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Australian-Brunei Roundtable Strengthens Agrifood and Food Security Cooperation

13 November 2025, Bandar Seri Begawan – Ten Australian agrifood companies are visiting Brunei to take part in the *Australian Strategic Agribusiness Partnership Mission to Brunei* from 12-14 November 2025.

Led by Mr Jay Meek, General Manager of the Trade Diversification Taskforce at Austrade, and Dr Nur Rahman, Australia’s Business Champion for Brunei, the delegation includes leading Australian agribusinesses in agricultural technology, laboratory, food testing and research sectors. This Mission underscores Australia’s role as a reliable food-security partner and trusted provider of agrifood products and technologies to Brunei.

On 13 November, the delegation participated in a high-level roundtable with Bruneian government and industry counterparts co-chaired by Mr Jay Meek, General Manager of the Trade Diversification Taskforce at Austrade, and Yang Mulia Dayang Hajah Tutiatty Binti Haji Abdul Wahab, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT). The roundtable included representatives from Ministry of Finance and Economy, Brunei Darussalam Food Authority, and Brunei Economic Development Board.

Discussions centred on deepening cooperation in aquaculture, high-value crop production, and research and development commercialisation, aligning with Brunei’s long-term food-security priorities and Australia’s Invested Action Plan. Participants explored opportunities for investment, productivity gains, technology transfer and knowledge exchange.

Mr Jay Meek highlighted “The mission has brought Australian companies that offer solutions across the food value chain – including in agri-tech, food safety, sustainable food production, and water management – as well as training and research organisation. This focus aligns with the Australian Government’s strategy to strengthen and deepen Australia’s economic engagement with Southeast Asia and to diversify our economic partners through programs such as the Australian government’s Accessing New Markets Initiative (ANMI)”.

In addition, His Excellency Michael Hoy, Australian High Commissioner in Brunei, emphasised the complementarity of Australia and Brunei on agrifood. He said, “there is real potential for our businesses to work together to achieve Brunei’s economic diversification goals and support national food security”.

Yang Mulia Dayang Hajah Tutiatty Binti Haji Abdul Wahab also reiterated during the opening remarks “Brunei Darussalam is committed to strengthening collaboration with Australia in the

agriculture and fisheries sectors to promote sustainable production, enhance food security, and support economic growth.” She highlighted that “food security remains a top priority for the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism, noting Brunei’s significant progress in achieving higher self-sufficiency levels, particularly in poultry, eggs, vegetables, and fish. Guided by Brunei Vision 2035, the Ministry continues to adopt modern agricultural technologies and expand export opportunities, including egg exports to Singapore.” She also acknowledged the long-standing partnership with Australia since 2015 and expressed confidence that continued cooperation will open new opportunities in agriculture, fisheries, and food processing, strengthening bilateral trade and investment for mutual benefit.

Images

Image 1 – Yang Mulia Dayang Hajah Tutiatty Binti Haji Abdul Wahab, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism

Image 2 – Dr Nur Rahman, Australian Business Champion for Brunei Darussalam, and His Excellency Michael Hoy, Australian High Commission in Brunei Darussalam

Image 3 – Mr Jay Meek, General Manager of the Trade Diversification Taskforce at Austrade, and Mrs Su McCluskey, Interim Chief Executive of the National Farmers Federation

Image 4 – Group photo

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