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The Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources (MIPR) and the departments under it celebrated the new year 1434 Hijrah on 22 November 2012 corresponding to 8 Muharram 1434H at Dewan Setia Pahlawan, MIPR Building, Jalan Menteri Besar, Berakas. The celebration was coordinated by the Department of Forestry.

Present as the guest of honour was Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Awg Haji Yahya bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar,

the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources. Also present was Yang Mulia Dyg Hajah Normah Suria Hayati bte Pehin Jawatan Dalam Seri Maharaja Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Awg Mohd Jamil Al-Sufri, the Permanent Secretary of MIPR; Deputy Permanent Secretaries; Heads of Departments; senior officers and staff from departments and divisions under the ministry.

The ceremony commenced with the recital of verses from the Al-Quran and its translation as well as the essence of the word, followed by a special

lecture delivered by an invited speaker from Pusat Dakwah Islamiah. A Dikir Marhaban was also simultaneously conducted during the afternoon's ceremony to celebrate and welcome a new brother from the ministry who has just embraced Islam. The ceremony concluded with a thanksgiving prayer for the new year 1434 Hijrah with the purpose of gaining blessings from Allah the Almighty for the coming new year. The ceremony, an annual activity organised by the ministry was attended by more than 200 officers and staff of MIPR.



“ I am full of hope with the establishment of this new Division and with the support and strong cooperation from government and non-government agencies who share common interests, we can work together to realise the government’s aspiration for Brunei Darussalam to be not just oil and gas rich but also rich in wildlife and flora and fauna for us and the next generation’s viewing. ”

Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Awg Haji Yahya bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar, Minister of Industry and Primary Resources

## Wildlife Division Established in MIPR

An opening ceremony for the establishment of a Wildlife Division was held at Dewan Setia Pahlawan, MIPR Building on Wednesday, 28 November 2012. Present as the guest of honour was the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Awg Haji Yahya bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar.

In his keynote address, the Minister stated that the establishment of the Wildlife Division under MIPR is to make the coordination and monitoring

of wildlife more effective and organised – representing the continuing commitment and determination of the government to the running of the country’s wildlife matters and issues.

The minister also added that existing legislation require amendments for improvement in line with current developments to be on par with legislation currently in force in the regional and international level, particularly in efforts to guard wild animal and plant species from becoming endangered and extinct due to illegal poaching and trade.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SEAHOG Rally Bikers Make Pit Stop in Brunei



The South East Asia HOG (SEAHOG) joint committee together with the Ministry of Tourism Sarawak launched the 2<sup>nd</sup> SEAHOG rally in Borneo which ran from 15 November to 23 November 2012. The big event saw a total of more than 200 Harley Davidson bikers riding from Kuching to Brunei Darussalam and back, covering a total distance of

1,873km through the scenic roads of Borneo with stopovers at main towns, villages and tourist destinations.

On 19 November, Brunei Tourism and representatives from the HOG Brunei Chapter welcomed the SEAHOG rally group during their stop in Brunei Darussalam for a luncheon at the iconic Brunei Darussalam

Waterfront in Bandar Seri Begawan. The rally participants were brought on a tour of Kampong Ayer and given the opportunity to experience scenic rides around Bandar Seri Begawan. The participants were also treated to a welcoming dinner and a night’s stay at a hotel in the Sultanate, courtesy of Brunei Dealership and local authorities before moving on to their next destination.

# Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrifood Festival 2012 Closes to Great Fanfare



The week-long Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrifood Festival 2012 which was held at the Jerudong Park Amphitheatre was officially closed on 20 November 2012 by the guest of honour, Yang Mulia Dyg Hajah Normah Suria Hayati bte Pehin Jawatan Dalam Seri Maharaja Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Awg Mohd Jamil Al-Sufri, the Permanent Secretary of MIPR. According to MIPR, the festival had attracted roughly 25,000 visitors.

Certificates of appreciation and souvenirs were presented to judges of the Farmers and Fishermen Awards 2012 while certificates of appreciation were handed over to sponsors. Handing out the certificates was the guest of honour, Yang Mulia Dyg Hajah Normah. Also present during the closing ceremony were the Deputy Permanent Secretaries of MIPR, head of Department of Agriculture and Agrifood, as well as the fishermen, producers and entrepreneurs who had participated in the festival.



Pasarneka' in Tutong. The sale drew a good response from visitors.

The Acting Director of Fisheries and officers from the Department of Fisheries subsequently held a feedback session with existing fish and shrimp producers and fishermen at the Serampang Multipurpose Hall in Tutong. It was intended to strengthen ties between Department of Fisheries officers and fisheries industry entrepreneurs to share industry needs issues and enhance the services of the Department of Fisheries in providing assistance to improve their business results and to work together to address the problems faced by the fisheries industry in general.

## Fisheries Dialogue Session Held

On Thursday, 22 November 2012, in an effort by the Department of Fisheries, MIPR to celebrate Farmers and Fishermen Day 2012 in all four districts, a dialogue session with fisheries industry entrepreneurs was held. Prior to the commencement of the dialogue session, the Department of Fisheries had organised a sale of aquaculture produce such as rostris shrimp and catfish, at the 'Tamudan



## Talking Fish in Temburong



The Department of Fisheries, MIPR, in conjunction with the Farmers and Fishermen Day 2012 celebrations, carried out a dialogue session with fish operators and fishermen in the Temburong District on Monday, 26 November 2012 at Kompleks Bumiputra Temburong. The dialogue was chaired by the Acting Director of Fisheries. The objective of the dialogue was to strengthen the ties between fisheries officials and the fisheries industry entrepreneurs. Presentations on topics such as 'Seafood Processing Industry in Brunei Darussalam' and 'Culture and Hatchery of Giant Freshwater Prawns' were also given during the session – these were aimed to increase awareness of this profitable business among fisheries operators and fishermen.

Prior to the dialogue session, some 15,000 freshwater prawn fry were released into the river along the way to Bangar by the Acting Director of Fisheries as the guest of honour. This release of prawn fry was to meet the objectives of the restocking programme as well as to ensure continuous reproduction of freshwater prawns in the country.

“To ensure that food security in the country is always guaranteed, the Department of Fisheries will continue to implement planned strategies and programmes to increase commodity production and increase the added-value of fisheries products.”

Yang Mulia Awg Hj Abdul Halidi bin Mohd Salleh,  
Acting Director of Fisheries  
Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources

# MIPR Diary

## NOV 24 MIPR Freshers Undergo Induction Course

An induction course for 55 new MIPR staff have recently been conducted on 24, 26, 27, 28 and 29 November 2012 at Dewan Setia Pahlawan, MIPR. The guest of honour, Yang Mulia Pg Harun bin Pg Haji Aliuddin, the Director of Management and Finance at MIPR, presented the certificates.

The course was meant to:

- Increase the participants' knowledge as well as understanding of their roles and responsibilities within the Ministry and the departments under it;

- Increase the participants' knowledge and understanding of general directives in the Public Service

such as General Order, Financial Regulation and Government Security.



## NOV 27 Workshop to Combat Illegal Fishing

The Department of Fisheries, MIPR, organised a three-day workshop (27 to 29 November 2012) on 'Standard Operating Procedures to Implement Brunei Darussalam's National Plan of Action to Combat Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (NPOA IUU Fishing)' at the Centrepoint Hotel in Gadong. Yang Mulia Awg Hj Abdul Halidi bin Mohd Salleh, the Acting Director of Fisheries, welcomed participants from various government agencies such as the Royal Brunei Navy, Marine Police and Marine Department.

The workshop conducted by Professor Martin Tsamenyi, Director of the Australian National Centre for Oceans Resources and Security at the University of Wollongong, Australia, covered issues such as:

- Introduction to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);
- IUU risk factors in Brunei Darussalam;
- The Fisheries Order 2009 and fisheries offences;
- The roles of other agencies involved in implementing NPOA-IUU Fishing; and
- Framework for inter-agency cooperation and a range of issues such as sightings, apprehensions, evidence collection and prosecution of illegal fishers.

The most serious threat to the sustainability of the fisheries resources of Brunei Darussalam is what is globally referred to as illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing or IUU fishing which has been on the increase at a very alarming rate. IUU fishing not only results in huge financial losses to Brunei Darussalam, but also causes damage to fish habitats and the marine environment.

## NOV 29 Greetings from Down Under



His Excellency, Mr Todd Norman Mercer, the High Commissioner of Australia to Brunei Darussalam made a courtesy call to the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Awg Haji Yahya bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar on 29 November 2012.

