

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

# FABD MOVING FORWARD

ONE NATION: ONE VISION: ONE DIRECTION

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With His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Her Roval Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah binti Pengiran Haji Salleh Ab Rahaman, graced the Brunei Under-20 Youth League (BYL U-20) match at the FABD Field on March 1, 2024. Also in attendance was His Royal Highness Pengiran Muda Muhammad Aiman.

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#### SAFF OPEN THE DOOR OF COOPERATION TO FABD

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia, 21 March - Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF) has opened the door for collaboration and fully supports the efforts of the Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD) in areas with potential for advancing and developing football.

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FABD President, Feisal Eusoff presented a FABD memento to Hicham El Amrani, Senior Advisor to the President of SAFF after holding a meeting during the official visit of FABD to SAFF.







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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Dear Brothers, Fans, and Friends in Football,

Welcome to the third edition of "FABD MOVING FORWARD." our monthly newsletter dedicated to bringing to you the latest news, updates and insights from the world of Brunei Football.

We extend our warmest greetings to our passionate fanbase spanning across 211 FIFA Member Associations worldwide.

First and foremost, March 26, 2024, shall forever hold a special place in our hearts at FABD, marking 'EXACTLY' not only the first 100 days of our new Executive Committee in office, but also, coincidentally, we also achieved Our country's First International Football Victory for the Brunei National Football Team, on that exact same day!

The latter was achieved in a thrilling 3-2 win against Vanuatu during the 2024 FIFA Series of friendly matches hosted by the Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF) in Jeddah. Truth be told, this amazing milestone victory fills us all with such immense pride: Many thanks to the Blessings of ALLAH (SWT). Alhamdullilah!

Reflecting on our journey from the inception of the National Brunei Football Team in 1959, to the present day, where we stand in the third decade of the 21st century, this victory signifies a culmination of years of patient dedication and perseverance. We have shed blood, sweat, and tears, but we could not break out of ASEAN.

The 26th of March therefore truly marked a momentous achievement that unites our nation in celebration, showcasing the resilience and determination of our team in securing Brunei's first international match victory.

Even more importantly, it marks a major turning point to the downward spiral we inherited from the previous FABD Administration. We sincerely hope that this positive trend achieved in Saudi Arabia, will continue and we will be able to secure even more successes as a team moving forward.

Kudos to our boys for their outstanding performance, displaying true grit and passion in every moment on the football field. Defeating a team ranked 20 places above us (Vanuatu at 174), while Brunei sits at 194, exemplifies the sheer determination and latent skills of our players that need to be teased out, patiently.



March 26th therefore epitomizes the power of teamwork, as our players rose to the challenge, delivering when it mattered most. The 2024 FIFA Series exemplifies our team's indomitable spirit and determination, showcasing their ability to seize victory even in the face of immense adversity.

Thank you, FIFA, thank you Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF), and thank you, Vanuatu, for giving us a great and memorable fight.

Moving on, our achievements in the first 100 days of the FABD Administration stand as a testament to our commitment to continuous progress.

I invite everyone to explore the milestones chart included in this issue, which a testament to the collective efforts of every department within FABD. This will be a permanent fixture in FABD Moving Forward.

As long as everyone is on-board, FABD will continue achieving. We can have our many differences, but I hope that moving further forward, football will unite us one and all.

As we look forward to April 2024, I extend my heartfelt wishes for a blessed Ramadan to be followed by a joyous Hari Raya Aidil Fitri {Eid Al-Fitr), anticipating the continued success and growth of Brunei football.

With warmest regards,

Hj Feisal Hj Eusoff President Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD)





THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM REPRESENTING THE AFC IN THE FIFA SERIES IN SAUDI ARABIA.



The National Football Team of Brunei Darussalam has the best opportunity to showcase their performance internationally in the FIFA Series held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The prestigious matches organized by FIFA are scheduled to take place in four countries as host venues starting from March 21st to 26th, 2024.

The National Football Team has been selected to represent AFC and is scheduled to compete against the Bermuda team from CONCACAF on March 22, 2024, and against the Vanuatu team, representing OFC, on March 26, 2024.

Both matches are scheduled to take place at the King Abdullah Sports City Stadium in Jeddah. These matches are part of FIFA's initiative to promote international matches worldwide, gathering national teams from six (FIFA) confederations in intercontinental matches during the FIFA match window. According to FIFA statistics, the National Football Team of Brunei Darussalam is currently ranked 194th, Bermuda is in the 170th position, while Vanuatu is ranked 172 in the FIFA ranking chart.



#### FABD RECEIVES OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM SAFF

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Meanwhile, simultaneously, the Brunei Darussalam Football Association (FABD) also received an Official Visit invitation from the Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF) to foster friendly relations and strengthen cooperation in advancing football development for both parties.

The FABD delegation, led by FABD President, Feisal Eusoff, accompanied by FABD Executive Committee members, Football Development Officers from FABD, Referees, and Marketing Officers. Two officers each from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Culture, Youth, and Sports also joined the delegation as part of FABD's cooperation initiative with relevant government agencies.

The Brunei Darussalam National Football Team and the official FABD Delegation departed for Saudi Arabia on March 19, 2024.











## OFFICIAL FABD DELEGATION ARRIVES AT KING ABDULAZIZ INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, JEDDAH.









The FABD delegation during their official visit to the Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF),. Arrival at King Abdulaziz International Airport, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on March 20, 2024.

The visit was an official invitation from the SAFF President to strengthen relations and open opportunities in areas needed by FABD. Several meetings, discussions, and visits to SAFF football development venues in Jeddah and Riyadh were arranged to make the visit a success. Aspects of national, women's, youth, and grassroots football development, as well as infrastructure, technical, administrative skills, and human resources, were the focus of the FABD delegation's visit.

#### MEETING TO PREPARE FOR THE OFFICIAL VISIT TO SAFF







The FABD delegation, along with FABD President, Feisal Eusoff, held a meeting to prepare for the official visit to the SAFF Headquarters and make arrangements for the official meetings scheduled in Jeddah and Riyadh.

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## VIRTUAL MEETING WITH SAFF TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

JEDDAH, 20 March 2024

FABD President and delegation held a virtual meeting with SAFF Technical Department Director Nasser Languet in Jeddah on March 20, 2024.

Nasser Laguet, who oversees the SAFF 'Grassroots' project's development, has had a significant impact on the success of grassroots football academies and youth development in Saudi Arabia. During the meeting, he shared his experience and strategies in managing development programs and football academies aligned with SAFF's success targets.

The FABD delegation also had the opportunity to share and exchange views and experiences on advancing football in Brunei Darussalam.



















#### SAFF OPEN DOORS FOR COOPERATION WITH FABD









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This valuable opportunity was discussed during a meeting between FABD President, Feisal Eusoff and SAFF President's Senior Advisor Hicham El Amrani during FABD's official visit to SAFF in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on March 21, 2024. During the meeting, SAFF offered to cooperate in capacity building and training for technical staff, referees, and administration.

Meanwhile, SAFF is also interested in sharing information about their academies launched to support a broader football ecosystem to ensure non-technical staff are trained and qualified.

This includes sharing information about SAFF and FIFA resources and programs such as training and qualifications for sports management that can be adopted and implemented in Brunei Darussalam.

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In addition, SAFF also offered to host coaches through a placement program where FABD staff can learn from their SAFF counterparts.

Information about SAFF's cooperation model with relevant ministries and government agencies in Saudi Arabia that has contributed to the success of local and international programs was also shared. In this regard, SAFF also offered to connect representatives from the Ministry of Culture, Youth, and Sports and the Ministry of Education with their counterparts in Saudi Arabia.

In the field of women's football development, SAFF also offered to share the full history of women's football development that can help build models and studies on women's football





#### **FABD HOSTED AT IFTAR CEREMONY**



His Excellency Haji Harun bin Haji Junid, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, hosted an Iftar ceremony with the FABD delegation during their official visit to the Saudi Arabian Football Association (SAFF) in Jeddah and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from March 19 to 28, 2024.

At the ceremony, FABD President, Feisal Eusoff had the opportunity to explain to His Excellency the series of visits to several venues and meetings with senior SAFF officials held in Riyadh.

His Excellency and FABD President also exchanged views on football development in Brunei Darussalam.

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#### MEETING WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAFF REFEREES COMMITTEE



Meeting with the Chairman of the SAFF Referees Committee, Manuel Navarro, opened the opportunity for discussion and exchange of ideas to improve the quality of refereeing in Brunei Darussalam.

The FABD delegation was accompanied by representatives from the Referees Department, Awang Hadimin Shahbuddin, Referee Development Officer of FABD.

During the meeting, Manuel Navarro welcomed the efforts made by FABD and suggested that FABD referees participate in FIFA-accredited special programs to enable them to be assigned to officiate in AFF, AFC, and FIFA tournaments.

The meeting took place at the SAFF Headquarters in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on March 24, 2024.







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#### **SAFF introduce MYSAFF**





SAFF shares the role and effectiveness of the MySAFF application, which has greatly helped address shortcomings in football administration and communication challenges within the ecosystem. MySAFF has provided various modules covering multiple aspects and facilitating operations. In this regard, SAFF also offers and provides an opportunity for FABD to conduct training sessions for SAFF staff to delve into the MySAFF administrative system.





#### **VISIT TO SAFF SIMULATION CENTER**





The high-tech Video Assistant Referee (VAR) simulation training center of SAFF was the focus of the FABD delegation's visit. It represents a highly encouraging development in SAFF's efforts to advance global football.

The establishment of this unified VAR technology center also aims to enhance the technology regulation mechanism, where match data will be collected and analyzed more quickly.

Moreover, this integrated center will train referees in using the latest VAR technology and serve as an approved center by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) to conduct referees courses there.





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#### MEETING WITH THE LEGAL AND INTEGRATION DEPARTMENT OF SAFF



SAFF Legal Secretary, AbdulMajeed O. Barnawi, shared his experience in resolving both scheduled and intentionally manipulated matches.

Although the role of the department is very challenging, if the resolution process is managed systematically, it will be successfully resolved.







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#### WOMEN'S FOOTBALL ACCORDING TO THE CONCEPT OF AN ISLAMIC STATE



FABD aspires to learn from SAFF's success in advancing women's football within the context of an Islamic nation. During the meeting, SAFF shared how women's football is managed in Saudi Arabia based on Islamic principles. The meeting was attended by SAFF's Deputy Secretary-General, Majed Al Sabih, and Aala Ali Rashed, Director of SAFF's Football Department.









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#### **VISIT TO THE MAHD ACADEMY**

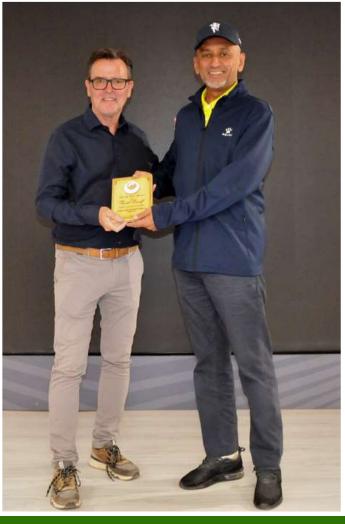




The MAHD Academy aims to produce academy members who will emerge as champions, clinching gold medals, astonishing the world, and bringing pride to Saudi Arabia.

In line with Saudi Vision 2030, aimed at contributing to and supporting the development of the sports sector in the country, the MAHD Academy was launched in July 2020 by Saudi Minister of Sports Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki al-Faisal as the nation's largest national project to identify and develop sports talent in Saudi Arabia. Previously, the academy has successfully showcased outstanding athletes in several sports it participated in.







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**VISIT TO THE SAFF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING** 



















#### **VISIT TO THE SAFF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING**



The FABD delegation closely inspected the infrastructure facilities at the headquarters of the Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF) in Riyadh. The visit was welcomed by Nafil Fawaz Arab, Senior Officer of Internatio briefing on the role of the headquarters.







#### **RISALAH RASMI**



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#### **SAFF HOST IFTAR EVENT**



SAFF hosted an Iftar Breaking of Fast for the FABD delegation as part of their official visit to SAFF.

Nafil Fawaz Arab, Senior Officer of International Relations at SAFF, expressed joy with the official visit, describing it as opening a new chapter in the close cooperation and understanding between both parties.

"I hope this relationship will continue to grow and benefit both FABD and SAFF," he said during the Iftar event hosted by SAFF on March 28, 2024.













## FIFA SERIES

#### **GROUP B, Saudi Arabia**









**BERMUDA** 

BRUNEI

**GUINEA** 

**VANUATU** 

The international FIFA SERIES matches open up new opportunities for the participation of the Brunei National Football Team on the international stage. The tournament, named FIFA SERIES, for the first time brings together teams representing the world football confederations, providing a challenge for the national squad to showcase their performance on the international stage from March 20 to 26, 2024 in Saudi Arabia.

The National Football Team, tasked with an important mission after being selected to represent the AFC Football Confederation, is scheduled to face Bermuda from the CONCACAF Football Federation on March 22 and meet Vanuatu, representing the OFC, on March 26, 2024. Both matches will take place at the King Abdullah Sports City Stadium in Jeddah.

According to FIFA statistics, the Brunei National Football Team is currently ranked 194,, Bermuda is ranked 170, and Vanuatu is ranked 172.

The matches are part of FIFA's initiative to promote international matches worldwide, bringing together national teams from six confederations across continents during the FIFA match window.

A total of 5 countries will host the matches, including Algeria, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Sri Lanka.







## **FIFA SERIES**

FABD PRESIDENT GAVE THE BRUNEI NATIONAL TEAM A PEP TALK



JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA, March 21 - The first-time participation of the National Football Team in the 'FIFA Series matches serves as a field and the best test for the national players to perform on the international stage.

The President of FABD, Feisal Eusoff, injected motivation into the players, instilling a sense of pride in the national team's participation on the international stage and expressing confidence that the national team will fiercely compete to uplift the name of Brunei Darussalam.

"Our mission here is very challenging and full of challenges. However, the players need to focus on competing and strive diligently to overcome all challenges," explained the President of FABD during a meeting with the players at the Raddison Blu Jeddah Al Salam player accommodation here.

"What is important," he said, is self-belief, standing shoulder to shoulder in forming a solid team is crucial, and showcasing the best game is all part of the recipe to generate team spirit and to face the challenge of facing the

The President of FABD also acknowledges and understands the situation of players who may not have had sufficient training, but the opportunities, expenses, and allowances provided by FIFA are the responsibility of all players to cultivate self-identity with full confidence and commitment to produce very positive results for the team.



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"Players need to showcase their quality of play, unwavering spirit because our team is striving hard to contribute the best to the name of Brunei Darussalam," - President of FABD, Feisal Eusoff.

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## **FIFA SERIES**

#### TRAINING SESSIONS LEADING UP TO THE FIFA SERIES

The head coach of the National Team, Mario Rivera Campesino, acknowledged that his players have shown improvement in performance with full enthusiasm during the final preparations leading up to the 'FIFA Series matches.

"The matches against Bermuda and Vanuatu teams are indeed very challenging, as most of the players from those teams have gained experience by participating in leagues in Asian countries," explained Mario.

However, the head coach is confident that the lineup of new-generation players with high potential and improved performance, as well as the spirit shown throughout the training sessions, will be able to provide an exciting competition in the upcoming matches.

The President of FABD and members of the FABD Executive Committee were present to witness the training session held at the Sports Complex Field of The King Abdullah Stadium in Jeddah.

The 'FIFA Series' International Football Matches will feature four host countries hosted by Algeria, Azerbaijan, Saudi Arabia, and Sri Lanka, involving 24 teams representing six Football Federations from different continents.

The matches are intended to provide an opportunity for national football teams representing their federations and continents to compete in an effort to enhance the quality of global football.











## FIFA SERIES



THURSDAY, 21 MARCH 2024

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JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA, 22 MARCH - The Brunei Darussalam National Football Team had to accept defeat with a score of 0-2 against the Bermuda team, despite putting up a competitive match in the FIFA Series at King Abdullah Sport City Stadium in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

The FIFA Series, featuring the national squad in international competition for the first time this year, also deserves praise for the team's dedication and competitive performance displayed throughout the 90 minutes of the match.



Early in the match, the Bermuda team, ranked 170th in FIFA, was more aggressive in testing the Brunei goalkeeper, but Mario's team's defense proved to be too strong to break down until the halftime whistle.

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The second half saw more exciting action with a comeback where both teams tried to score, but the Bermuda team was luckier to get two goals through midfielder A Todd in the 80th minute and Djair Parfitt-Williams adding a goal three minutes before the end.

Even though they didn't give up after falling behind, the young national squad rose to find space to hit the opponent's goal, but some of their attempts failed to find the target and score.

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#### **BRUNEI'S MATCH AGAINST THE BERMUDA TEAM**



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The national football team's head coach, Mario Rivera Campesino, had expected his players to face challenges throughout the 90 minutes of the match.

"The players provided a balanced competition, making it difficult for the opposing team to break through the defense until the last 10 minutes of the match," he said.

Mario also praised the determination of the players who managed to compete and create several opportunities at front of the opponent's goal.

"Overall, the players have shown a good performance while describing the defeat of his team as a lesson in building a stronger team," he added.













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#### BRUNEI'S MATCH AGAINST THE BERMUDA TEAM



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**VANUATU**FIFA RANKED: 170



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The Brunei national football team made history on the international stage after surprising the Vanuatu team with a 3-2 victory in the FIFA 2024 Series match at King Abdullah Sport City in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on 26th March 2024.

The win also helped to erase the disappointment after losing 0-2 to the Bermuda team in the first match in Group B. An exciting moment came through a free-kick by the young national player, Hakeme Yazid Said, in the final minutes of the match, helping to carve a new chapter in the country's international football arena.

The Oceania representative team breathed a sigh of relief early on when they managed to score in the 38th minute after Bong Kalo's powerful shot was not held securely by Brunei's goalkeeper, Haimie Anak Nyaring, following a strong strike from Jonathan Spokey Jack.

However, Mario's boys managed to equalize 1-1 through Syafiq Saifuddin Abdul Shariff in the 52nd minute.

The match became more intense when Vanuatu's defender, Kerry Lawak, helped put his team back in front in the 70th minute, but Nurikhwan Othman succeeded in leveling the score to 2-2, two minutes later.

In a nail-biting finish, Hakeme became the hero of the National Team with a powerful blast that Vanuatu's goalkeeper, Dgen Leo, couldn't save, securing a 3-2 victory for the national team.





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#### **BUNEI VS VANUATU**



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Brunei's Magnificent Trio defeated Vanuatu, which ended 3-2.

Shafiq Safiuddin Abdul Sharif (52') Mohd Nurikhwan Othman (72') Hakeme Yazid Said (90+3')

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**U-20** 1 March 2024 2023/2024

### DPMM FC advance TO THE QUARTERFINALS OF THE BRUNEI YOUTH LEAGUE U-20

DPMM FC eased into the semi-finals after defeating Panchor Murai FC by 3-0 in the Brunei Youth League Under 20 (U-20) match at FABD Field, on 1 March 2024.

DPMM FC's victory was won through Safwan Zawawi Sazalee's 19th, Md Hakeme Yaziq Said 45 and AK Mohd. Shafiq Hilmi 78 to complete a stylish victory over Panchor Murai FC.

Meanwhile, Kasuka FC, IKLS-MBS FC and Wasan FC teams each secured their advance to the semi-final in this 2023/2024 edition.

In the semi-final, Kasuka FC will test the strength of IKLS-MBS FC while Wasan FC will face DPMM FC.

RIMBA STAR FC VS KASUK FC

**IKLS- MBS FC VS SETIA PERDANA** 

PANCHOR MURAI FC VS DPMM FC 0-3

**WASAN FC VS KB FC** 







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# U-20 DPMM FC marches TO BRUNEI JUNIOR HALF FINALS

2023/2024



His Royal Highness Pengiran Muda 'Abdul Muntaqim representing DPMM FC U-20 put on a n impressive performance to help his team defeat Panchor Murai FC with a 3-0 score in the Brunei Under-20 Youth League (BYL U-20) at Padang FABD on March 1, 2024

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# **U-20**10 March 2024

# DPMM FC Champion BRUNEI YOUTH LEAGUE UNDER 20 2023/2024

DPMM FC emerged victorious in the Under-20 Brunei Youth League for the 2023/2024 season after defeating IKLS-M5 with a score of 2-0.

The prize presentation ceremony was officiated by FABD President, Feisal Eusoff, as the guest of honour at the final match held at FABD Field on March 10th, 2024.

DPMM FC, the champions, made history by winning the 'Fairplay' Award, with Coach Hilmy bin Panjang receiving the Best Coach Award. Meanwhile, Danish Firdaus Roody Suhardy was named the 'Best Player'.

IKLS-MB5 finished as the runners-up in the tournament.

Haziq Syazwan from Kasuka FC secured the 'Top Scorer Award' after scoring 11 goals throughout the league.

The prize presentation ceremony was also attended by FABD Vice President, Haji Mahrub bin Haji Murni, and HiTUNE Group of Companies Managing Director, Pengiran Haji Zamri bin Pengiran Haji Bujang.



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# DPMM FC Champion BRUNEI YOUTH LEAGUE UNDER 20 2023/2024

















Award Winners (from left):

Best U-20 Player - Danish Firdaus Roody Suhardy (DPMM FC) Most Nets - Haziq Syazwan (KASUKA FC) Best Coach - Coach Hilmy bin Panjang (DPMM FC)

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# U-15 DPMM FC WIN U-15 YOUTH LEAGUE 2023/2024

DPMM FC clinched the Brunei Youth League Under-15 title in the 2023/24 edition after defeating Kasuka FC 1-0 in the final held at Pitch A, FABD, on 1st March 2024.

A second-half strike by their forward, Yunus Poljarevic, was enough to ensure DPMM FC, under the guidance of Mohammed Helme Panjang (Captain), lifted the Under-15 Youth League Trophy for the 2023/2024 season.

Despite creating numerous opportunities, Kasuka had to settle for second place as their frontline failed to convert any of their chances.

DPMM FC's outstanding success was further affirmed as they were chosen as the recipient of the 'Fair Play' award, with Haji Mohd Subhi Abdilah Bakir receiving the Best Coach award, and AK Faris Fadillah being selected as the Tournament's Best Player.

Meanwhile, Faris Ar-Rayyan Yahya from BSRC FC received the 'Top Scorer' award.

The prizes were presented by the Managing Director of HiTUNNE Group of Companies, Pengiran Haji Zamri bin Pengiran Haji Bujang.

The final was witnessed by **FABD** President, Feisal Eusoff and **FABD** Executive Committee members.

knockout format The tournament featured 10 teams including AKSE Bersatu, Wasan FC, DPMM FC, PBDP, TAFA, Panchor Murai FC, BSRC FC, Indera FC, Kasuka FC, and Projek Ikan Pusu.







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# DPMM FC WIN U-15 YOUTH LEAGUE 2023/2024



# CHAMPION









Awards (from left):

U-15 Player of the Year - Ak Faris Fadillah (DPMM FC)
Top Scorer - Faris Ar-Rayyan bin Yahya (BSRC FC)
Coach of the Year - Haji Subhi Abdillah Haji Bakir (DPMM FC)

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# Opening

This is a great challenge that we all face, and it is not only placed on the shoulders of players and coaches but also requires unified cooperation from all stakeholders.

"If cooperation and support from all parties can be mobilized, it will undoubtedly become a synergy for the strength and resurgence of the national team in the subsequent times."

## **FABD's Forward Movement**

We need to remain determined to collectively propel FABD Forward by striving harder and committing wholeheartedly as the best step to reshape the country's football landscape.

## **Transparent Administration**

Efficient and transparent administration are key factors in ensuring the successful operation of an organization. We are pleased that careful and systematic planning will result in efficient administration to perfectly orchestrate all FABD activities.

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#### **Preface**

The appointment of the Executive Committee (Exco) of the Brunei Darussalam Football Association (FABD) for 2024-2028 provides an opportunity for the elected committee members to play a proactive role in advancing football at all levels in the country. This appointment also entails a significant responsibility for all members to formulate strategic directions for FABD throughout the tenure of their appointment ensure sustainable development.

# **Building Strength**

We acknowledge that the participation of national teams in regional and international football matches and competitions remains challenging and requires a truly solid team to compete against more advanced teams. However, this does not imply that our National team has not made efforts to progress.

FABD will continue to diligently build the strength of the teams in various aspects, particularly in training methods, player stability, and organized management.

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# **Progress**

Since the appointment of this new EXCO, several plans have been successfully implemented, and FABD has made some changes, especially to enhance the quality of football in the country.

## Cooperation

FABD needs to unite and strengthen its relationships with all football clubs and associations in the country to produce players at all age levels, thereby creating a solid team in the short and long term.

## **Establishment of Grassroots**

Grassroots players are crucial assets for the future progress of football. Players at the grassroots level need to be trained and nurtured systematically so that they continue to embody the spirit of football.

#### Conclusion

We believe that all efforts made and to be made by FABD are transparent and have significant goals for the progress and development of football in Brunei Darussalam, despite facing challenges, including those related to the rapid pace of modern technology and human resources. Grassroots players are important assets for the advancement of football.

Players at the grassroots level need to be trained and polished systematically so that they continue to embody the spirit of football.



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# WORK HARD TO STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM.

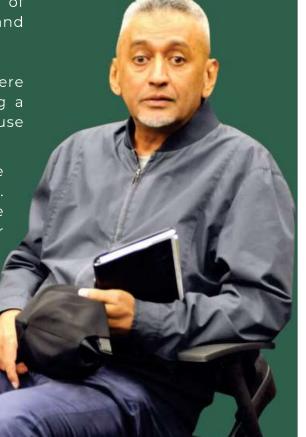


Players of the National Team need to strive harder in all aspects to form a national football team capable of advancing the name of Brunei Darussalam in regional and international football arenas.

The high aspirations of FABD President, Feisal Eusoff, were conveyed while boosting the morale of players during a meeting session with national players at the FABD House on March 1. 2024.

This meeting is the President's primary step to hear the progress, achievements, and desires of players openly. It's also the best opportunity for players to exchange views and ideas regarding training systems and player welfare.

"Undoubtedly, players face various challenges and obstacles in pursuing these high aspirations. However, with determination and relentless effort, the national football team of Brunei Darussalam will inevitably achieve greater success in the future," said Feisal Eusoff.









# TDAFA BUILDS UP DISTRICT FOOTBALL

The Brunei Darussalam Football Association (FABD) as the football governing body in this country always pays attention to the development and strengthens cooperation with football clubs in this country.

The meeting session between FABD and the Tutong District Amateur Football Association serves as the best platform for both parties to exchange views and mechanisms on how to advance football in the respective districts.

The discussion will also provide both parties with the opportunity to take positive steps toward clubs by providing insights and addressing issues that require FABD's attention.

FABD President, Feisal Eusoff expressed his intention to go to villages to help and pay attention to less privileged grassroots players so that they can also become successful players.

He also expressed hope that the football association in the respective district will strive harder and continue to organize programs or activities aimed at advancing football.

Meanwhile, the Acting President of TDAFA, Awang Haji Bujang bin Haji Jaafar, explained that the Tutong district association will hold the TDAFA League at the end of April and the Grassroots Championship will be held in May.

During the meeting, there was also a briefing on grassroots activity planning from the Grassroots Football Development Unit, Technical Development Department, FABD presented by Awang Md Farid Hanis Ghassani Al-Muizz Haji Marali.

Also present at the event were the Secretary-General of TDAFA, Matusin bin Sumpong, and representatives of club managers and coaches in the Tutong district.

The event took place at the TDAFA Office on March 8, 2024.







# **RTB SPORTS TALK**

The Vice President of the Brunei Darussalam Football Association (FABD), Haji Mahrub bin Haji Murni, shared his views and hopes on the 'Future and Direction of National Football' broadcasted on Radio Television Brunei (RTB) in the SPORTS TALK show on 1 March 2024.

Football continues to grow and has become the number one sport loved all around the world. Brunei Darussalam is no exception, witnessing a huge number of football fans of all ages, from grassroots level, teenagers, youth to veteran categories.

This is a huge responsibility for us (the Executive Committee) overseeing the administration of FABD to drive excellence in the country's football, eagerly awaited by all citizens in this country.

Towards that, the initial step taken is by conducting a survey covering various aspects, this ends especially in terms of comprehensive planning so that the steps taken can help in more effective football development.

We also need to generate more substantial changes in the development of football in an effort to elevate the level of Brunei football to be on par with international counterparts.

FABD will definitely face challenges to achieve that big aspiration, but it is not impossible if all parties cooperate in playing their roles and sharing responsibilities together to achieve our football dream of success.

Currently, FABD is diligently holding discussions and consultation meetings with team managers and clubs at all levels as the best foundation to identify matters that need attention and implementation to improve the quality of our football.

As we know, grassroots football is an important aspect in ensuring the continuity of national football.





# **RTB SPORTS TALK**



and collaboration to ensure that
we fulfill our slogan - FABD
Moving Forward.

That competitive championship

As a new management team, we hope for cooperation from all relevant parties to come forward and provide unwavering support

The best recipe is cooperation and synergy from all parties involved such as football academies, schools, and the community in general, especially at the village level, to contribute ideas, provide facilities, and welfare to players.

FABD also plans to make the Brunei Football League more competitive and vibrant as a boost to the spirit and skills of clubs in building the strength of their respective clubs.

This year, the Brunei National Team is expected to take on challenges in regional and international tournaments, including friendly matches in the FIFA World Football Series organized by FIFA in Saudi Arabia (22-26 March 2024). Meanwhile, the AFF Futsal Championship will be held in Bangkok next May.

That competitive championship will have a positive impact for FABD to assess more young players with potential to be absorb into the national team.

Meanwhile, several other AFC and AFF matches are also scheduled to take place this year.

As the new management team, we hope for the cooperation of all relevant parties to come forward and provide unwavering support and cooperation to ensure that we live up to our slogan - FABD Moving Forward.

It is our great hope at FABD to see the new generation continue the legacy of football from the past to elevate Brunei Darussalam's football scene regionally and internationally.





# M E E T I N G

**FABD MEETS GRASSROOTS OFFICIALS** 



Feisal Eusoff, President of the Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD) in a meeting with Managers and Coaches of grassroots teams, is of the opinion that the meeting is a positive step for all. parties to pave the way for the proper grooming of grassroots players - so that they can be guided in a more organized and directed manner.

The President welcomed the initiative of establishing grassroots football academies, which will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the future development of the country's football.

"'Our children who are interested in playing football, should have certified coaches to guide them to reach their full. potentials. Let us, as mentors polish and develop their talents systematically and scientifically," he explained to the grassroots officials.



Feisal Eusoff also suggested that basic football training patterns and drills can be standardized so that the children will be accustomed to the standard rhythm or patterns of training.

However, he added that the value of other training methods will depend on the creativity of each coach.

More than 25 representatives consisting of founders, managers, and coaches of grassroots football clubs attended to discuss and exchange views on their respective teams moving forward..

The meeting is also seen as the best platform for all parties to voice their needs, concerns and commitments that require proper attention from FABD.

Present at the meeting were FABD Executive Committee Members, Mohd Sofrin bin Haji Serudin and Mohd. Redzuan bin Haji Sulaiman. Also present were FABD Youth Development Officer, Haji Omar bin Haji Jamil, and FABD Grassroots Development Officer, Md. Farid Haris bin Haji Merali.





# M E E T I N G

**FABD MEETS GRASSROOTS OFFICIALS** 



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# Junior Soccer

# Grassroots Players SHOWCASE TALENT

More than 60 grassroots players participated in the Junior Mini Football Festival at the University of Brunei Darussalam field on March 3, 2024.

The matches, open to children aged 8 to 10 and 11 to 12, were played in a 3x3 format with rotating matches.

The players involved in the matches were children who participated in Junior Soccer training sessions, including invited teams from Awat-Awat, Lawas Sarawak. They undergo training every Sunday at the UBD field.

According to Coach Awang Ibrahim Haji Abu Bakar, the majority of the Junior Soccer academy players have been trained from basics to understand football techniques such as control, shooting, passing, and dribbling.

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Since joining the training, a lot of progress has been made, especially in individual gameplay so that they understand the training patterns given. This match is a positive indication of the future progress of our local football.

He hopes that these players will be able to be absorbed into clubs and the national level for players at the U14, U16, and U18 levels.

The Deputy President of FABD, Awang Haji Mahrub bin Haji Murni, and the Executive Committee Member of FABD, Pengiran Haji Jufry bin Pengiran Haji Jaludin, were present to witness the match.





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# Selection of U-21 players NATIONAL TEAM ENCOURAGEMENT



The President of the Brunei Darussalam Football Association (FABD), Feisal Eusoff, expresses optimism after witnessing the encouraging response and high spirits from nearly 400 football players participating in the selection session to be absorbed into the national Under-21 football team.

"The players' dedication to showcase their respective potentials is truly commendable.

"We need to strive hard to improve our individual games, have discipline and physical toughness, high stamina, and commitment if you aspire to wear the national jersey," he explained, as the selection session ended at the FABD Field on March 3, 2024.



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# **U-21**3 March 2024

# Selection of U-21 players NATIONAL TEAM ENCOURAGEMENT





Despite different backgrounds, the determination and high spirits of the players are evident, showcasing their commitment to contribute to the development and success of football in the country.

According to the FABD President, this scenario represents a very positive development for the country's football progress, despite the challenges that all parties will face.

"What's important is the cooperation and commitment that needs to be earnestly implemented to achieve all aspirations. Meanwhile, students should not neglect their individual studies as it is also crucial for your future," explained the President during his advisory speech.

The selection session was open to players born in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, and was attended by players from the Brunei Youth League clubs and

According to the selection coordinator, Aminuddin bin Jumat, some players have been identified, but through the two-day selection process, it will help to find more potential players to be absorbed into the team.

He said that some players have met the desired criteria, but they need to be polished so that their potential can be further developed.

"We are very grateful to the parents of the players who have provided moral support to the players to attend the selection session, even giving a positive impact to the players' spirits," he said.

Also present at the two-day selection session were the Deputy President of FABD, Haji Mahrub bin Haji Murni, and members of the FABD Executive Committee.

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# 100 DAYS ACHIEVEMENTS TIMELINE

# 100 days

#### **26TH MARCH 2024**

Brunei achieved its first international match victory: Brunei 3-0 Vanuaru

## Official visit to SAFF

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#### 23 - 25TH MARCH 2024

- · Meeting with the Board of Judges
- Meeting with the Director of the Department of Innovation and Technology Visit to the VAR SAFF Simulation Training Centre
- · Meeting with the Department of Integrity and the SAFF Law
- Meeting with the Deputy Secretary-General and Director Women's Football
- · Visit to the MAHD Academy

#### Rangkaian 4

#### 13HB - 23HB MAC 2024

Menubuhkan hubungan tempatan, serantau, dan antarabangsa.

#### **Football Developments**

## 14TH FEBRUARY - 12TH MARCH 2024

- Football Development
- Selected U-23 National Football Team.
- Organised National Team vs BSL All-Stars match.
- Organised and host FABD Extraordinary Congress 2024
- Revived Brunei Youth League 2023 (U-15 and U-20).
- Conducted U-21 Football Team Selection.
- Conducted U-17 Football Team Selection.

#### **KEY MILESTONES**

#### **20TH JANUARY 2024**

- The idea for the "FABD Moving Forward" newsletter was approved.
  - o Local
    - A courtesy visit to the CCBS, United States Embassy.
    - Meeting with the Ministry of Education, JPKK.
  - Regional
    - Sharing with KLFA (Persatuan Bola Sepak Kuala Lumpur).
  - International
    - Engaged in discussions with the AFC Secretary-General.
    - Obtained AFC approval and support for the new administration.
  - o 2023 FIFA World Cup
    - Met FIFA President, Mr. Gianni Infantino.
    - Obtained FIFA Support.

# Election

## **16TH DECEMBER 2023 - 14TH JANUARY 2024**

#### **Election Victory**

Successfully secured positions for President,

## **FIFA Series 2024 Matches**

#### **Brunei vs Bermuda**

(FIFA Ranking: 194) vs (FIFA Ranking: 170)

#### **21ST MARCH 2024**

Brunei lost 0-2 to the Bermuda team

#### **Brunei vs Vanuatu**

(FIFA Ranking: 194) vs (FIFA Ranking: 172)

#### **26TH MARCH 2024**

Brunei won the match against the Vanuatu team with a score of 3-2.

#### JEDDAH

#### 19-23TH MARCH 2024

Zoom meeting with the SAFF Technical -Department Meeting with the Right Adviser -

## Newsletter Second Edition

## **4TH MARCH 2024**

February 2024 issue "FABD Moving Forward" released.

# Launched Newsletter First Edition

#### **21ST FEBRUARY**

Official launch of "FABD Moving Forward" in Malay and English editions

## Administration

#### 15TH JANUARY - 13TH FEBRUARY 2024

#### Administration

Streamlined administrative processes for efficient operations









Welcome the festive day with smiles and joy, and express love to your loved ones.

Happy Eid al-Fitr, forgiveness from the heart and soul.

From FABD Management & Staff





# **BOLEH LAYARI ISSU**

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Thank you.



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