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## The French Bruneian Business Association FBBA – The Friendly Association that Delivers

Since its inception in 2000 where the name FBBA was known to a privileged few, FBBA in 2007 has become a household name synonymous with :

- Delivering business talks in tune with the local business scene,
- Sports and get-togethers with a view towards informal networking and even moments for FBBA executives to unwind.

In 2000, what FBBA wanted was simply to put a face to the French business community hence the objectives that were valiantly put in writing designed to bring together people actively involved in trade and commerce between Brunei Darussalam and France aiming to provide the following:

- Mutual forum of exchange for French and Bruneian business partners,
- Dissemination of economic and relevant information to members on matters of interest,
- Develop the image of Brunei Darussalam in France and vice versa to promote commerce and industry.

Today in 2007, FBBA has become a seamless, inter cultural mix of French and Bruneian business people as linkages are forged. As a result of such networking the often strenuous communication barriers between French and Bruneian disintegrates.

Under the patronage of His Excellency, the French Ambassador, Mr. Patrick Bonneville, FBBA has grown in membership and has still maintained its position as the friendly association that delivers.

## An Update of FBBA Activities for March 2006-June 2007:

<p>2007-06-23 Annual Get Together Empire Hotel &amp; Country Club Guest of Honour : Pehin Suyoi, Minister of Health</p>	<p>2006-11-21 Talk on Permanent Residence - Impact Darussalam at Sheraton Utama Hotel Guest Speaker : Dato Seri Setia Hj Yusoff b Hj Ismail, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs</p>
<p>2007-05-29 Forum on Land Tenure in Brunei Darussalam at Sheraton Utama Hotel Guest Speaker: Pengiran Abdul Wahab, Acting Land Commissioner.</p>	<p>2006-11-21 Cocktail at His Excellency Residence</p>
<p>2007-04-26 Partnership between France &amp; ASEAN ; Sheraton Utama Hotel Guest Speaker : Mr. Jean-Marie Demange, Head of Economic Departments for SEA, French Embassy</p>	<p>2006-6-22 Invitation of His Excellency, M. Patrick Bonneville, French Ambassador and Patron of FBBA</p>
<p>2007-03-14 Annual General Meeting of the French Bruneian Business Association</p>	<p>2006-5-13 2006 Annual Get-Together Rizquin International Hotel Guest of Honour : Pehin Abdullah, Minister of Development</p>
<p>2007-02-10 Working Session of the FBBA Excom and the Asean CCE Empire Hotel &amp; Country Club</p>	<p>2006-5-4 Talk on "Global Economic perspectives &amp; alternative investments" Empire Hotel &amp; Country Club Guest Speaker: Mr. Patrick Artus, Member of Council of Economic Advisors to the French Prime Minister</p>
<p>2006-11-25 FBBA Family Day 2006 Empire Hotel &amp; Country Club</p>	<p>2006-5-3 Annual General Meeting</p>

### Membership

You can be a member in any of the following category:

#### Corporate Member

Any company that has French related business (registered with the Government) may apply for Corporate Membership under the name of the company concerned. Two representatives shall be eligible to represent such Corporate Members.

#### Ordinary Member

Any individual business person involved in French Bruneian related business may apply to become an Ordinary Member.

#### Associate Member

Any person without French Bruneian related business may apply to become an Associate Member upon the invitation of the Executive Committee.

Go to the FBBA website for more information: [www.fbbabrunei.com](http://www.fbbabrunei.com)

### Executive Committee for year 2007-2009

- Patron  
His Excellency, Mr. Patrick Bonneville, French Ambassador
- Honorary President:  
President:  
Vice Presidents:  
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Committee:
- Mr. Pierre Imhof  
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# FBBA members relive the 70s



FBBA committee members are all smiles in a group photo.



Dressed to KILL: Honorary President of FBBA dressed as the 'Godfather'.



Winners of the Best Dressed Award with the guest of honour, right.



FBBA President appears as James bond  
PHOTOS: JAMES KON

The French Bruneian Business Association (FBBA) recently held its Annual Get-together 2007, an event that saw Minister of Health Pehin Orang Kaya Indera Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Hj Suyoi bin Hj Osman present as guest of honour.

Themed 'Era of the Seventies,' the highly anticipated function brought back memories of 'Saturday Night Fever' and the 'Bee Gees.'

The association has had a busy year so far. In February, it embarked on showcasing Brunei Darussalam by hosting the Asean Trade Advisors Forum at the Empire Hotel.

Established in 2000, the association aims to bring together people from Brunei Darussalam and France, who are actively involved in trade and commerce.

Additionally, it aims to provide a mutual forum of exchange for French and Bruneian business partners; dissemination of economic and relevant information to members on matters of interest; and, develop the image of Brunei Darussalam in France and vice versa.

Earlier this year, French trade advisors from different Asean regions met for a two-day business forum. They were enlightened on the vast opportunities Brunei has to offer in terms of financial services as well as economic diversification with a view toward SME development.

It was a busy year for FBBA as two talks were held during the first half of this year.

In April, FBBA held a luncheon talk on 'Partnership Between France & Asean: A Case study for Brunei Darussalam.'

The talk was delivered by Jean-Marie Demange, Head of the Economic Departments for South-East Asia, French Embassy.

Meanwhile, in May, FBBA hosted another talk entitled 'Land Tenure in Brunei Darussalam.'

It was delivered by Ministry of Development's Acting Land Commissioner Pg Abdul Wahab bin Pg Hassan.

The talk was well received, drawing over 150 guests comprising those from diplomatic community, as well as government officers and entrepreneurs.

The main sponsors of the event were Baiduri Bank Berhad, Total E & P Borneo BV, Alcatel-Lucent, Air France/KLM, and Deladi Petroleum Services.