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Press Release

Visit of H.E. Mr. V. Muraleedharan, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs & Parliamentary Affairs of India, to Brunei Darussalam (May 30-31, 2023)

H.E. Mr. V. Muraleedharan, Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India, paid a day-long Official Visit to Negara Brunei Darussalam, from 30-31 May 2023.

2. During the visit of the Hon'ble Minister, an evening of Pravasi Bhartiya Utsav was organized with the participation of community associations over Indian cuisine on 30 May 2023 at the Empire Brunei. The Hon'ble Minister was felicitated by all Indian Associations and prominent Indians in Brunei Darussalam. The event was attended by over three hundred members of the Indian diaspora. Addressing the packed auditorium, the Hon'ble Minister briefed the Indian diaspora about the transformative shifts in India, the India growth story and urged them to catalyze bilateral-relations between India and Brunei.

3. Hon'ble Minister also had an opportunity to travel to the Kuala Belait district, Brunei's Oil & Gas commercial hub, on 31 May 2023. Hon'ble Minister interacted with the Indian diaspora. He was felicitated by the Associations and treated to a cultural gala. Hon'ble Minister appreciated the role of Indian diaspora as brand ambassadors of Indian culture, cuisine, yoga and ethos. MoS also asked the community to propagate and promote use of Millets as the next super food, 2023 being International Year of Millets.

4. At the community reception hosted by High Commissioner of India on 31 May, 2023 MoS interacted with the prominent members of the Indian business community

and requested them to promote Indian products and be a partner in India's success story.

5. Hon'ble Minister also visited and reviewed the progress of the under construction Chancery and Residence Project of the High Commission of India, which is likely to be completed soon. MoS expressed happiness at the progress of the project and conveyed his good wishes for its early completion.

6. Hon'ble Minister left Brunei for Kuala Lumpur in the evening of 31 May, where he had a packed schedule and community engagements.

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