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## RMN, RBN exercise a platform to share skills

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KOTA KINABALU: The exercise between the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) and the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) has become a platform to share experiences and skills for mutual benefit.

The closing ceremony of the Exercise Hornbill 27/19 and Brumal between both navies was graced by Fleet Deputy Commander, First Admiral Rusli Ahmad at the Multipurpose Hall, Sapanggar Naval Base, here.

Witnessing the ceremony was the Fleet Commander of Royal Brunei, Captain Norshahrinizam Talib, Commanding Officer of KDB Darulehsan, Commander Edy Jofren Pehin Abdul Jalil and Commanding Officer of KDB Syafaat, Lt Abd Hafiz Mubarak Rusli.

The exercise between the navies is carried out once every two years and aimed to enhance interoperability in naval operations.

During the seven-day exercise, two RMN vessels namely KD Perak and KD Baung while RBN vessels namely KDB Darulehsan and KDB Syafaat together with 500 sailors were involved.

The objective of the exercise was to give RMN the opportunity to exchange ideas, enhance military effi-



Rusli (left) and Norshahrinizam presenting the Brumal Cup.

ciency, strengthen bilateral relations and enhance regional maritime defence security collectively.

Rear Admiral Datuk Pahlawan Syed Zahrul Putra Syed Abdullah said the implementation of the exercise certainly enhance the level of interoperability between the two navies.

"The sea phase from Feb 29-March 1 where 20 ships were involved started at the RBN base estuary and finished at Sapanggar Naval Base.

"Weaknesses and deficiencies were identified during the exercise and will be improved in future," he said in his speech read by Rusli. He said all parties should strive to correct weaknesses.