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excellence  
through  
teaching*

# Overview

## CfBT Brunei Darussalam

*Our aim is to provide value-for-money, high quality education, which delivers equality of opportunity and access for all.*



CfBT has been working in partnership with the Ministry of Education in Brunei Darussalam since 1984 and was incorporated as a Bruneian company with local partners in 1998. CfBT is contracted to recruit, support and manage around 200 mother-tongue teachers of English, mainly in primary and secondary schools, in support of the Ministry's bilingual Malay-English education policy.

Through performance management and professional development programmes, CfBT strives to identify, measure and share effective classroom practice in order to raise standards of English and improve public examination results in Brunei. Our key projects are to assist the Ministry of Education with introducing a national pre-school English programme at the beginning of the education system, and initiatives to improve O Level English among upper secondary students.

Our project management services include teacher recruitment, briefing, orientation, accommodation, financial services, professional development, health and welfare support. Teachers and families are supported by 30 professional and administrative staff in offices in Bandar Seri Begawan as well as in other districts. Our teachers come mostly from the British Isles, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa.

- Early Years and Primary teachers
- Secondary teachers
- teachers at Sixth Form Colleges
- advisers at the Curriculum Development Department
- teachers at Institute Tahfiz al Quran Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah

*CfBT Brunei Darussalam is part of the CfBT Education Trust group; a UK-based registered charity, founded in 1965, providing education for the public benefit worldwide. CfBT provides direct services to learners both within and outside schools, including teaching in the UK and overseas and careers guidance for young people and adults. We support governments to deliver education reforms; we train teachers and school leaders; and we reinvest surpluses in educational research and development projects. CfBT owns schools and nurseries in England and South Africa. We currently operate in over 20 countries, with permanent regional offices in Brunei, Kenya, India, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar and the UAE.*

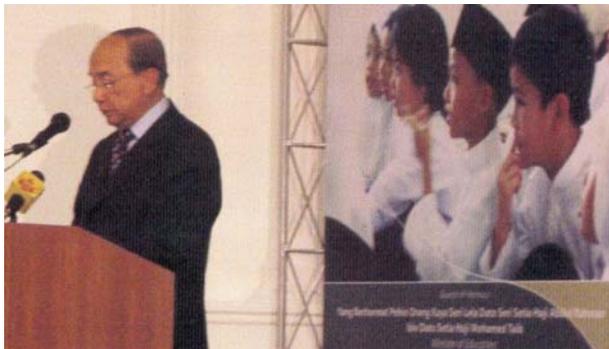
## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In support of our goals to raise standards, CfBT runs an annual in-service programme for local and overseas teachers leading to the Cambridge In-service Certificate in ELT (ICELT).

We run regular workshops, programmes and sharing sessions with local colleagues and actively support the Brunei English Language Teachers' Association (BELTA). CfBT also offers Malay language and Computer courses and supports distance learning Master's degree programmes.



CfBT organises biennial ELT conferences with BELTA, supported by HSBC, Macmillan and the British Council. The theme of the 2005 National Conference, opened by His Excellency the Minister of Education, was 'Effective English Language Classrooms'. Around 500 local and international educationalists attend these 2-day events.

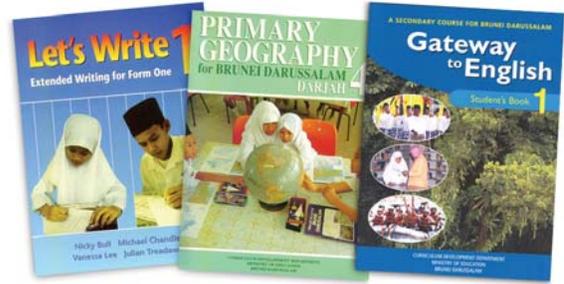


CfBT has a teachers' Education Centre in the capital and satellite centres in the Belait and Temburong districts with reprographic and computer facilities, well-resourced libraries, training rooms and self-directed learning systems.

## TEACHING & LEARNING RESOURCES

CfBT is committed to materials production, both in-house publications and assistance with the following textbooks, workbooks and teachers' books published by Macmillan for the Curriculum Development Department at the Ministry of Education.

- Upper Primary Geography course
- Gateway to English - lower secondary course
- Revised upper secondary English course (SEBD)
- Let's Write - secondary writing course
- Revised Primary English course (PEBD)



In 2006, the Gateway to English website was launched by the Deputy Minister of Education. Developed by CfBT for Macmillan and the Ministry, it contains supplementary worksheets, stories, poems and exam practice for lower secondary students.



Several practice books to help prepare Bruneian students for primary and secondary English, Geography and Science examinations have also been written for Macmillan.



Learners Publishers (Singapore) have also published a number of CfBT books preparing students for O Level and tertiary education.

## ICT IN EDUCATION

CfBT has developed a range of multimedia courses and runs ICT training programmes.



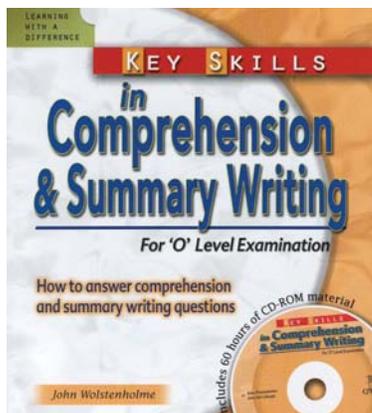
**English in the Early Years** provides an interactive picture dictionary to build phonic awareness, develop vocabulary and structures. Customisable readers, workbooks and games are included. Winner: Brunei ICT Award (BICTA) 2004.

**Lower Primary Reading Resources** enables teachers to print graded readers, workbooks and games, or to customise these by importing illustrations and editing texts.

**PSR Success** prepares for the Brunei national primary exam. It consists of a CD ROM, workbook with specimen exams, revision sheets, comprehension tests, dictations, teaching tips and answer key.

**PMB English** provides practice for the lower secondary exam in Brunei: oral exam skills as well as reading, writing and summary skills.

**Key Skills in Comprehension & Summary Writing** prepares students for O Level English. Consisting of a workbook and CD ROM, it practises different question types and summarising text.

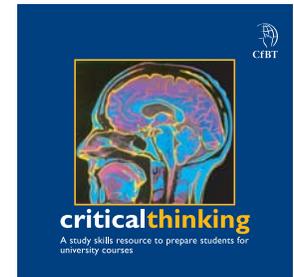
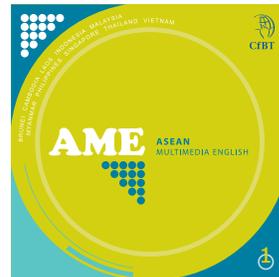
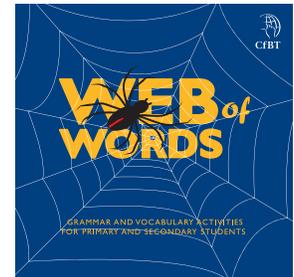
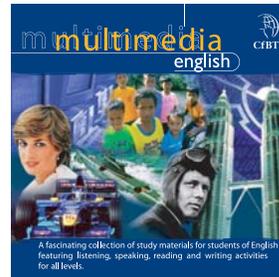


**Web of Words** practises grammar from the Brunei and Malaysia lower secondary English syllabi. Exercises can be attempted on-screen, or printed for reinforcement.

**Multimedia English** consists of elementary to intermediate level texts with on-screen activities and a workbook. Short-listed: 2003 British Council ELT Innovation Awards.

**ASEAN Multimedia English** explores ASEAN life and traditions. Its dictionary has Malay, Thai, Chinese, Tamil, and English sound files. Nominated: 2005 British Council ELTON Awards. Winner: BICTA for Education and Training, 2005.

**Critical Thinking** presents skills needed for tertiary study: understanding the nature of information in speeches and the media and constructing logical arguments in essays.



**College English** is a pre-tertiary and tertiary Internet course to develop English and study skills and prepare for IELTS and TOEFL. Winner: 2004 BICTA for eLearning.



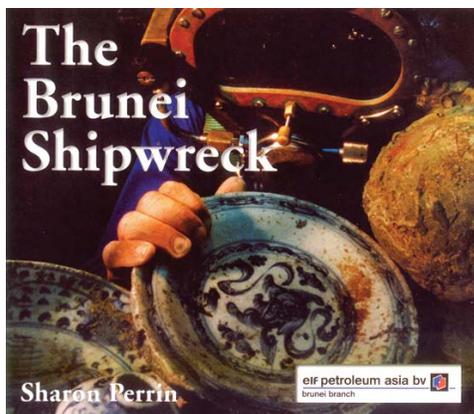
HRH Crown Prince Pg Muda Hj Al-Muhtadee Billah presents a 2005 Brunei ICT Award to CfBT.

## PROJECTS & EVENTS

Since the early 1990s, CfBT has organised Wordplay, an annual English and general knowledge quiz for Brunei secondary schools, with HSBC sponsorship. CfBT helped establish debating in secondary schools and, with the Ministry of Education, organised a national Drama Festival sponsored by QAF with the support of HRH Prince Qawi. With Standard Chartered Bank, we ran an annual Short Story Competition for schoolchildren from 1998-2003.



Bruneian art, poetry and even football have been supported through the publication of books and teachers' resource packs. CfBT has produced an Environment Pack for Primary and Secondary schools, with HSBC support, and was commissioned to produce the 'Treasures of Brunei Darussalam' education pack to accompany Brunei Shell's rainforest video.



CfBT produced the Brunei Shipwreck Education Pack for ELF Petroleum Asia, containing a student's reader, workbook, video and posters about the 500-year-old junk discovered in Brunei Bay.

### OVERVIEW

## COURSES & PROGRAMMES

In 2001, CfBT established training centres in Bandar Seri Begawan and Kuala Belait. The Learning Centre provides specialist English, Malay, ICT and exam preparation programmes for early learners, primary, secondary, tertiary and adult students. CfBT also provides teachers to work in local private schools on a full or part-time basis.



CfBT designs professional development and communication skills programmes for local and overseas clients, such as banks, oil companies, hotels, universities and Government departments.



CfBT Borneo Outdoors offers corporate programmes in Brunei and Malaysia, to develop teamwork and leadership skills. We run adventure trips for local and overseas schools and 'Gap' programmes for students aged 18+ who choose between marine research, school assistance, and archaeological programmes. As part of the Coral Reef project, CfBT supports Universiti Brunei Darussalam in mapping and monitoring Brunei's seabed.



With HSBC sponsorship, Borneo Outdoors runs Youth Environment study tours for schools, including Tasek Merimbun and Belalong National Park.

## EXAMINATION SERVICES

CfBT operates a centre for conducting international examinations in English language proficiency and on behalf of overseas universities and professional institutions.

Since 2005, CfBT has been the approved centre for the International English Language Testing System in Brunei, on behalf of Cambridge University, British Council and IDP Australia. IELTS assesses language proficiency and academic study skills required for admission to English medium tertiary study, as well as for professional or immigration purposes.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year CfBT provides a scholarship for a Bruneian pursuing a postgraduate qualification in the field of education or human resource development. The Queen Elizabeth II CfBT Education Scholarship was established in 1998. Since 2003, this has been offered as a prestigious Chevening Award.



There is a permanent exhibition of CfBT's work at Bubongan Dua Belas, the former British Resident's house and part of the Brunei Museums Department, reopened by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during her 1998 state visit to Brunei Darussalam.



## CfBT IN SE ASIA

CfBT's Director South East Asia maintains a base in Brunei to oversee activities and development throughout the region.



CfBT has also maintained an office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, since 1975. Current work with the Ministry of Education includes contracts to provide, manage and support 10 State and 20 District English Language Coordinators working with schools and teachers in rural areas, and 20 Project English Teachers working in residential schools. We are also working with state and royal foundations to provide teacher development projects to improve English in rural schools. Another project is the training and support our 4 Maths and Science lecturers provide in Matriculation Colleges.

CfBT's work with the private sector includes high-level English language training courses and consultancy services. The most recent was a consultancy to establish an international school in Putrajaya. CfBT Malaysia is expanding its international schools portfolio in the region. We also provide consultancy in school governance, inspections and leadership training.

CfBT manages donor-funded education projects in the region. Recent projects include teacher training, institutional strengthening and curriculum reform in Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos. We have also run intensive training courses in Brunei Darussalam for groups from the newer members of ASEAN.