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RESOURCES AND TOURISM

On the occasion of “GOLDEN CORPORATION SDN BHD
SIGNING CEREMONY”
AT SUNGAI PENYATANG SHRIMP CULTURE SITE

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
الحمد لله رب العالمين، وبه نستعين على أمور الدنيا والدين،
والصلاة والسلام على أشرف الأنبياء والمرسلين،
سيدنا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين

- Your Excellencies, Ambassadors and High Commissioners;
- Yang Berhormat Members of the Legislative Council;
- Yang Mulia Permanent Secretaries and Deputy Permanent Secretaries;
- Mr. Richard Chuang, Managing Director of Golden Corporation Sdn Bhd;
- Mr. Amyne Hassam Ismail, Chairman, Unima Distribution SAS, France;
- Mr. Allen Wu, Director of Aquastar Pty, Australia;
- CEOs, Managing Directors and Heads of Department;
- Ladies and gentlemen

Salam Sejahtera & a Very Good Morning

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. First and foremost, I would like to thank Golden Corporation Sdn Bhd for honouring me as the Guest of Honor for this morning's event. Congratulations and well done on the signing of Land Lease Agreement with the Department of Fisheries, and the inking of Memorandum of Understandings with your marketing partners, Unima Distribution SAS, for the European Union (EU); and Aquastar Pty, for Australian market.

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2. Increasing output is one of the four pillars of the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism's Strategic Plan, which was launched in January this year.
3. Fisheries, especially aquaculture is a very lucrative business venture and is an economic sector that can contribute significantly to our national GDP. It can also create meaningful employments to the locals.
4. I was made to understand that the expected production from this farm is 3,000 metric tons per year. This increase will contribute significantly towards the achievement of Fisheries Department's B\$400 million production target for aquaculture industry by 2020. This would also mean that Brunei Darussalam would be one of the biggest producer of Blue Shrimp in the world. Blue Shrimp,

therefore would be one of the most important species for aquaculture in Brunei Darussalam.

5. Although, most of our farmers are now appreciating the value of GAqP (Good Aquaculture Practices), I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of ensuring that the Guidelines are diligently applied in their day-to-day operation in the farms.
6. Strict application of Good Aquaculture Practice Guidelines by all farm workers will ensure the production of high quality and safer products. Equally important, the farms with the highest production standards will be in the best position to help avoid the risks of disease outbreaks that poses threats to their own farm. If all farmers are strictly following the guidelines, then the risks of disease outbreak in Brunei Darussalam can be eliminated. Thus, this will ensure that our national productivity and economic growth agenda for the primary resources sector are kept on track.
7. Therefore, I would also like to emphasise to all aquaculture farmers that they must continuously consider adopting high technology and good practices so that:
 - They can raise their capacity to gain better access in the value chains;
 - They can place their products in better position, and meet certification requirements imposed by potential buyers in the export markets;
 - They can stimulate growth and increase productivity in their farms, and therefore;

- They can secure long term continuity and profitability of the business.
8. The signing ceremony today marks the start of an expected bigger export volume of seafood products from Brunei Darussalam. For this, I would also like to convey special thanks and appreciation to Mr. Amyne Hassam Ismail of Unima Distribution SAS, France and Mr. Allen Wu of Aquastar Pty, Australia for believing and appreciating our Blue Shrimp and thus agreeing to be the distributors for EU and Australian markets respectively.
 9. As we all know, customers will always demand for new species and new seafood. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to convey my Ministry's welcome to proposals and initiatives by any companies or farmers, who wish to venture into projects to develop new hybrids. We are also open to suggestions for collaboration in areas of applied Research and Development (R&D).
 10. I was also made to understand that Golden Corporation Sdn Bhd will soon embark on such R&D projects, sometime this year in collaboration with Fisheries Department and various renown institutions in Brunei and overseas. In this case, I would like to convey my appreciation and congratulations to Golden Corporation for this initiative, as this will help in making sure the continuity of supply of high-value aquaculture species from Brunei Darussalam to the global markets.

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11. Before I end my speech, I would like to take this opportunity to convey my special thanks and appreciation to both Your Excellency Mdm. Loan Forgeron, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of France; and Your Excellency Ms. Nicola Rosenblum, Australian High Commissioner; for your kind assistance in supporting our export initiatives and facilitating entry of our seafood products to your respective countries. My sincere appreciation also goes to Yang Berhormat Members of the Legislative Council, other government agencies and stakeholders, who have been very supportive in making sure that Sungai Penyatang is fully operational.

12. All the best to Golden Corporation Sdn Bhd and their partners as they embark on promoting Blue Shrimp into the global markets.

Thank you.

Wabillahi Taufik Wal Hidayah, Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi
Wabarakatuh.