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## **Press Release**

We, in the High Commission of India, Brunei Darussalam are deeply saddened by the sudden and unexpected demise of Padma Shri Malai Haji Abdullah bin Malai Haji Othman, President of SMARTER Brunei on Sunday, 30 June 2019. The laudable work which Mr. Malai Haji Abdullah was undertaking, especially with regard to the management, education and training of autistic children in Brunei, has earned him the respect and appreciation of all sections of society in Brunei Darussalam and abroad. Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind conferred the third highest civilian award Padma Shri to Malai Haji Abdullah on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 in recognition of his tireless social work for the welfare and training of the autistic children in Brunei.

Mr. Malai Haji Abdullah was a close friend of India and a regular guest at all our community events. We will miss his energetic and charismatic presence. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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