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**12th World Hindi Diwas celebrations in Brunei Darussalam**

 High Commission of India in Brunei Darussalam celebrated the 12th World Hindi Diwas 2023 on 17 February 2023, at India House, the official-residence of the High Commissioner of India to Brunei Darussalam.

2. Nearly one hundred and fifty Bruneian children, teachers, children of overseas-community, local-nationals, and Indian-diaspora members were present on the occasion.

3. High Commissioner of India H.E. Alok A. Dimri, read out Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s message delivered on the occasion. A quiz based on common Hindi and Malay words, similarities in both the languages, and cultural performances by school children were among the event-highlights.

4. In his welcome remarks, High Commissioner encouraged the guests and school children to learn and use Hindi in daily-lives and to inspire their friends as well. He touched upon efforts towards spreading awareness about Hindi on the global-stage and shared highlights from the World Hindi Conference in Fiji. The High Commissioner also spoke of the ‘International Year of Millets-2023’ and its attendant health-benefits. Appreciation-gifts to children were presented on the occasion.

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