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### **PRESS RELEASE ON THE PARTICIPATION OF ASEAN LEADERS IN REPUBLIC DAY PARADE**

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, and the other Heads of State and Government of ASEAN Member States attended the 69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day celebrations at New Delhi, as Guests of Honour. This is the first time in the history of the Republic of India that 10 leaders were invited as Joint Chief Guests.

All the ASEAN leaders were received by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on their arrival for the Republic Day Parade. The visiting Chief Guests witnessed an impressive parade by Indian Armed Forces, paramilitary and police forces, colourful cultural performances and tableaux showcasing the diversity of India. To mark the occasion of the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit, dances from all ASEAN countries were performed by school children. For the first time, two tableaux were sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs, highlighting the multi-dimensional ties between ASEAN and India.

The celebrations concluded with a fly-past of aircraft from the Indian Air Force.

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