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### World Hindi Day 2020 celebrated in Brunei Darussalam

High Commission of India in Brunei Darussalam organised the World Hindi Day (Vishwa Hindi Diwas) 2020 on 19 February 2020 at the Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Primary School (YSHHBPS), the prestigious local school run by the Royal Foundation.



This was the fourth edition of World Hindi Day organised in the School. 40 Student and 12 faculty members participated in the event by reciting poems, singing songs, delivering speeches and dancing to Bollywood film songs. 16 students and 10 faculty were selected for their outstanding performances and were presented with cash awards.





The special attraction of the event was a dance performance by 12 kindergarten children to the tunes of Bollywood songs. All the participants were also presented certificates and books and the kindergarten students were presented with toys. On this occasion, a set of 26 books including 8 coffee table books on various facets of Indian culture was presented to the library of Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkih Primary School (YSHHBPS).





High Commissioner of India to Brunei Darussalam, Mr. Ajaneesh Kumar was the Guest of Honour at the event. Other dignitaries included Representative from the Private Education Section, Ministry of Education; Hajah Donnaliza, Deputy Managing Director of YSHHBS; Cikgu Datin Hajah Zainab, Principal of Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah TASKA (Kindergarten); Cikgu Hajah Mariam, Principal of Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Primary School; Puan Chong Li Chen, Principal of Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Secondary School.





In his speech on the occasion, the High Commissioner expressed his appreciation to the school for hosting the World Hindi Day for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in a row. He praised the students and faculty for their dedication and commitment in preparing for their performances, which he said has been improving in quality with each successive year.







He said the World Hindi Day is celebrated every year to popularise the language around the world. With over 500 million people speak Hindi in the world, the language is easily recognised thanks to the contribution by the Bollywood film industry in popularising it globally. High Commissioner highlighted many common words in Bahasa Melayu which have originated from Sanskrit, which is also the parent language of Hindi.



Over 450 students, committee members of the school management, faculty and parents participated in the event.

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