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“The Development and Changes to Bilingual Education in Brunei Darussalam”

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Abstract

Formal education in Brunei is just over 100 years old, but it was not till the 1950s that schooling began to be made available to the majority of the population. In the last half century the country has moved from single mediums of education based on race and religion to a mainstream bilingual system and more recently to a system designed to meet the needs of 21st century learners, referred to locally as SPN21.

This presentation will outline the changes that took place in education in the country prior to the outbreak of World War 2 and why and how Brunei has changed its education since. In particular, it will focus on how recent changes compare with the previous system and what is likely to be the way forward given the changing economic circumstances

Speaker's Profile



Gary Jones is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences at UBD. Professor Jones' research interests encompass linguistics-related research, especially issues on bilingualism and bilingual education, as well as local youth culture and the perception of the arts.