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A workshop on the production of stingless bees' honey was organised by the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources (MIPR) through the Forestry Department on Tuesday, 17 July 2012 at the National Standard Centre, Sinaut, Tutong. Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Awg Hj Yahya bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Hj Bakar, Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, the guest of honour, was present along with the Permanent Secretary, Deputy Permanent Secretaries, and senior officers from MIPR. In total, 34 people participated in the workshop, including members from Majlis Perundingan Kampung Daerah Tutong (MPK Kiudang, MPK Menengah

& Bukit Sulang and MPK Pad Nunok) and Majlis Perundingan Kampung Daerah Belait (MPK Merangking, MPK Labi I, MPK Labi II & MPK Sukang).

The objective of the one-day workshop, conducted by an expert from Malaysia on honey production and stingless bees, was to show local villagers especially those from the rural areas how to produce honey from stingless 'Kelulut' (*Apis trigona*) honey bees – providing them with a potential alternative non-timber-based income source. The knowledge imparted from this workshop will also be of particular benefit to the country's lower income populace searching for ways to earn more money.



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“ Economic activity based on natural resources such as honey production and the method of agro-forestry, agro-fishery and silvo-pastoral, is recognised and encouraged by the global community as eco-friendly activities, resilient but also organised as a means or method of mitigation and adaptation against climate change. ”

Yang Mulia Dyg Hjh Hasnah bte Ibrahim,
Deputy Permanent Secretary of MIPR



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During the workshop, participants were introduced to the basics of beekeeping, such as: sourcing of honey bees, appropriate location for the bee farm or hives, bee-handling safety guidelines (in the event of being stung), proper way of approaching the hives, hive maintenance, bee products such as propolis, bee bread (pollen) and honey, pollen and honey collection process, and estimation of income yield from the bee products.

The honey and honey byproducts yielded by the 'Kelulut' bees is believed to hold a lot of nutrients and medicinal properties. The propolis for example, can be used to relieve conditions like inflammations, viral diseases, ulcers, as well as improve heart health and strengthen the immune system. A study by the Universiti Sains Malaysia Hospital (HUSM) has proven that bee pollen strengthens the bile, liver function, muscles, eyes, and can

even enhance one's creativity and imagination. 'Kelulut' bees, usually found in the forests nesting in cut branches or logs, are also easier to keep and breed in captivity compared to normal honey bees.

This workshop also indirectly supports the 'One Village One Product' programme, presently run and actively promoted by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Enriching the Holy Month of Ramadhan

As usual, various charitable and religious activities have been held by relevant parties to enliven the holy month of Ramadhan, as well as to do things as stated in Islam.

MIPR also took this opportunity to organise some religious programmes during this holy month, such as the tadarus Al-Quran every morning (commencing at 8.00 am and continued in the afternoon after the Zuhur prayers) during working days, a religious talk every Monday and reading of Ratib Al-Attas on every Thursday after the obligatory Zuhur prayers at the ministry's surau.

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led by Mexico, and encourage APEC economies to implement travel facilitation processes as a conduit for job creation and economic growth;

7. Encouraged APEC economies to further implement sustainable tourism activities and promote investment in sustainable tourism including eco-tourism and cultural tourism;

The results of the 7th APEC Tourism Ministerial Meeting is to be reported during the 2012 APEC Leaders' Meeting in Vladivostok on 8 – 9 September.

“ We acknowledge the crucial importance of travel to our growing tourism industry. Being a small sized economy, Brunei Darussalam is especially concerned on the magnified impact of tourism on the sustainability and well-being of our bio-diversity. With this, I seek for lessons and good practices among APEC member economies while urging for enhancement and embedding of programmes related to the evaluation of impacts of tourism on the environment and bio-diversity into the main stream of APEC tourism programmes and initiatives. ”

His Excellency Awg Hj Haini Hj Hashim, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Russian Federation, on behalf of Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Awg Hj Yahya, Minister of Industry and Primary Resources

APEC tourism ministers gathered in Khabarovsk, Russia, from 21 to 24 July 2012 for the 41st APEC Tourism Working Group Meeting (TWG41) and 7th Tourism Ministerial Meeting (TMM7). The meeting, chaired by His Excellency Mr Alexander Radkov, Head of the Federal Agency for Tourism, Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation, had the theme of “Integrate to Grow, Innovate to Prosper”, encouraging member nations to take concrete measures to boost trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific, and to respond to global economic and financial challenges.

The forum was attended by His Excellency Awg Hj Haini Hj Hashim, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Russian Federation (on behalf of the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources), and the Deputy Permanent Secretary of MIPR, Yang Mulia Awg Mohd Riza bin Dato Paduka Hj Mohd Yunos.

During the forum, Mr Radkov:

1. Stressed on the importance of tourism and travel as an engine for growth and prosperity in the APEC region, and as a vehicle for job creation;
2. Noted with concern the implementation of aviation-related taxes which can have negative implications for the tourism industry;
3. Endorsed the APEC Guidelines on Ensuring Tourist Safety – providing member economies with best-practice information, for designing measures to better protect tourists home and abroad;
4. Touched on the launch of the APEC Travel Facilitation Initiative (TFI), which has the aim of expediting the movement of travellers across the Asia-Pacific region, enabling more efficient, more secure, and less stressful travel;
5. Recognised the importance of assessing air connectivity within the Asia-Pacific, the liberalisation of air transport services and the measurement of its subsequent impact on tourist flows in the region;
6. Recognised the work done by the Tourism Ministers of the G20 countries,

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Heading the activities is the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Awg Hj Yahya bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Hj Bakar.

The activities, conducted by the Management and Finance Division, are an annual religious exercise to enhance the appreciation of worship and encourage an even more religious way of life during the holy month of Ramadhan. In addition, it also serves as an avenue to foster friendship and brotherhood among the officers and staff of the ministry.



MIPR Diary

JULY 12 Courtesy Call



His Excellency Mr. Bruno Ferrari, the Mexican Minister of Economy, made a courtesy call to the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Awg Hj Yahya bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Hj Bakar.

Also present during the meeting were Yang Mulia Dyg Hjh Normah Suria Hayati bte Pehin Jawatan Dalam Seri Maharaja Dato Seri Utama (Dr.) Hj Awg Mohd Jamil Al-Sufri, Permanent Secretary of MIPR and Yang Mulia Awg Mohd Riza bin Dato Paduka Hj Mohd Yunos, Deputy Permanent Secretary of MIPR.



JULY 13 A Fishy Sale!



A 'Sale of Fisheries Product' event was recently organised by the Fisheries Department, MIPR, taking place on 13, 14 and 16 July 2012 at the Fish Landing Complex, Muara. It was the second of such event to take place in 2012, and the eighth since it was first organised in May 2009. Three operators from the aquaculture sector, five from capture and 14 operators from the processing sector were involved in this sale event.

The event, a response to requests made by fishery operators for the Fisheries Department to organise such events regularly, was aimed at helping local operators market and promote their fisheries products, as well as to encourage people to consume more fish and fish products, which are high in nutrition.

The event started from 8.00 am till 5.00 pm during the three days it was run, except Friday where there was a break from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm. Fresh seafood such as prawn, squid, and various species of live fish, processed seafood products, seafood crackers, and shrimp paste were sold during the event.



AUG 12 Producing Healthier Oceans

The "International Exposition Yeosu Korea 2012" held in South Korea, in which Brunei Darussalam participated, will end on 12 August 2012. The expo, which began on 12 May 2012, had the theme of: 'Living Ocean and Coast', while Brunei Darussalam's pavilion was themed 'Forest to Reefs: Sustainable Biodiversity' - highlighting Brunei's unique and rich land and marine biodiversity, and steps taken to preserve it despite economic development.

Brunei Darussalam's participation in this expo was initiated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in collaboration with several other agencies including the Brunei Tourism



Development Department, Fisheries Department and Forestry Department, MIPR. Representing and heading MIPR at the expo was Yang Mulia Dyg Hjh Hasnah bte Ibrahim, Deputy Permanent Secretary of MIPR.

