



# FABD Moving Forward

ONE NATION : ONE VISION : ONE DIRECTION

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Warmest Greetings From Brunei Darussalam.

Welcome All Football Fans and enthusiasts From Across The Globe To FABD's Monthly Newsletter – 'FABD Moving Forward' Keeping Everyone Informed On What's New, And What's News In Brunei Football.

## FIFA - AFC express desire to assist FABD

FIFA President, Mr. Gianni Infantino, has pledged full support for the new administration of FABD and the football aspirations of Brunei. This commitment was made during a meeting between the President of FABD, Feisal Eusoff, at the FIFA World Football Summit 2023 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The President of FABD also had the opportunity to discuss the same with the President of AFC, Mr. Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, who also expressed AFC's support for FABD in various sectors, as well as sharing views to advance football in Brunei Darussalam.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**WARMEST GREETINGS,  
DEAR FRIENDS IN FOOTBALL.**

Welcome to our official newsletter which is conceived to keep everyone - from FABD Staff to the wider Brunei Community and to all our friends from across the globe - connected.

Football is a universal game without borders and hence, it is an excellent tool for the Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD) to build bridges of friendship across the world, connecting all people and nations.

Through 'FABD MOVING FORWARD', we hope to rise above international conflicts and discords to assist FIFA in building a truly better world.

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**FIFA**
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### OUR NEWSLETTER

#### FABD MOVING FORWARD

##### Our Mission and Vision

FABD is thrilled to announce that FABD MOVING FORWARD will not only be our Mission and Vision that defines our strategic direction moving forward; it will also be our official corporate tagline, our football aspirations, and our direction.

This decision marks a significant step in shaping the future of our national football association. We believe FABD embodies the essence of our collective aspirations and commitment to football excellence.

As we embrace this exciting new direction, we look forward to your continued strong support for our growth, unity, and success on and off the field.

You are a very important part of FABD MOVING FORWARD - whether you are a parent/guardian, a grassroots player, a youth player, a club player, a national player, a retired player, a football enthusiast, or a football fan, **YOU ARE IMPORTANT IN MOVING BRUNEI FOOTBALL FORWARD.**

FABD hopes that our dedication to pushing boundaries, fostering teamwork excellence, and relentless striving together, will lead us to be better today than yesterday, and better tomorrow than today.

It does not matter how little you have improved, the important thing is, that you must continuously improve. As our proverb states: "*Sedikit-sedikit, lama-lama jadi bukit. (Many little things make a big thing).*"

Milo of Croton (an ancient Greek state) became a very successful wrestler by carrying a newborn calf on his shoulders every day. In time, he was able to carry a full-grown bull on his shoulders!

Not only the above, but we also want you, the Brunei Football Family, to join heads, hearts, hands and feet - all dedicated to MOVING BRUNEI FOOTBALL RELENTLESSLY FORWARD.

Together as One, we shall pull out of our steep nose-dive and move forward together - ONCE AGAIN.

Let us all be defined by this relentless dedication to BRUNEI FOOTBALL MOVING FORWARD.

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It has been a month since my Exco and my election to office, and our people need to hear from FABD:

#### What is Unfolding At The New FABD?

This is possibly the question on every Brunei football fan's lips - in and around the cafes, kopitiam, and warongs - from BSB to KB.

I know, expectations are sky high for the new FABD Team to move Brunei Football Forward, again. As a former Hassanal Bolkiah Trophy (HBT) Manager (2012), I once delivered the "almost impossible".

Can my Exco and I save Brunei Football from the current steep nose-dive? Can the new FABD rise from the ashes and regain its peak in 2012, for example, when Brunei Darussalam, against all the odds, defeated Indonesia 2-0 in the final of the 2012 Hassanal Bolkiah Trophy tournament?

What a proud moment that must have been for His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah to not only witness the Brunei U-21 match but to also present the Team with His Majesty's own coveted trophy!

Can my team and I bring on a similar outpouring of national pride, joy, and celebration, yet again, for football-crazy fans across the length and breadth of Brunei Darussalam?

Can we actually win the Hassanal Bolkiah Trophy again, in the near future? Can we rise even further? These are obviously some of the tough questions that every football enthusiast will be asking of me and FABD.

My answer is a resounding **YES! We can!** But, only if we cooperate, work very, very hard, and work very, very closely together (sehati-sejiwa). **ONE NATION-ONE VISION-ONE-DIRECTION**, Brunei Yakin!

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## FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM



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To achieve great results, we must first become a solid TEAM BRUNEI. I firmly believe in TEAMWORK:

**TOGETHER  
EVERYONE  
ACHIEVES  
MORE**

Nobody has all the attributes and skills to move Brunei Football Forward. But, let's not forget - what we lack, others may possess. So, when we put everyone together, we become very strong. As long as we stick together, I trust FABD will become similarly strong moving forward.

We, unfortunately, lost the momentum in 2012. We should have continued our training back then. We could have perhaps even captured a SEA Games medal. Sadly, the team was allowed to slowly disintegrate. That is water under the bridge by now.

However, today, we have the opportunity to build an even better team, and we will not squander this golden opportunity for Brunei Football to rise again.

### **Towards A New Era For Brunei Football**

In reorganizing, restructuring, and reorientating the direction of Brunei Football, winning the once in four years presidential elections, was just the first baby step forward. Brunei football had been, as I said earlier, spiraling all the way down to a FIFA ranking of 194 in the world (as of January 2024). As FIFA has 211 member associations, almost the whole world is passing us by! Everyone knows FABD must be thoroughly cleaned up and revitalised. We must rise from the very bottom of FIFA!

It is certainly a big ASK to clean up the erstwhile malpractices - power abuse and to rejuvenate our football fortunes.

To save Brunei Football, my Exco and I, truly have our work cut out for us. After all, our expressed mission and vision is: **TO SLOWLY, BUT SURELY, MOVE BRUNEI FOOTBALL FORWARD, AGAIN.**

**We must do this together. Everything else, is secondary.**

Here is what FABD has been busy within the first month. There is, admittedly, little news for the media, but, that does not mean that we have all been just twiddling our thumbs, and not performing our duties.

In fact, we wasted no time in implementing our Mission and Vision: **Brunei Football Moving Forward.** I will try to keep everyone posted as we go along.

Key highlights of this transformative period, beginning with my election on 16th December 2023, are as follows:

### **My Manifesto and Priority Four Focus Areas**

In fact, my short impromptu immediate post-election speech had already set the tone moving forward. The new FABD's no secrets and completely transparent administration policy with **a very strong integration of Islamic Religious Values with our nation's Melayu, Islam, Beraja (MIB) philosophy, as well as my own 'Cekap, Amanah, Bersih (CAB)'** dictum, form the key codes of good governance in FABD and Brunei Football Moving Forward. Together with the proposed implementation of an additional **Whistleblowing Policy** - all underscore the seriousness of the new FABD at preventing and nipping any possible corruption and power abuse at the new FABD. Nobody is above the Laws of Brunei Darussalam. Not even the President.

The new FABD fully understands this basic fact:

**POWER CORRUPTS AND  
ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY.**

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I also emphasised four critical focus areas for the future - 1. Grassroots Development, 2. Youth Development, 3. Improving the local Football Clubs, and 4. Producing better National Teams. These are the key priorities of my administration. They are all being put into place, even as I speak.

At this juncture, let me thank you all FIFA/AFC/AFF/FABD-authorized Brunei Football Delegates who gave me a near-unanimous vote of confidence during the elections. Please assist the new FABD to **become better today, than yesterday, and better tomorrow, than today.** Similarly, I would like all our football teams to employ this simple strategy - to continuously improve by small cumulative increments.

### **FIFA World Football Summit 2023 and FABD's External Collaborations**

Despite a disrupted Umrah (Islamic pilgrimage), I (at the invitation of FIFA) flew to Jeddah for the FIFA World Football Summit 2023 on 21st December 2023, where pivotal global football policies were rolled out for 2024.

To cut the long story short, the FIFA President, Mr Gianni Infantino, pledged his full support for the new FABD Administration, and Brunei's football aspirations (as per my manifesto).

Notably, discussions with Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, the AFC President, also yielded similar commitments and assurances, thereby solidifying external support for my manifesto, and for FABD Moving Forward.

### **Seeking Financial Support, and AFC Collaboration**

En route back to Brunei, I made a strategic stopover at Kuala Lumpur to engage in further friendly discussion with Yang Bahagia Datuk Seri Windsor John, AFC General Secretary - focused on securing financial backing to rebuild Brunei football's still gloomy future. Datuk Windsor's confidence in the new FABD President's manifesto, and his promise of full support, marked a significant step forward as FABD steps boldly into a still uncertain future.

A strategic meeting with Encik Nokman Bin Mustaffa, the General Secretary of the Kuala Lumpur Football Association (KLFA) was also held. He reassured me of the possibilities of KLFA working with FABD in exchanging resources - resulting in the strong support and best wishes moving forward for FABD, in the Spirit of ASEAN.

### **Strategic Exco Meetings and First Few Weeks in Office**

My virtual attendance at the first Executive Committee (Exco) meeting addressed pressing issues like our financial situation and the importance of youth competitions. Upon officially assuming office, I particularly emphasised my attention to details - stressing the importance of cleanliness and for even the FABD cleaners, to accordingly, continuously project a positive public image for the association - consistent with our aspirations. "Everyone has an important role to play MOVING BRUNEI FOOTBALL FORWARD." **It is not just FABD's job, alone. It is also every Brunei football enthusiast's responsibility.**

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### Engaging External Stakeholders

I also seized the opportunity to engage with Kuwait's U-23 team, demonstrating my sincere commitment to fostering international partnerships for Brunei's football development.

The U-23 story was an example of FABD's resolve and determination to plan for the future. Our national teams must always be alert and prepared.

We received an email from the Football Association of Thailand inviting us to play a friendly game against Kuwait U-23 (received at the end of December 2023) to be played in the final few days of January 2024.

Though it was a very tight timeline, I nevertheless grabbed the opportunity for our boys to play against a vastly superior Kuwait team (138 in FIFA ranking compared to Brunei's current 194). I believe that there is just so much for Brunei players to learn from this proposed match!

BUT, FABD needed to find the best possible way to send our U-23 team over to Thailand (from Brunei Darussalam) - chief among which, is the financial consideration. This is because the FIFA/AFC funds for 2024 have not arrived yet. We basically inherited an empty shell!

Nevertheless, recognising that this was a golden opportunity for Brunei to analyse our strengths and weaknesses (and to set this team up for future competitions) continuous training is, therefore, critical.

To manage this matter, we had a meeting with our AFC 'A' licensed coaches who all agree that we (FABD) must feel pleased and gratified to be even invited. It was just too good an opportunity to miss.

However, due to the Kuwait U-23 team's subsequent sudden pulling out at the last minute, the highly anticipated Brunei vs Kuwait friendly did not materialise.

Nonetheless, it was decided that for the sake of continuity, the team training must proceed as planned - even though funding is still uncertain. This is where the sincerity of our coaches and players come into play.

### Brunei Football Moving Forward

I have also been busy talking to local personalities like Brunei football legend, Dato Paduka Seri Haji Morni bin Haji Muhammad, an ex-Brunei National Player, who shared his candid opinion with us:

He trusts that his experience in the system he went through during his time, and how we can perhaps similarly implement and use it as well - mixing and blending the old (the tried, tested, and the trusted) with the new methods today, will perhaps present FABD with the best way forward.

Dato also shared his insights on rebuilding school football through youth initiatives. This opinion and others too, will be at the back of our minds, moving forward.

### Brainstorming for Progress

In a collaborative effort, the elected Deputy President, Haji Mahrub bin Haji Murni, and the President, along with the Acting General Secretary, Zaeem Omarali, orchestrated some brainstorming sessions with key FABD staff and stakeholders.

The Deputy President was tasked with tackling administrative challenges, while the AGS was assigned to craft a strategic plan on the technical side of things. These, among others, are aimed at fostering a united front for the national football association and Brunei Football moving forward.

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**Let's all do our respective best  
for Brunei Football Moving  
Forward.**

### **In Concluding And In Summary**

FABD's very busy and active first few weeks, therefore, showcased and demonstrated a resolute commitment to my manifesto. Both internal and external collaborations, and a comprehensive and determined approach to rebuilding Brunei's football landscape, are being implemented. With a clear vision and proactive initiatives, the future of Brunei football under this new leadership is all set for success in the months and years to come.

Let's all do our respective best - as grassroots players, parents, youth players, football clubs, players of the national teams as well as all Brunei Football Enthusiasts and Fans, we have our critical key roles to play in FABD/Brunei Football Moving Purposefully Forward.

**We, at FABD, are all here, ready, willing, and able to serve Brunei Football, our Football Community, and our Country. Let's all join heads, hearts, hands and feet in one direction: Moving Brunei Football Forward.**

I always pose this interesting, inspiring and patriotic question to everyone in Brunei Football, encouraging everyone to willingly contribute to the well-being of football in Brunei Darussalam:

***"Ask not what our country can do for us. Ask what we can do for our country."***

To successfully Move Brunei Football Forward, we must be both '**jujur**' and '**ikhlas**' - **honest** and **sincere**.

This is what Brunei Football Moving Forward TOGETHER, basically entails.

Let's all do our respective best for Brunei Football Moving Forward. We must from now on, walk the talk.

With the best wishes of FABD, I herewith conclude with the kalimat Wabillahit taufiq wal hidayah, Wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING OUR VISION OF AN EVEN BETTER BRUNEI DARUSSALAM THROUGH FOOTBALL.**

Till we meet again in my next update.

Sincerely,  
Feisal Eusoff  
President  
Football Association of Brunei Darussalam



### A MOMENT TOGETHER

Deputy President of FABD,  
Haji Mahrub bin Haji Murni



### INTRO

As the Deputy President of the Brunei Football Association (FABD) for the 2024-2028 term, I acknowledge the immense and challenging responsibility entrusted to me. Nonetheless, my confidence is high as we collectively shoulder the task together alongside the President, Executive Committee (Exco) members, and other stakeholders to further develop football in our country.

### ROLE

After discussions with the President, several roles have been identified to be carried out in aiding the governance to ensure a more efficient FABD organization and enhance operational management with the application of values such as 'Efficiency, Sincerity, and Honesty.' (Cekap, Amanah, Bersih - CAB).

Reviewing FABD's organizational spending patterns and providing suggestions for efficient and productive fund utilization have also been identified.

I will also play a role in improving the operational structure of FABD to balance clear and non-overlapping task distribution, as well as enhance the workforce's capacity.

***“We need to explore new opportunities with stakeholders interested in sustainable football and futsal development.”***  
**Haji Mahrub bin Haji Murni**

Meanwhile, updating and improving sections related to matches, technical aspects, and football development by formulating more organized plans for development and sustainable progress to achieve football's top position in the country.

### Moving FABD Forward

To move FABD forward, improving FABD's administration towards 'Efficiency, Sincerity, and Honesty' is a crucial step. Additionally, enhancing the management and handling of tournaments, taking into account international football standards.

I also acknowledge the importance of conducting capacity development courses and sharing best practices in football management with club managers and team managers to further enhance the quality of football.

The need to enhance the capacity of coaches, referees, and other technical staff is crucial for improving quality in their respective areas and devising strategies to enhance the national team's performance and achievements.

Therefore, we need to explore new opportunities with stakeholders interested in sustainable football and futsal development.

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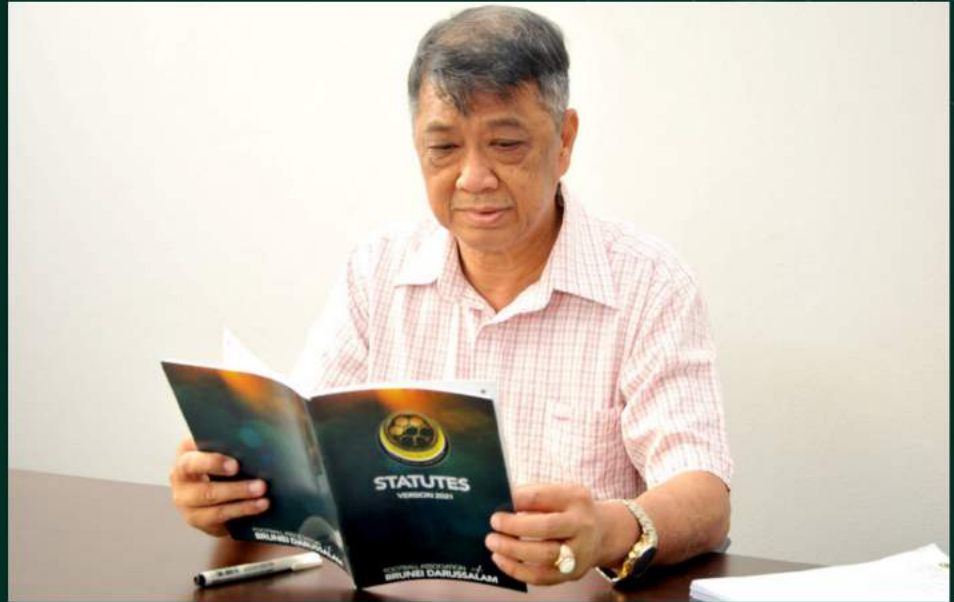


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Deputy President of FABD,  
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***“With spirit and persistent effort, it is not impossible for FABD to succeed in achieving football in our country.  
Haji Mahrub bin Haji Murni***



#### Steps Forward

FABD is determined to move forward, aiming to restore the glory of national football by uniting various age groups and ethnicities to elevate the name of Brunei Darussalam internationally.

In this regard, football clubs contribute quality players capable of representing the country. The main strategy is to improve the management of these football clubs to produce quality players and enhance the game's quality at the amateur level.

This represents a significant challenge in shifting the paradigm of football development scenarios. However, FABD acts as a facilitator to successfully accomplish this mission through strong and innovative cooperation with existing clubs, especially in the major leagues, youth leagues, and grassroots levels.

#### Challenges

I acknowledge that FABD cannot handle challenges alone. It requires collaboration and involvement of stakeholders.

FABD also needs to identify obstacles hindering football development and address them realistically and effectively with the collaboration of relevant stakeholders.

We have a clear direction where challenges are more focused on the implementation, execution, and continuous monitoring.

#### CONCLUSION

I am confident that all Executive Committee (EXCO) members will play an important role in executing their respective appointments to make FABD more concrete and effective. Working as an efficient team and supporting each other in implementing activities will yield effective results.

I believe that with each EXCO member combining efforts with the President, FABD will work diligently to transform the football landscape in Brunei Darussalam.

With spirit and persistent effort, it is not impossible for FABD to succeed in achieving football excellence in our country.





## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCO) 2024-2028



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Feisal Eusoff

### **DEPUTY PRESIDENT**

Haji Mahrub Bin Haji Murni

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### **ACTING GENERAL SECRETARY**

Ahmad Za'eem Bin Omarali



## WHY FABD MOVING FORWARD?

FABD MOVING FORWARD is our national association's effort to reassure, inspire, and motivate the local football community. Our FIFA ranking has nose-dived to 194, not far from the bottom, but, we believe we can nevertheless improve - if only we work very, very hard, together.

Together, we are very strong. We shall leverage on our different skill sets to, together, move Brunei Football Forward.

Our content is simple and revolves around the four pillars of Brunei Football - the Grassroots, the Youth, the Clubs, and the National Teams.

We hope to bring readers better and better news, in the months to come.

Two languages will be used - English, the universal language of FIFA, and Malay, the Brunei National Language, to reach the widest readership.

While this newsletter reports basically local Brunei football news, we would also like to share FIFA President, Mr Gianni Infantino's vision for the FIFA World Football Summit 2023.

The FIFA World Football Summit 2023 took place in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on 21 December, 2023, during the FIFA Club World Cup™. Representatives of FIFA's 211 Member Associations gathered to hear from FIFA President Mr Gianni Infantino and other FIFA officials about on-going and future projects and developments that will shape the face of the game.

The newly elected President of the Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD), Hj Feisal Hj Eusoff, loves this idea, and together with his media team, hatched the idea for FABD MOVING FORWARD newsletter, upon his return. He instructed his team to join heads, hearts, hands, and feet to roll out volume 1 by 13th February - just 1.5 months after his election on 16th December 2023.

**The title really jives very well with the primary direction of FABD which is to move Brunei Football continuously forward.**

This is Hj Feisal's way to saving Brunei Football - a game that he loves to play competitively in his youth. He is today dedicated to inspire positive change in Brunei Football for future generations of Bruneians.

As such, he was really taken by the FIFA President's vision:

**"A Summit is always a good opportunity for all of us to meet, to come together, to exchange, to discuss, to learn from each other and to try to unite because football always unites the world,"** according to Mr Infantino.

Just like FIFA with the football, Hj Feisal would like to position the FABD MOVING FORWARD newsletter as an alternative instrument that will unite and build bridges of friendship from Brunei out to the world.

This is why FABD MOVING FORWARD is despatched to all 211 FIFA Member Associations to keep everyone in the loop while building bridges of friendship, cooperation, understanding and solidarity across the world.

Together let's all help FABD MOVE BRUNEI FOOTBALL FORWARD.

To our Foreign Friends, we need your strongest support in moving Brunei Football Forward again.

**Please chip in to assist our cause by clicking on the subscribe button to receive a free copy of this newsletter delivered to your email each month.**



## MEETING EXCO MEMBERS

He urged all members to work together sincerely and honestly towards excellence and upholding the best principles of FABD governance. He believed that all proposals and formulas presented had been considered and would serve as a strong foundation to bring FABD into an era of expected greatness, including stakeholders, football players, football enthusiasts, and the entire football community in the Sultanate of Brunei who wish to see football reach its zenith.

The meeting also witnessed the appointment of permanent committees (standing committees) to all members, expected to assist and facilitate the smooth running of all FABD programs and activities.

The meeting was chaired by the Acting Secretary-General of FABD, Ahmad Za'eem bin Omarali, and was also attended by the Vice President, Haji Mahrub bin Haji Murni.

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Newly appointed members of the Executive Committee (EXCO), Brunei Football Association (FABD) needs to play an effective role in steering their respective areas of responsibility, while committing to assisting in facilitating all concrete and efficient plans and directions.



"All EXCO members must fulfill their responsibilities to the best of their abilities to enhance and advance football in this country. Therefore, we are all entrusted with, and are responsible for this mandate," stated FABD President, Feisal Eusoff, during the EXCO Meeting at FABD House, Berakas, on the 26th January 2024.

The FABD President mentioned that the meeting was the starting moment for all members to express their opinions openly in the spirit of a large family under the high aspirations of the FABD.

He emphasized that members should collectively integrate positive, substantial, and beneficial ideas toward shaping solutions and formulas that will move FABD and the country's football forward.



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### THE PRESIDENT OF FABD STRENGTHENS TIES WITH AFC COUNTERPARTS.

Qatar became the global football community's focal point when they hosted the Asian Cup 2024. The 18th edition witnessed Asia's top 24 teams competing for the coveted Asian Cup 2024 through 51 matches across 9 stadiums in Qatar.

Feisal Eusoff, President of the Brunei Darussalam Football Association (FABD), was among the invited guests at the official opening ceremony held at Lusail Stadium in Qatar on January 12, 2024.

During his stay in Qatar, the FABD President seized the opportunity to hold meetings with counterparts, including then FAM President Datuk Haji Hamidin bin Haji Mohd Amin, Bhutan Football Federation President Dasho Ugen Tsechup, Korea Football Association President Chung Mong-Gyu, and Vietnam Football Association President Trinh Ngoc Chu.

These meetings yielded positive outcomes, fostering good relations and collaboration with various Asian football associations as FABD actively advanced to bring success to Brunei Darussalam's football.

Areas identified for collaboration included player exchanges, coaching, technical aspects, human resources, and various administrative matters within the associations.

The FABD President also exchanged views and learned about the progress and developments achieved by the AFC.

Meanwhile, the FABD President conducted a strategic meeting with AFC General Secretary Datuk Seri Windsor John and the General Secretary of the Kuala Lumpur Football Association (KLFA), Encik Nokman Mustaffa. Both expressed their intentions to support FABD's progress, paving the way for cooperation in various fields.





## THE FIRST MEETING OF FABD WITH FOOTBALL CLUBS

Football club managers under the umbrella of the Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD) gathered for the first time to sit together with the President and Executive Committee of FABD to discuss the current situation and developments of FABD since their appointment for the 2024-2028 session.

FABD President, Haji Feisal Haji Eusoff, sought support from the members and reinforced their commitment to good and responsible governance.

"We work together for the continuous well-being, development, and success of football in Brunei Darussalam," he stated during the opening address of the meeting held at the FABD House Meeting Room on 9th February 2024.



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**THE FIRST MEETING OF FABD WITH FOOTBALL CLUBS**



Meanwhile, FABD Vice President, Haji Mahrub Bin Haji Murni, explained the position from the audit report for the financial year 2022 and prepared for the audit process in 2023 to enable FABD to secure the FIFA financial allocations for 2024 and beyond.

The meeting also serves as a preparation for an Extraordinary Congress expected to be held in mid-February. Additionally, it represents a positive step by FABD to provide transparency to all its members in the management and current development of football in the country.

The meeting was chaired by the Acting General Secretary, Ahmad Za'eem bin Omarali, who also opened the floor for views and ideas from the attending club representatives.





### PRESIDENT PROMOTE GRASSROOTS IN THE DISTRICTS.



The President of the Football Association of Brunei Darussalam, Haji Feisal bin Haji Eusoff, expressed his aspirations to transform the football landscape of the nation. This determination was voiced during the FABD Consultation Session with Grassroots Team Managers in the Belait district.



"I will tirelessly work to support students or football players with limited financial means, especially grassroots players so that they can pursue their aspirations to become outstanding football and futsal players in the future," he stated at the event held at the Mumong Sports Complex 23rd January 2024.

The FABD president is confident that these discussions will usher in a new era in the development of Brunei football from grassroots to the highest levels. The establishment of grassroots football clubs is crucial and serves as a valuable asset for the long-term development of the country's football.

This consultation session is one of FABD's strategic plans to enhance football development in the country. FABD emphasizes the essential need to shape the progress, skills, and advancement of grassroots players.

Therefore, FABD has planned several tournaments and training academies to attract the interest of grassroots players in pursuing a potential career in football.

Also present at the Consultation Session were the FABD Executive Committee, Pengiran Haji Jufry bin Pengiran Haji Jaludin, and Pengiran Jamilah binti Pengiran Haji Zainin. Morni bin Haji Zakaria, the Head of the Belait District Football Association.







### FABD EXPLORES FURTHER COLLABORATION WITH JAPAN

In a very successful diplomatic outreach, His Excellency, Mr. Maeda Toru, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Brunei Darussalam, received a courtesy call from Feisal Eusoff, the newly elected President of the Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD) to discuss and explore further collaboration in football development between the two nations.

Expressing gratitude for Japan's continuous support in football coaching, finance, and sports equipment, Faisal Eusoff sought collaboration to further enhance football standards in Brunei. The focus of this collaboration aims to strengthen ties in women's football, grassroots development, and senior football programs.

FABD, under Faisal Eusoff's leadership, aspires to mirror Japan's football prowess within the next one to three years. Emphasizing the commitment to reciprocate Japan's generosity, the appeal outlines the intention to align with Japan's vision for football development.

Faisal Eusoff, in particular, highlighted FABD's sincere desire to deepen the bond between the two nations through the universal language of football.



The discussion signals a positive step towards fostering collaboration between Japan and Brunei Darussalam in football development. As both nations anticipate the benefits of this cooperation, the Embassy of Japan stands as a facilitator for this promising venture.

"It was a very good meeting with His Excellency, Mr. Maeda Toru, and FABD is thankful for the outcome which is on a positive high note," said the FABD president.



### FOOTBALL CAMP WITH JOHN ARNE RIISE AND TEDDY SHERINGHAM ON JANUARY 27, 2024

**His Royal Highness Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim ibni His Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Muda Mahkota Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah also graciously joined the football camp.**

Football players aged under 14 and under 23 seized the opportunity to gain the best possible experiences while participating in the Football Camp with John Arne Riise and Teddy Sheringham at the FABD Field on January 27, 2024.

The two-day football clinic shared successful football skills and tactics, attracting the interest of nearly 200 local football players, especially grassroots players, organized by Top-Bins Event Management.

FABD President, Feisal Eusoff, praised the collaborative efforts to assist in enhancing the development and progress of football in the country.

"FABD strongly supports efforts to improve football skills and understanding by organizing continuous football development activities for various stakeholders," he said when commenting on the positive initiative of the program organizers.

He was present to witness the activities throughout the football clinic, and further explained that FABD would provide full support to the relevant stakeholders to become more proactive in continuing to collaborate on football development programs or activities in the country.

The Football Camp with John Arne Riise and Teddy Sheringham was also seen as very positive in attracting the interest of football players, especially grassroots players.



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## NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

Almost 50 players demonstrated their capabilities during the national player selection session at the Brunei Darussalam Football Association (FABD) field.

The three-day selection process focused on assessing the players' stability before integrating them into the national team.

FABD President, Feisal Eusoff is confident that with the very strong commitment from all players, coaching staff, officials, and stakeholders, FABD will shape and build a dynamic and competitive football team.

Former national players attending the selection process will provide coaches and officials with a broader baseline for assessments.

The President also expressed the desire to see the team's short-term preparation through friendly matches with local teams.



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"With this openness, I am certain that the national team will be ready for the 'FIFA Window 2024' friendly' matches and international competitions," he explained.

The FABD President further suggested that the national team should focus on dominating competitions with neighbouring states, such as Sabah, Sarawak, and Kalimantan, before moving on to the ASEAN or Asia levels.

Deputy President of FABD, Haji Mahrub Hj Murni, was also present during the training and selection sessions.





### FABD COLLABORATE WITH JPKK ON 31ST JANUARY 2024



The Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD) and the Co-curriculum Education Department, Ministry of Education (JPKK), are expected to collaborate in organizing a grassroots-level Football Carnival in 2024.

"FABD hopes that this collaborative effort with JPKK will create a synergy where both parties contribute to managing an effective grassroots program," explained the FABD President, Feisal Eusoff, at the Meeting with JPKK at FABD House on 31st January 2024.

The FABD President stated that by combining FABD-JPKK's respective strengths, they aspire to provide a holistic and valuable experience for grassroots football enthusiasts.

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He added that this collaboration could result in a 'win-win' scenario, fostering the further growth of football at the grassroots level.

He mentioned that the collaboration is not limited to organizing the carnival but could also extend to future efforts for mutual benefit.

Furthermore, the FABD President urged everyone to work together to cultivate and instill a love for the game, particularly among Brunei grassroots and youth, ensuring that the carnival becomes a meaningful event contributing positively to the national football landscape.

JPKK was represented by Cikgu Sukardi bin Kaderi, Senior Education Officer, Head of Physical Education and Recreation Division; Cikgu Mohamad Nadzri bin Hj Mohd Adnan; Cikgu Lim Hock Siong, and Cikgu Mohd Dzuljamal bin Hj Abd Latif.

Meanwhile, the Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD) was represented by Haji Omar bin Haji Jamil, Head Coach; Juryanah binti Haji Lamit (Head of Women's Football), and Mohammad Farid Hanis Ghassani Al-Muizz bin Haji Marali, Acting Head of Grassroots Football.

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**HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR 2024**  
**DEAR FRIENDS IN FOOTBALL**



Sincerely from,  
Feisal Eusoff  
President  
Football Association of Brunei Darussalam





### THANK YOU TEAM FABD. YOU ARE JUST SO AMAZING!

"The Football Association of Brunei Darussalam is very pleased to share this 'FABD MOVING FORWARD' newsletter with everyone - especially our friends from across the world. We are pleased that the world would now know more about Brunei Football - our struggles, our determination to move forward together, our dreams, and our aspirations.

It is amazing to realise just how much we can achieve in less than 1.5 months and with minimal resources. Many thanks to the tireless efforts of the Editorial Team. Brunei Yakin!\*

Feisal Eusoff  
President

