

## **NORTH AMERICA**

### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Brunei Darussalam and the United States share long historical ties which date back to the 1850s with the signing of the Treaty of Peace, Friendship, Commerce and Navigation. Formal diplomatic relations were established on 10 March 1984. During that year, both countries established missions in each other's capitals.

The two countries have maintained frequent exchange of visits at all levels. There have been a number of high-level visits made to the United States, including the Official Visit of His Majesty the Sultan in 2002 and March 2013. His Majesty also attended, among others, the Special ASEAN-US Summit in 2016, APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in 2011 and ASEAN-US Leaders' Meeting in 2010. His Royal Highness the Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah made an Official Visit in 1998 and 2011.

Brunei Darussalam has received a number of high-level visits from the United States, including President Bill Clinton in 2000; Secretary of State George Shultz in 1986; Secretary of State James Baker in 1989; Secretary of State Warren Christopher in 1995; Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in 2000; Secretary of State Colin Powell in 2002; Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in September 2012; and Secretary of State John Kerry in July and October 2013.

The main areas of bilateral cooperation between the two countries are in defence, education, trade and energy. Brunei Darussalam is also working closely with the United States through its regional and international partnerships, including ASEAN and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

#### **Agreements / MOUs**

- 29 November 1994: MOU on Defence Cooperation
- 16 December 2002: Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA)
- December 2002: MOU on the Establishment of a Fulbright Programme
- 11 June 2012: MOU between UBD and East-West Center for the Brunei-US English Enrichment Project for ASEAN

## **CANADA**

Diplomatic relations between Brunei Darussalam and Canada were established on 7 May 1984. Brunei Darussalam opened its mission in Ottawa in 1995 while the Canadian High Commission in Bandar Seri Begawan opened in 1996.

A range of high-level visits has taken place between the two countries over the years including His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam visited Canada in 1997 and 2000; His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, in September 2011; and Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masna, Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, in April 2017.

Brunei Darussalam received several high-level visits from Canada, including The Hon. John Baird, Foreign Minister of Canada, in July 2012 and July 2013; and The Hon. Edward Fast, Minister of International Trade of Canada, in February 2012 and in August 2013.

The main areas of cooperation between the two countries include trade, telecommunication, energy, defence, education, pharmaceutical production, agro-food development and in the oil and gas industry. Brunei Darussalam is also working closely with Canada through regional and international partnerships in particular through ASEAN, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

### **Agreements / MOUs**

- Agreement for establishing an ASEAN Centre of Excellence in Brunei for Emergency Management and Crisis Management (3 December 2013)
- Tax Information Exchange Agreement (9 May 2013)
- MOU to establish a world-class Multi-Purpose Training Centre in Brunei (15 February 2012)
- A telecommunication contract with SR Telecom of Montreal for the supply of equipment for subscriber radio access system in the rural areas of Brunei (2000)
- Ottawa Convention on Landmines and joint de-mining in Cambodia (4 December 1997, ratified on 26 April 2006).