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Australia-Brunei Business Forum Showcases Shared Commitment to Food Security and Growth

14 November 2025, Bandar Seri Begawan – The Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade) and Brunei Darussalam Ministry of Finance and Economy co-hosted an Australia-Brunei Business Forum and Networking Event in Bandar Seri Begawan on 14 November 2025. The Forum convened senior business and government leaders to boost Australian business links with Brunei Darussalam as part of the *2025 Australian Strategic Agribusiness Partnership Mission to Brunei*.

The event was opened by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II, as Guest of Honour. In his remarks, he highlighted, “to navigate these uncertain times, we increasingly need to rely on trusted partners to secure future growth.” He further highlighted that, “It is within this regional momentum that we welcome Australia’s “Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040”, signalling our profound commitment to deepen engagement across trade, investment, innovation and connectivity.”

Under Australia’s Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040, Australia is helping Australian businesses connect to Brunei’s dynamic economic opportunities and Wawasan 2035 priorities. Australian quality food exports to Brunei continue to grow, forming vital inputs to Brunei’s growing food manufacturing sector.

Mr Jay Meek, General Manager, Trade Diversification Taskforce of Austrade highlighted that “Australia has been a long-term supplier of agrifood products to Brunei, helping to support the country’s food security and we are keen to see this trade continue and grow.”

Mr Daniel Leong, Acting CEO of Brunei Darussalam Development Board (BEDB) also highlighted in his remarks, “Brunei’s scale allows us to bring industry players together efficiently, creating an agile environment for innovation and value-chain partnerships. For companies looking to pilot solutions and expand regionally, Brunei remains a credible and strategic choice.” during his remarks.

The forum concluded a productive week of engagements that showcased the depth and strength of the Australia-Brunei agrifood linkages, setting the stage for collaboration across the agrifood value chain.

Images

Image 1227 – Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II during the keynote address

Image 1228 – (L to R) Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II; Mr Gregory Harvey, Australian Trade and Investment Commissioner; Mr Jay Meek, General Manager of the Trade Diversification Taskforce at Austrade; His Excellency Michael Hoy, Australian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam; Mrs Su McCluskey, Interim Chief Executive of the National Farmers Federation.

Image 1226 – Bridging Australia to Brunei Panel moderated by Mr Gregory Harvey, Australian Trade and Investment Commissioner with panellists Dr Nur Rahman, Australian Business Champion for Brunei; Mr Ross Brierty, CEO of Agrigen; Dr Vanessa Teo, CEO of Biofield; Mr Rajendrasinh Jadav, Technical Director of Atoll; Mr Alex Chiam, General Manager of Barramundi Group.

Image 1229 – Business forum event

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