

PM and Brunei Sultan to hold meeting today

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PUTRAJAYA: Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah and Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will have their maiden meeting under the Malaysia-Brunei Annual Leaders' Consultation framework here today.

The Malaysia-Brunei Annual Leaders' Consultation, the highest platform for discussion of a wide range of bilateral, regional and global issues of common concern, would be the 22nd in the series.

The 21st consultation was held in Bandar Seri Begawan on Nov 23, 2017.

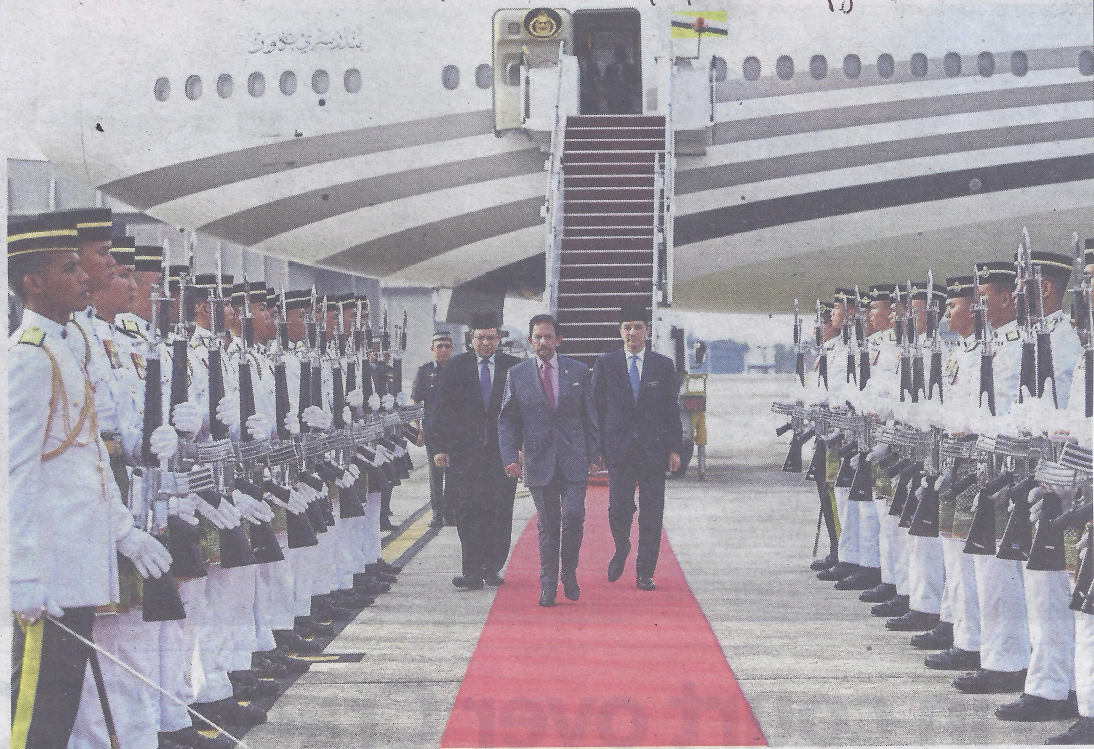
Wisma Putra yesterday said the special relationship between both countries was based on a common heritage and culture.

"Building on this special relationship, both leaders will take the opportunity of the annual meeting to appraise the progress of ongoing cooperation and explore new ways for a more comprehensive partnership," it said.

The Prime Minister and his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali, are scheduled to host a luncheon in honour of the Brunei Sultan.

Dr Mahathir and Sultan Hassanal had exchanged visits in May and September last year, following the appointment of Dr Mahathir as Malaysia's seventh prime minister.

Malaysia is a major Asean investor in Brunei, with FDI amounting to US\$486.74mil (RM1.982bil) in 2017. Bilateral trade reached US\$981.2mil (RM3.99bil) in 2018. — Bernama



Royal visit: Sultan Hassanal arriving at the Royal Malaysian Air Force airbase in Subang. The Ruler was welcomed at the airport by Economic Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali and Foreign Minister Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah. — Bernama