

**Sultan Brunei Creates History For Sandakan**  
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SANDAKAN, March 3 (Bernama) -- The 12th Sandakan Festival launched here Saturday night by Brunei Ruler Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah is a historical event, said Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman.

Appreciating the Sultan's two-day visit to the district, he said the royal gesture would strengthen the existing good rapport between the Brunei and Malaysian governments, in particular the state government.

In his address, Musa said the festival was first introduced in 2000 and had been contributing to the economic growth and progress of Sandakan, and Sabah as a whole.

He said the various activities interwoven with culture, arts and tourism were not merely unique and full of traditional exuberance but undeniably, a great draw.

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