

NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA

THE 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 has also made a number of working visits, among others the ASEAN-US Leaders' Meeting in 2010 and APEC Summit in 2011. His Royal Highness the Crown Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah made an Official Visit in 1997 and 2011. The Official Visit of His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah was held in 1995.

Brunei Darussalam has received a number of high-level visitors 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; and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in September 2012. 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, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

A number of documents have been signed between the two countries, among others, a ***Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Defence Cooperation*** (29 November 1994); ***Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA)*** (16 December 2002); ***MOU on the Establishment of a Fulbright Programme*** (December 2002); and ***MOU between UBD and East-West Center for the Brunei-US English Enrichment Project for ASEAN*** (11 June 2012).

CANADA

Brunei Darussalam established diplomatic relations with Canada on 7 May 1984. Brunei Darussalam opened its mission in Ottawa in 1995 while the Canadian mission in Bandar Seri Begawan opened in 1996.

A range of high-level visits has taken place between the two countries over the years. His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam 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 His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, in October 1990.

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

Both countries cooperate on defence, education, health and ICT.

A number of agreements have been signed between the two countries including ***an agreement to establish a Food Development Centre in BD*** (14 February 2012); ***MOU to establish a world-class Multi-Purpose Training Centre in BD*** (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 BD*** (2000); and ***the Ottawa Convention on Landmines and joint de-mining in Cambodia*** (4 December 1997, ratified on 26 April 2006).