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High Commission of India, Brunei, hosts Reception to celebrate the 68th Republic Day of India



The High Commission of India, Brunei Darussalam, hosted a well-attended reception on Thursday, 26 January 2017 at the Empire Hotel and Country Club. His Excellency Pehin Suyoi bin Haji Osman, the Minister of Education of His Majesty's Government of Brunei Darussalam and his spouse were the Guests of Honour at the reception. A wide cross section of Bruneian society including senior officials of the Government, ambassadors and high commissioners, leading representatives of the business community and the banking sector and members of the Indian community attended the reception.

High Commissioner Smt Nagma M Mallick, in her address, began by highlighting some important initiatives of the Government of India and then delivered a concise but comprehensive overview of India-Brunei bilateral relations in the year gone by; a slide show accompanied her speech (the text of the speech and the slides can be seen at <http://www.hcindiabrunei.org.bn/media-centre/articles-speeches/205-68th-republic-day-reception>). She then presented a gift to the Guest of Honour and her spouse presented flowers to the Minister's spouse, in accordance with Bruneian protocol. The guests were then regaled with a brilliant Kathak performance Swarangtaal by Pandit Jai Kishan Maharaj's troupe. The evening closed with a dinner which showcased Indian and Malay cuisines. The reception was well-covered by local print and electronic media.













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