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Australian Film Director Explores Creative Collaboration in Brunei

Bandar Seri Begawan, 08 December 2025 – The Australian High Commission in Brunei Darussalam welcomed award-winning Indigenous Australian writer and director Chantelle Murray for a series of engagements aimed at deepening cultural exchange and supporting the growth of Brunei’s creative and digital industries.

Ms Murray is renowned for her culturally grounded storytelling, with works such as the internationally celebrated short film *My Name is Mudju* and her groundbreaking 2025 animated feature *The Lost Tiger*. Her portfolio also includes contributions to major productions including Baz Luhrmann’s *Elvis* and Taika Waititi’s *Thor: Love and Thunder*, bringing together Indigenous perspectives, contemporary filmmaking, and innovative digital techniques.

During her visit, Ms Murray met with local filmmakers, production houses, and government agencies to discuss strategies for strengthening creative ecosystems, developing talent pathways, and building resilient digital production capabilities. These discussions set the stage for future collaboration opportunities, including potential training workshops, mentorship connections, and cultural exchange programs for creatives in both Australia and Brunei.

As the highlight of her visit, Ms Murray hosted a free public screening of *The Lost Tiger* at One City Cineplex on 7 December 2025, in conjunction with the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism’s Brunei December Festival. The event featured an engaging Q&A session, where audiences explored themes of cultural identity, indigenous storytelling, and the creative process behind animated filmmaking.

Ms Murray’s visit highlights Australia’s commitment to deepening people-to-people ties with Brunei and supporting the growth of the region’s creative industries. The visit was co-organised with Kitani Kreatif, as Australian High Commission’s Creative Programme Partner.

Image captions:

Image 1: Australian Film Director Chantelle Murray meeting with members of Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports

Image 2: Australian High Commissioner Michael Hoy and Film Director Chantelle Murray during the film screening *The Lost Tiger* at OneCineplex

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Image 3: Australian Film Director Chantelle Murray meeting with the members of AITI

Image 4: Australian Film Director Chantelle Murray with local creatives and productions in Brunei

Image 5: Australian Film Director Chantelle Murray with Bruneians filmmakers

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