

## **NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA**

### **CANADA**

Brunei Darussalam established diplomatic relations with Canada on 7 May 1984. Brunei Darussalam opened its mission in Ottawa in 1995 while the Canadian mission in Bandar Seri Begawan opened in 1996.

A range of high-level visits has taken place between the two countries over the years:- His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam visited Canada in 1997 and 2000; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, in September 2011; and His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, in October 1990.

Brunei Darussalam received several high-level visits from Canada, including The Hon. John Baird, Foreign Minister of Canada, in July 2012 and July 2013; and The Hon. Edward Fast, Minister of International Trade of Canada, in February 2012 and in August 2013.

The main areas of cooperation between the two countries include trade, telecommunication, energy, defence, education, pharmaceutical production, agro-food development and in the oil and gas industry. Brunei Darussalam is also working closely with Canada through regional and international partnerships in particular through ASEAN, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

A number of agreements have been signed between the two countries including the Agreement for establishing an ASEAN Center of Excellence in Brunei for Emergency Management and Crisis Management (3 December 2013); the Tax Information Exchange Agreement (9 May 2013); MOU to establish a world-class Multi-Purpose Training Centre in Brunei (15 February 2012); A telecommunication contract with SR Telecom of Montreal for the supply of equipment for subscriber radio access system in the rural areas of Brunei (2000); and the Ottawa Convention on Landmines and joint de-mining in Cambodia (4 December 1997, ratified on 26 April 2006).

## **THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Brunei Darussalam and the United States share long historical ties which date back to the 1850s with the signing of the Treaty of Peace, Friendship, Commerce and Navigation. Formal diplomatic relations were established on 10 March 1984. During that year, both countries established missions in each other's capitals.

The two countries have maintained frequent exchange of visits at all levels. There have been a number of high-level visits made to the United States, including the Official Visit of His Majesty the Sultan in 2002 and March 2013. His Majesty has also made a number of working visits, among others the ASEAN-US Leaders' Meeting in 2010 and APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in 2011. His Royal Highness the Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah made an Official Visit in 1998 and 2011. The Official Visit of His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah was held in 1995.

Brunei Darussalam has received a number of high-level visitors from the United States, including President Bill Clinton in 2000; Secretary of State George Shultz in 1986; Secretary of State James Baker in 1989; Secretary of State Warren Christopher in 1995; Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in 2000; Secretary of State Colin Powell in 2002; Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in September 2012; and Secretary of State John Kerry in July and October 2013.

The main areas of bilateral cooperation between the two countries are in defence, education, trade and energy. Brunei Darussalam is also working closely with the United States through its regional and international partnerships, including ASEAN, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

A number of documents have been signed between the two countries, among others, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Defence Cooperation (29 November 1994); Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) (16 December 2002); MOU on the Establishment of a Fulbright Programme (December 2002); and MOU between UBD and East-West Center for the Brunei-US English Enrichment Project for ASEAN (11 June 2012).