. This gathering was defined by a palpable sense of nostalgic energy, as members of the community engaged in a variety of traditional games designed to evoke fond memories of childhoods spent in Kerala.

As the sun rose over the park, the atmosphere grew increasingly electric with the sounds of cheering spectators and friendly competition. For the older participants, the games served as a joyful bridge to their roots, while for the younger generation, the celebration acted as a vital cultural immersion. These children were given the rare opportunity to experience timeless Malayali traditions



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firsthand, ensuring that their heritage remains a living, breathing part of their lives in Brunei.



The festivities reached their peak during a shared lunch, where the community gathered to enjoy a traditional meal that further strengthened the bonds of friendship and kinship. Throughout the afternoon, the shared laughter and collective spirit of the attendees highlighted the primary goal of the event: to unite the community through play and a shared cultural identity. The successful celebration drew to a formal close at 1:00 PM, leaving the participants with a renewed sense of belonging and pride in their heritage

9. Information

Throughout the 2024–25 term, the Information Department remained dedicated to the efficient and timely dissemination of vital information, ensuring that members residing in both Brunei and India remained well-informed and connected. This objective was achieved through the implementation of a comprehensive multi-channel communication strategy designed to reach a diverse audience. By leveraging the Malayali Association's official Facebook page alongside specialized WhatsApp groups, such as the "New MA Bulletin Board" and the dedicated Ladies' group, the department successfully bridged the gap between the organization and its members.





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A significant portion of this communication effort involved sharing critical updates from the Indian High Commission, providing a reliable link between the community and official diplomatic channels. Beyond formal announcements, the department prioritized the safety and daily well-being of its members by offering real-time updates on time-sensitive matters. This included the rapid sharing of local weather alerts, essential road closure notifications, and community obituaries, allowing the membership to stay aware of urgent developments and offer support to one another during times of bereavement.

In addition to information sharing, the department focused on modernization and member engagement by utilizing digital tools to streamline community activities. The consistent creation and distribution of high-quality digital posters helped maintain a professional and festive visual identity for the association's various initiatives. Furthermore, the integration of Google Forms for event promotion and registration simplified the logistics of community gatherings, making it easier for members to participate and for the committee to manage data efficiently. Through these combined efforts, the Information Department successfully fostered a more responsive, informed, and digitally integrated community environment

10. Behind the Scenes

While the audience was captivated by the vibrant performances—marvelling at the talent on display and filling the air with cheers and applause—the true foundation of the event's success lay in the immense, often invisible effort of the dedicated team working behind the scenes. This success was not a matter of chance but the result of the committee's tireless commitment to the community. They moved beyond the spotlight to lead extensive membership campaigns and engaged in deep outreach with sponsors and well-wishers, securing the vital support and resources necessary to bring each event to life.

The seamless execution witnessed by the public was forged through months of rigorous preparation, involving countless meetings, meticulous planning sessions, and exhaustive discussions. Every detail was scrutinized and every plan revised until it reached perfection. Parallel to this administrative hustle, performers spent months in dedicated practice, refining their craft and honing their skills to transform simple acts into a truly spectacular spectacle. It was this synergy of strategic planning and artistic perseverance that ensured the final production was as flawless as it was memorable..

11. Way Forward

Despite our successes this year, certain initiatives like the Food Fare, cricket tournament, and Malayalam classes were unable to proceed. These setbacks were primarily due to practical challenges, including venue availability, timing conflicts, and low participation levels. We believe that the incoming committee will build upon



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these lessons, finding innovative solutions to revitalize these programs for the benefit of our community

12. Conclusion

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have collaborated with such a dedicated group. On behalf of MAMC-2024-25, I wish to thank every member of the Malayali Association for their invaluable contributions to this report. Together, management committee achieved a significant milestone that I am confident will leave a lasting, positive impact. Your unwavering dedication to our shared goals is truly commendable. As we move forward, I look forward to your continued commitment and support for the upcoming committees in the years to follow

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and commitment

Sincerely,



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