

# UNITED STATES-BRUNEI PARTNERSHIP



- Brunei is home to a community of U.S. oil and gas services companies, powering the U.S.-Brunei economic relationship and **driving U.S. total two-way trade to over \$411 million** in 2019.
- **Bruneians engage in U.S. exchange programs to enhance their skills** and networks in a wide range of fields, from technical areas such as security and health to business soft skills including leadership development and strategic thinking.
- **Military-to-military ties are the cornerstone of the U.S.-Brunei bilateral relationship.** Brunei participates in military exercises and engagements with the United States focused on enhancing maritime domain awareness.



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## HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

- U.S. Department of State exchange programs have built and solidified ties with Bruneian law enforcement, legal, and health professionals, broadening their skills through courses on countering violent extremism, cybersecurity, and public health.
- The Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) collaborates closely with Bruneian academics on cutting-edge bioengineering research into bat navigation, with potential applications for manned and unmanned flight.
- YSEALI alumni are a dynamic network in Brunei, collaborating on a wide range of projects including entrepreneurship, environmental awareness, arts, media literacy, and training other youth in leadership skills.

## ECONOMIC COOPERATION

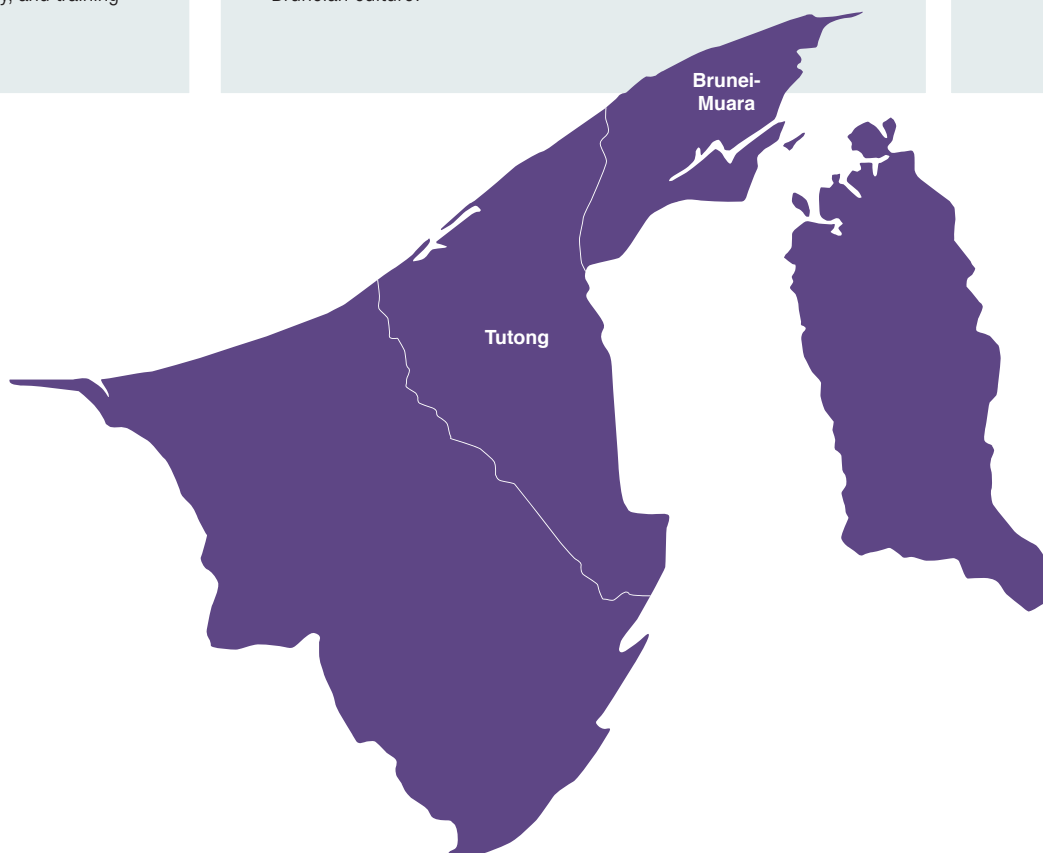
- The United States supports Brunei's transition to a digital economy. U.S. IT services company DXC Technology upgraded the government's health-information system and recently signed an agreement with Brunei Shell Petroleum to provide end-user computing solutions.
- The U.S. aerospace sector has a strong presence in Brunei, exemplified by Brunei's national carrier, Royal Brunei Airlines (RBA), becoming the first carrier in Southeast Asia to operate Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft.
- Bruneian entrepreneurs are applying knowledge learned on U.S. exchange programs in fields from technology and startup accelerators to hospitality and entertainment products which educate about Bruneian culture.

## HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- Bruneian health officials are implementing programs on community fitness and health education based on models they observed on U.S. exchange programs.
- Bruneian youth have used U.S. Embassy grants to support environmental awareness and conservation, including at the historic Kampong Ayer water village in **Brunei-Muara** and Tasek Merimbun Heritage Park in **Tutong**.

## SECURITY COOPERATION

- The bilateral Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) maritime exercise is the centerpiece of our military engagement, with the 25th iteration completed in October 2019.
- Bilateral exercises between our land forces began in 2018, expanded in 2019, and will continue to grow in scale and complexity.
- U.S. and Bruneian armed forces and defense officials share knowledge and build ties through joint training in both countries, including long-term courses in military academies and staff colleges.



## SELECT U.S. EMPLOYERS

Microsoft  
General Electric  
Baker Hughes  
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