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Decommissioning Workshop Aims to Share Knowledge and Deepen Australia-Brunei Cooperation

6 April 2026, Bandar Seri Begawan — The Australian High Commission in Brunei and Petroleum Authority co-hosted a Decommissioning Workshop in Bandar Seri Begawan on 26 March 2026. The workshop aimed to foster knowledge sharing and collaboration between Australia and Brunei as part of Australia’s *Invested: Australia’s Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040*.

The programme commenced with opening remarks by the Managing Director of the Petroleum Authority, Shamir Salahudin, followed by welcoming remarks from the Australian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Michael Hoy.

Managing Director of the Petroleum Authority, Shamir Salahudin, highlighted that “Brunei Darussalam is taking this opportunity to learn from Australia’s experience in decommissioning, particularly in developing robust regulatory frameworks and building industry capabilities.”

His Excellency Michael Hoy, Australian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, reaffirmed Australia’s commitment to “support Brunei’s development of a safe, sustainable and commercially viable decommissioning sector, while creating opportunities for closer industry engagement between our two countries”.

The workshop began with a presentation by Dr Francis Norman, CEO and Managing Director of the Centre of Decommissioning Australia (CODA), who shared insights and practical ideas on building a sustainable decommissioning ecosystem. Dr Norman also shared observations on regulatory frameworks and strategic considerations relevant to Brunei’s future decommissioning industry.

Ashton Hinckman and Robert Smith, Managing Partners at Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Australia shared their expertise on hazardous materials and the key safety and environmental considerations involved in offshore decommissioning.

The workshop concluded with a Q&A discussion with the attendees, facilitating an exchange of perspectives on the outlook for offshore decommissioning, regulatory considerations, industry



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readiness, and potential areas for collaboration between the Bruneian stakeholders and Australian industry.

The event reflects the strong partnership between the Australian High Commission and Petroleum Authority, and their shared commitment to supporting professional development, skills transfer, and sustained industry engagement within Brunei's emerging decommissioning sector.

Images:

Image 1 – Group Photo of Decommissioning Workshop Participants

Image 2 – Managing Director of the Petroleum Authority, Shamir Salahudin giving opening remarks during the workshop

Image 3 – His Excellency Michael Hoy giving opening remarks during the workshop

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