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DPMM FC'S TEAM WON MATCH AGAINST GUANGXI PINGGUO HALIAO FC



His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, in a commemorative group photo with DPMM FC and Guangxi Pingguo Haliao FC teams after presenting the trophies and medals to the players following a friendly match at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium, Berakas.

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FABD President, Feisal Eusoff, took in a group photo with the Guangxi Sports Bureau delegation from the People's Republic of China during their visit to the Headquarters of the Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD).

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FRIENDLY FOOTBALL MATCH



The DPMM FC team succeeded in securing a victory over the Guangxi Pingguo Haliao FC team with a score of 3 - 1 in a friendly match at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium, Berakas, on April 20, 2024.

His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda Mahkota Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab. Rahaman graciously attended the match.

Also in attendance were His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda Mahkota Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah's siblings, His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Malik and His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Mateen.

Accompanying them were the children of His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda Mahkota Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, namely Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Muneerah Madhul Bolkiah; His Royal Highness Pengiran Muda Muhammad Aiman; and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Faathimah Az-Zahraa' Raihaanul Bolkiah.

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The DPMM FC team scored the opening goal through import player Gabriel Gama 5 minutes into the match, with a powerful shot that beat the opponent's goalkeeper.

Both teams successfully showcased interesting moves and exchanged attacks, but DPMM FC managed to hold onto a one-goal advantage in the first half.

In the second half, DPMM FC continued their lead when Azwan Ali Rahman seized the opportunity to breach Guangxi's goal in the 46th minute for their second goal.

Later, Portuguese import player Miguel Oliveira exhibited his prowess to gift DPMM FC their third goal in the 63rd minute.

Despite trailing in goals, the Guangxi Pingguo Hailiao FC team successfully provided an exciting competition with relentless effort, eventually finding satisfaction in securing a solitary goal through Wang Jingbin in the 81st minute, resulting in a final score of 3-1.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear friends and beloved football enthusiasts,

First and foremost, to all our Muslim friends, the Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD), I take this opportunity to wish you a joyous Eid al-Fitr 1445 Hijrah/2024 Masehi.

I want to firstly reiterate the national joy over the historic victory of the Brunei Darussalam National Football Team against Vanuatu with a 3-2 score, in a FIFA International Series match, which has become a notable achievement for Brunei Football.

This momentum needs to be maintained for the development of our National Football Team to advance further regionally and internationally in the future.

This success marks the first international victory for our National Team in 65 years since its establishment in 1959, and it is hoped that the historic date, April 26, 2024, will remain in the fond memories of football fans in Brunei Darussalam.

The excitement continues with DPMM FC's victory over Guangxi Pingguo Haliao F.C. from the People's Republic of China with a 3-1 score in a friendly match at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium, Berakas, on April 20, 2024.

This success reflects the determination of local football teams to strive forward and improve all aspects to build a competitive team regionally and internationally.

I believe we can achieve this with determination as a united team to reach our football objectives.

I feel extremely fortunate as the President of FABD to lead a committed team dedicated to the development of football in Brunei Darussalam.

Reflecting on the journey of the First 100 Days under FABD, we have achieved much, including efforts to establish valuable and eye-opening visits and discussions to facilitate the development of football with Brunei Ministries, Government Departments, and local and international stakeholders.



In April, I paid a courtesy visit to Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi Bin Haji Mohd Yussuf, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Defense II, Brunei Darussalam.

During the meeting, the Honourable Pehin expressed his willingness to assist FABD in advancing football in Brunei Darussalam.

I also had similar discussions with the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports (MCYS) and the Ministry of Education (MOE), who are also committed to supporting FABD's efforts in developing Brunei football to move further forward.

In May, we will conduct our 'First 100 Days Review' and sign Memorandums of Agreement with several key commercial partners.

Among other things, the FABD Headquarters in Berakas will soon have a commercial gym and a sports café. FABD will, hopefully, become a vibrant visitor-friendly football centre - welcoming one and all.

FABD's efforts to engage with the private sector will, I hope, move us further ahead. Let's work together towards one goal: Towards Achieving Football Excellence for the glory of Brunei Darussalam.

Feisal Eusoff
President
Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD)

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COURTESY VISIT TO MINISTER AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND SECOND MINISTER OF DEFENCE

The Minister at the Prime Minister's Department and the Second Minister of Defence, the Honourable Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd Yussof, received a courtesy visit from a delegation of the President of the Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD) at the Prime Minister's Office on April 19, 2024.

During the meeting, the Honourable Pehin stated that football is a hugely beloved sport in the country, thus FABD plays a significant role in advancing the sport.

Furthermore, the Honourable Pehin advised FABD to focus on positive efforts and maintain integrity within and outside the association.

The Honourable Pehin added that with the reopening of the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium, football will continue to become more active.

Meanwhile, the President of FABD expressed appreciation and stated that the meeting was an honour, demonstrating continuous cooperation and support to FABD's efforts to strengthen relationships with relevant ministries and departments in advancing football in the country.



The President also discussed recent developments within FABD and highlighted some achievements during the first 100 days of the new administration at FABD for the 2024-2028 session.

He mentioned that through various achievements and cooperation obtained from the domestic private sector and collaborations from foreign football associations, it will facilitate FABD's efforts to lead the development of football at all levels and enhance human resource skills.

Present at the meeting were the Deputy President of FABD, Haji Mahrub bin Haji Murni, and the Acting Secretary-General of FABD, Awang Matali Haji Md. Tahir; Pengiran Haji Jufry bin Pengiran Haji Jaludin, Executive Committee Member of FABD, and Awang Mohd. Nazree bin Haji Abu Bakar, Marketing Officer of FABD.





COURTESY VISIT TO ABDB



The Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces, Major General Dato Paduka Seri Haji Muhd. Haszaimi bin Bol Hassan and the President of the National Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD), Feisal Eusoff, had a discussion and exchanged views to develop national football players, including those from the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (ABDB) members.

The President of FABD acknowledged that ABDB members have potential players, so he hopes to organize an Under-21 selection from among ABDB members.

Feisal Eusoff also expressed hope that FABD and ABDB could collaborate to train football players by incorporating them into military basic training for 1-2 weeks, including aspects like formation drills, obstacle training, and physical training.

During the meeting, the ABDB Commander welcomed the efforts and role played by FABD. However, suggestions and information could be included in the MOU to support ABDB.

The President also mentioned FABD's plan to establish a high-level committee comprising representatives from KKBS, ABDB, and PBDB to facilitate coordination and perspectives among those involved.

This meeting is part of FABD's efforts to advance and develop the local football landscape and took place at the Ministry of Defence on April 1, 2024.

Also present at the meeting were Pengiran Haji Jufry Pengiran Haji Jauddin, Executive Committee Member, and Awang Matali bin Haji Md. Tahir, Acting Secretary-General of FABD.





GUANGXI SPORTS BUREAU, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA - FABD FORGES CONNECTIONS



A delegation from the Guangxi Sports Bureau of the People's Republic of China paid a visit to the Brunei Darussalam Football Association (FABD). This could be the beginning of a new chapter in building relations to explore advancements in football and human resources for mutual benefits.

"Overall, even though we are still new in partnering with FABD, our determination is very high to do our best for the most popular sport in Brunei Darussalam," said FABD President, Feisal Eusoff, in his welcoming speech to the delegation consisting of senior sports officials from the People's Republic of China.

The delegation, comprising of 11 members from the Guangxi Sports Bureau led by Deputy Director General Lu Yiwen and Mayor of Pingguo, Guo Jia.

FABD President hopes that the Guangxi Sports Bureau will support FABD's mission to organize various exchange programs to advance football together.

"We hope the Guangxi delegation will consider signing an MoU that will mutually benefit both parties," explained the FABD President.

During the visit, FABD and Chinese officials discussed bilateral matters and explored potential areas of cooperation in shared interests.



In his response speech, Chief of the Guangxi Sports Bureau delegation, Deputy Director General of the Sports Bureau, Lu Yiwen expressed appreciation to FABD for the warm reception, laying the foundation for both parties to promote strategic relationships and explore areas for mutual development.

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He mentioned that the opportunity to visit FABD serves as a means to open a new chapter of friendship and good understanding to establish partnerships for mutual development.

According to him, the close relationship between Brunei Darussalam and the People's Republic of China has been strongly established, especially at the leadership level of both countries who have a high level of cooperation and understanding.

The Guangxi Pingguo H GaliiaoFootball Team was established in 2018, and it is the best professional football league club in Guangxi. In 2023, they achieved fourth place in the Chinese Premier League.

Under the management of the Guangxi Sports Bureau, the Guangxi Football Association has excelled in the professional football league and the social football industry's progress by establishing a football development system with Guangxi-specific characteristics.

Accompanying the delegation during their visit to FABD were FABD's Vice President, Haji Mahrub bin Haji Murni, Acting Secretary-General of FABD, Haji Matali bin Haji Tahir, and FABD Executive Committee Members.





WELCOME

FABD ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL



FABD President, Feisal Eusoff expressed hope that the new appointment of the Acting Secretary-General of FABD would have a positive impact on the progress and stability of FABD administration.

"We welcome this new appointment and I believe it will help streamline all development programs' planning smoothly and transparently," he stated at the Executive Committee meeting at the FABD Headquarters on April 5, 2024.

Meanwhile, the Acting Secretary-General, Awang Haji Matali bin Haji Tahir, expressed gratitude to the Executive Committee for his appointment as the Acting Secretary-General of FABD.

"I am deeply honored by the trust placed in me to assist FABD in moving forward smoothly and achieving great success for this association," he said at the FABD Executive Committee Meeting at the FABD Headquarters on April 5, 2024.

As the Acting Secretary-General, he outlined his goals to establish a high performing team while upholding and promoting FABD's image.

He also added that he will strive hard to assist FABD in building first-class football infrastructure, as well as to help generate more revenue and income from non-sponsorship sources.

The meeting also discussed the development and financial reports, as well as touched on the progress of FABD's administration.

During the FABD Executive Committee meeting, members also heard and exchanged views on current affairs related to the preparation of programs that have been planned for the coming months.

Present at this meeting were FABD Vice President, Haji Mahrub bin Haji Murni, and FABD Executive Committee Members.



A MOMENT WITH

PENGIRAN HAJI KAMARUNSALEHIN BIN PENGIRAN HAJI KAMIS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER OF FABD
(EXCO) FABD 2024-2028

CHAIRPERSON OF THE FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP
COMMITTEE AND VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE



INTRODUCTION

Pengiran has extensive experience in leading Futsal at the national level and has been entrusted with the role of Assistant Coach for the National Futsal Team in 2022; Administration Member of SKBD Futsal Temburung; Head Coach of UTB 2019 for the Futsal League of Higher Education Institutions (IPT) and Head Coach of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA) for the Ministry's Futsal Championship 2018.

At the club level, he is a Co-owner of Almeriez FC Futsal Club established in 2018.

He was appointed as the Manager of Almeriez FC Futsal Team in 2021 and subsequently became the head coach (2022), and then Manager of Almeriez FC Futsal Team in 2023.

Popularity Of Futsal

Futsal is becoming increasingly popular in Brunei Darussalam. The Brunei Futsal League (BFL) Championship, managed by FABD, has successfully sparked an increase in the number of futsal players, leading to the establishment of more futsal teams nationwide.

In this regard, FABD has played a key role by taking several steps to elevate the performance of futsal players.

Efforts to upgrade administration and match quality have been implemented to further strengthen the quality of the National Futsal League.

In enhancing player skills, FABD continues to focus on domestic projects from various aspects such as administrative efficiency, coaching, infrastructure, media, and marketing.

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We shall also focus on the development of young players to prepare them for higher-level competitions, including at national and international levels.

Futsal Infrastructure

FABD has paid attention and will strive to address the issue of inadequate venue infrastructure for futsal matches in Brunei Darussalam. This is crucial as FABD endeavours to meet the standards recommended by the AFC and FIFA, despite this being a challenge for FABD.

We have discussed potential venues or areas that can be developed as suitable futsal sports facilities and further enhance the quality of futsal facilities in Brunei Darussalam in general.

Expectations

The National Futsal Team has been established and is making thorough preparations for the 2024 ASEAN Futsal Championship scheduled for November 2024.

Fundamentally, this national squad is expected to improve upon its performance from previous years and continually improve in the years to come.

We also look optimistically at the national team's ability to shoulder significant responsibilities at regional or international levels.

Commitment and cooperation from all parties are needed to work together to provide support and assistance solely for the success of our national team.



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U-17 SELECTION RECEIVE ENCOURAGING ENTRIES



Over 680 football players under 17 years participated in the selection to be absorbed into the National Under-17 Team.

They represent players from school\$, academies, football clubs, and individual players.

The selection coordinator, Coach Haji Omar Haji Jamil, said the selection initiative is FABD's effort to identify talented and potential young football players to be absorbed into the national team.

"Many players have shown outstanding skills and potential. However, they need further attention and need to be further polished through systematic training," he explained during the selection sessions at Padang and Belapan Berakas on March 19, 2024.

Aspects focused on during the selection include technical skills and ball handling.

Physical efficiency, speed, strength, endurance, and agility are among the criteria during the selection.

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He also expressed joy over the strong support from parents who injected their children with motivation during the selection session.

Awang Haji Omar hopes that the selected players will show high commitment, have discipline, and always focus during the training sessions.

"Players need to show seriousness and high determination to continue gaining experience and improving the quality of individual play and solidifying team play."

Present to witness the selection session were FABD President, Feisal Eusoff and FABD Vice President, Haji Mahrub in Haji Murni, as well as Pengiran Jufry Pengiran Haji Jaluddin, FABD Executive Committee Member.





NATIONAL UNDER-21 TEAM BOOSTS PERFORMANCE



The National Under-21 Football Team continues to train diligently in preparation for Brunei Darussalam's participation in the AFF and AFC championships scheduled for June and September 2024.

A meeting to share the current progress of the National U-21 Team was attended by FABD Vice President, Haji Mahrub bin Haji Murni, and FABD Acting Secretary-General, Awang Haji Matali bin Haji Tahir at the FABD House on April 3, 2024.

The National U-21 Head Coach, Awang Aminuddin, said that the players are currently in the preparation phase to ensure they can adapt to the planned training programs.

He mentioned that the team has a two-month period to conduct 'Intensive Training' in May.

The intensive training will cover physical and mental fitness aspects to enhance preparations in all areas to further strengthen the team for the upcoming regional championship.





FABD SEEKS SUPPORT FROM JPA



The President of the Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD) and the Director-General of the Public Services Department (JPA) held informal discussions to seek support for facilitating the ease of leaving the office involving players, coaches, and referees working in Government Departments.

FABD President, Feisal Eusoff, stated that FABD would prepare a proposal paper to seek approval for facilities and flexibility for those involved to not disrupt their work.



JPA was attended by the Director-General of JPA, Awang Haji Norfarizal bin Othman, and the Acting Deputy Director of JPA, Awang Abdul Ghani bin Haji Othman. The meeting took place at the Public Services Department on April 16, 2024.

Also present were FABD Executive Committee Member, Pengiran Haji Jufry bin Pengiran Haji Jaludin, Pengiran Jamilah binti Pengiran Haji Zainin, and representatives from football clubs.



During the meeting, the FABD President also explained the developments in local football and the preparations of clubs that will compete in the Brunei Super League and Brunei Futsal League, as well as the involvement of players representing the Brunei National Football Team in several regional tournaments organized by AFF, AFC, and FIFA.

"Most football players in this country are working in government departments and they also undergo intensive training while working. We ask for a good way to maintain performance and not affect the work of those involved," explained the FABD President.

The Director-General of JPA expressed support in terms of sports and religious aspects. Therefore, he suggested that the proposed paper be prepared so that the matter can be discussed with the relevant committees.

The Acting Deputy Director of JPA proposed a comprehensive paper covering factors, statistics, and information that need to be included in the paper for monitoring players.





FABD PRESIDENT'S OPEN HOUSE FOR EID AL-FITR

JERUDONG, Saturday, April 13. - The joy and festivity of Eid al-Fitr celebration were keenly felt by all levels of the Muslim community in Brunei Darussalam after successfully observing the fasting month of Ramadan.

The atmosphere of happiness to celebrate the victory day of Muslims worldwide was also felt at the Open House event hosted by the President of the Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD), Feisal Eusoff, at his residence in Jerudong.

Among those present were FABD Executive Committee members, FABD stakeholders, FABD staff, and football club managers.





FABD FIFA SERIES APPRECIATION CEREMONY



The Brunei Darussalam National Football Association (FABD), with the support of the HiTUNE Group of Companies, held the FABD FIFA SERIES 2024 Appreciation Ceremony at a restaurant in Rimba, Gadong, on April 7, 2024.

The event was held to celebrate the proud achievements of the national football team in the FIFA SERIES 2024 international matches that took place in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia from April 22 to 26.

The National Team, placed in Group B, suffered a 0-2 defeat in the first match against Bermuda and secured a historic 3-2 victory against the Vanuatu team.

This maiden victory on the international stage is seen as a morale booster for the resurgence of the national football team to aim for further progress in the future.

During his speech, the guest of honor at the event, FABD President Feisal Eusoff, explained that the Brunei Football Association always welcomes the involvement of the private sector and individuals in collaborating to support FABD's journey to advance and transform the local football landscape.

He also expressed appreciation to the HiTUNE Group of Companies for their assistance in efforts to develop and provide solid support to FABD.

"The appreciation ceremony for the national team players is also a sincere program that will undoubtedly boost the spirits of all players to continue giving their all in efforts to honor the country," he explained.

Regarding the national football team's performance, the FABD President expressed joy at the fantastic displays shown and indicated that the national football team is capable of going even further in the future.

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"This victory could be the starting point for our national team's journey towards even greater success if we all continue to work hard and sincerely strive to see the brilliance of the Brunei Darussalam national team on the regional and international stage," he explained.

However, he emphasized that all players and team managers should not take the success lightly but continue to work hard without giving up and tired to achieve the desired dreams.

"The players maintain and improve their performance by continuing individual and team training efforts. Don't stop trying and continuously build confidence," advised the President.

Touching on the official visit of FABD to the Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF), which was also an official invitation from the new SAFF President recently, Feisal Eusoff explained that they had successfully explored several valuable opportunities in formulating cooperation, enhancing staff skills, organizational management, and improving the experience of local football players at all levels.

He mentioned that although the meeting with SAFF officials was brief and intense, the visit had resulted in great success, and SAFF had no hesitation in extending and opening up cooperation opportunities, as well as being ready to share experiences and ideas in advancing FABD.



He added that with the achievement of these results, FABD will continue to plan and focus on the outcomes of these visits to be realized, thus contributing to the success of the national team and the FABD organization and other stakeholders.

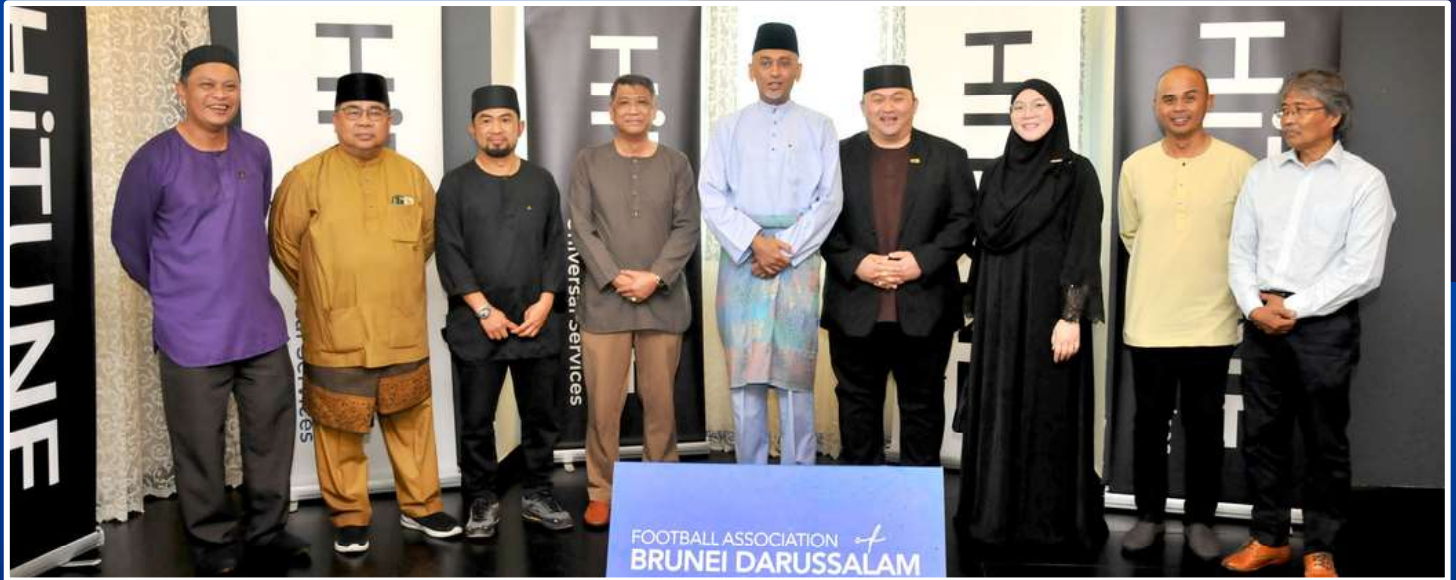
Also present at the event were the FABD Vice President, Haji Mahrub bin Haji Murni, and Pengiran Zamri bin Pengiran Haji Bujang, Managing Director of Operations of Hitune Group of Companies.

Also in attendance was the Acting Secretary-General of FABD, Haji Matali Hj Md Tahir.

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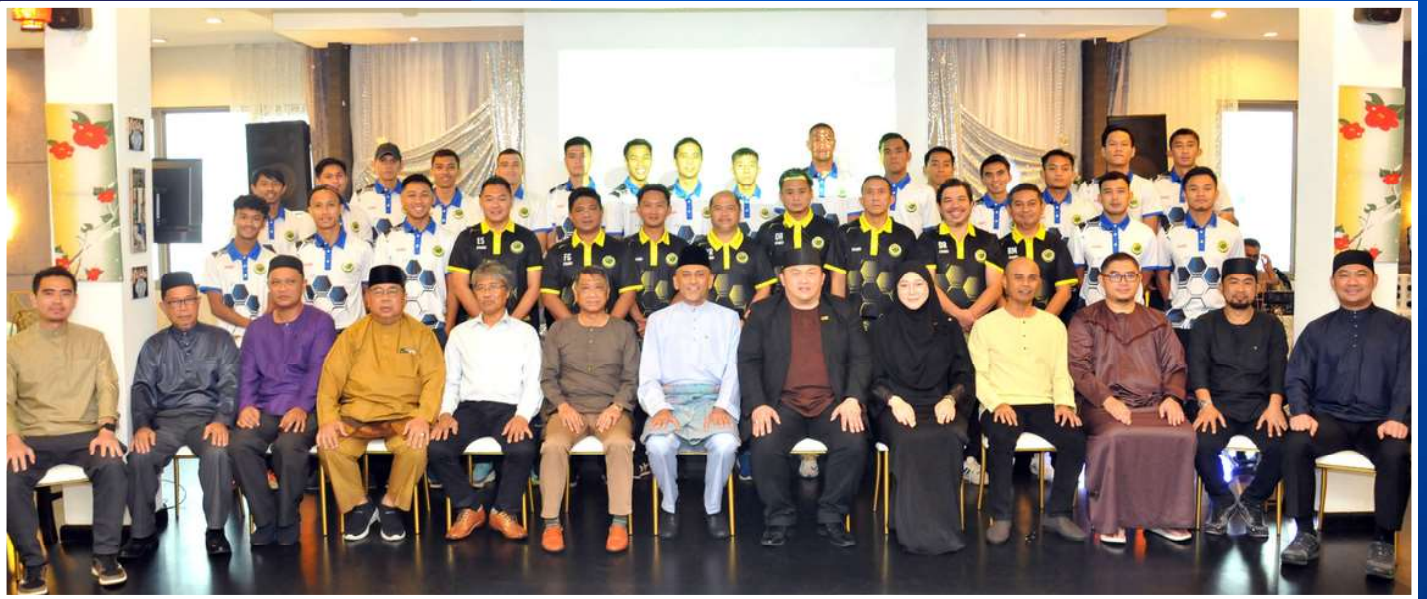


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CONCERN FOR THE FATHER OF NATIONAL FOOTBALL PLAYERS



The President of the Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD), Feisal Eusoff, visited Awang Said bin Haji Ahmad, who has been suffering from a stroke for the past year.

Awang Said, aged 60, is the father of three siblings who are national football team players.

"I, representing FABD, feel touched by the contributions made by him (Awang Said), who has provided much encouragement and motivation to his children who represent the national football squad," explained Feisal Eusoff during his visit to Awang Said in Kampung Rimba, April 26, 2024.

According to him, Awang Said has sacrificed in many aspects for his children - Mohd. Shahrazen, Adi, and Hakeme - enabling them to excel as football players at the national level.

The President of FABD hopes that their family will be patient in facing the trials, which surely have a profound wisdom.

Meanwhile, Adi Said expressed gratitude for the concern shown by the President of FABD, who took the time to visit his father.

"Our family appreciates and is grateful for the contributions made by FABD, which serve as encouragement for us to continue dedicating ourselves to the progress of football in our country," he said.

Accompanying the President of FABD were FABD Executive Committee Member, Pengiran Jufry bin Pengiran Haji Jaludin, and Acting Secretary-General of FABD, Awang Haji Matali Hj Md. Tahir.



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