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The 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (34<sup>th</sup> AMAF Meeting) was held on 27 September 2012 in Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR). Representing Brunei Darussalam was 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 and senior officials from the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources (MIPR).

In the meeting which was chaired by His Excellency Mr. Vilayvanth Phomkhe,

Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of Lao PDR, the Ministers:

- Reaffirmed their commitment in ensuring that the ASEAN Community Blueprints' measures are implemented according to the strategic timeline; by intensifying their efforts in implementing these measures at both national and regional levels;
- Expressed their satisfaction on the good progress in the implementation of the ASEAN Integrated Food Security (AIFS) Framework and the Strategic Plan of Action on ASEAN

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Food Security (SPA-FS), including the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) Agreement;

- Agreed to remain vigilant to the opportunities and challenges of food security within the region and the world, particularly at a time of high volatility in commodity prices and economic uncertainties, by continuing to explore new initiatives that contribute to food security in the region;
- Recognised the importance of constructive platforms for private

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Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Awg Hj Yahya (5<sup>th</sup> from left), joins hands with his ASEAN counterparts.

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sector and civil society engagement in addressing food security in the region and urged close collaboration with other ministries, dialogue partners, development and international organisations in monitoring the progress of the AIFS Framework and the SPA-FS.

During the meeting, Yang Berhormat Pehin:

1. Noted that, in the area of agri-food produce and food safety and quality, the harmonisation of standards and procedures among ASEAN member states will improve the facilitation of trade on these commodities;
2. Expressed Brunei Darussalam's concern on the emergence and re-emergence of zoonotic diseases which had hindered the development of livestock industries in the ASEAN region, concurring to the suggestion of the Additional Role and Functions of the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Livestock (ASWGL) and Senior Officials of AMAF in the Utilization and Management of the ASEAN Animal Health Trust Fund (AAHTF);
3. Stressed on the need to manage and conserve our forests and its

biodiversity for the social, economic and environmental benefit to the current and future generation. Yang Berhormat Pehin expressed the need for further strengthening of efforts at regional level within ASEAN, and also between the non-ASEAN countries to achieve this goal;

4. Expressed appreciation to dialogue and development partners for their efforts in executing some of the joint projects and activities, such as the ASEAN-US Cooperation on Maximizing Agricultural Revenue through Knowledge Enterprise and Trade (MARKET), German International Cooperation (GIZ), Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Southeast Asia Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), etc.

During the 12<sup>th</sup> AMAF + 3 Meeting, Yang Berhormat Pehin also had the opportunity to meet his counterpart from the Republic of Korea; H.E. Mr. Sang-Kil Lee, Vice Minister, Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, to discuss possible bilateral cooperation and collaboration in the field

of agriculture, fisheries, forestry and the halal industries.

The Ministers agreed to meet again for the 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry in Malaysia in 2013.

“ We need to manage and conserve our forests and its biodiversity for the social, economic and environmental benefit to the current and future generation. Further strengthening of efforts at regional level within ASEAN, and also between the non-ASEAN countries is needed to achieve this goal. ”

*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*



## Empowering Youth Entrepreneurship

An entrepreneurship dialogue organised by the Young Entrepreneurs Association of Brunei (YEAB) in collaboration with the Entrepreneurial Development Centre took place recently on 25 September 2012 at the Rizqun International Hotel, Gadong. The event, part of YEAB's aspiration to nurture entrepreneurship among the youth in Brunei, and supported by the US Embassy and Asia Inc Forum, was attended by over 60 students and

teachers as well as aspiring entrepreneurs throughout the country.

Present as the guest of honour was Yang Mulia Dyg Hj Hasnah bte Ibrahim, Deputy Permanent Secretary of MIPR.

Also brought in for the seminar was guest speaker Dr. Harry Harris from California, USA - an entrepreneur, global management guru, and Founder and President of HealthCare California. Dr. Harris, who has had a long career with the government, including a stint working at the White House and then academia, said that he jumped into entrepreneurship after retiring twice. He gave a brief presentation entitled

"Entrepreneurship: Just Do It!"; and also sat on the panel for the dialogue session to discuss the challenges of building and sustaining a business enterprise.

Joining him in the dialogue session were Dyg Hafimi Abdul Haadi @ Frances Lo, a leading local entrepreneur and President of YEAB, and Ms. Felicia Cheong, Manager of Johnny Cheong Welding and Engineering, and JX Collection, as moderator.

The following day, Dr. Harry Harris gave an entrepreneurship talk at Dewan Setia Pahlawan, MIPR which was attended by officers and staff of MIPR.



“The main objective of this SME Dialogue Session is to provide young people in Brunei with a platform to interact with fellow entrepreneurs and gurus; to share their thoughts and entrepreneurial experiences. I sincerely hope that our participants will benefit and gain invaluable insights from this dialogue session.”

Yang Mulia Dyg Hj Hasnah bte Ibrahim,  
Deputy Permanent Secretary of MIPR  
(Primary Resource Development)

# MIPR Diary

## SEPT 29 MIPR Lends Helping Hand to Haj Aspirants

MIPR, in keeping with its spirit of giving and caring for its people, has contributed Haj donations to its staff performing Haj this year. An event was held at the ministry's surau on 6 September 2012 to present the contributions.

A total of 30 people were present at the event, including Yang Mulia Dyg Hjh Hasnah bte Ibrahim, Deputy Permanent Secretary of MIPR (Primary Resource Development), who was there to present the contributions to the staff. Yang Mulia Awg Mohd Riza bin Dato Paduka Haji Mohd Yunos, Deputy Permanent Secretary of MIPR (Industry and Entrepreneurship Development) was also present.



Haj pilgrims from MIPR for 2012 are:

- Dyg Koprah bte Haji Ahmad (Department of Agriculture and Agrifood)
- Dyg Siti Rahmat bte Haji Ajak (Department of Forestry)
- Awg Bidin bin Suru (Department of Fisheries)
- Awg Mohaimin bin Damit (Department of Fisheries)
- Dyg Masni bte Haji Mohsin (BINA)



## SEPT 29 Dzikir Ceremony Held for Royal Wedding

In conjunction with the celebration of the Royal Wedding between HRH Princess Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah binti His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah and YAM Pengiran Anak Haji Muhd Ruzaini bin Pengiran Dr Haji Mohd Yakub, MIPR held a Dzikir ceremony at the groom's residence at Jalan Babu Raja on 29 September 2012. The ceremony, headed by Pengiran Harun bin Pengiran Haji Aliuddin, Director of Management and Finance Division of MIPR, was attended by around 30 of the ministry's staffs and officers.

