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### THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 2017 TRAINING COURSE ON HYBRID RICE YIELD-INCREASING TECHNOLOGY IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

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The Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism, Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali bin Apong officiated the opening ceremony of the 2017 Training Course on Hybrid Rice Yield-Increasing Technology in Brunei Darussalam today at Dewan Simpung, Rimba Horticulture Business Centre, Gadong. Present at the event were Her Excellency Yang Jian, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam; Members of the Legislative Council; Madam Zhou Dan, Vice Director of Yuan Longping High-Tech Agriculture Co. Ltd.; Mr Sun Lingxiang, representative from the Ministry of Commerce, the People's Republic of China; Dr. Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism, Pengiran Haji Kamalrudzaman bin Pengiran Haji Ishak, Acting Director of Agriculture and Agrifood; senior officials from the departments under the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism; delegations from Yuan Longping High-Tech Agriculture Co. Ltd. and the training participants.

The training course is jointly organized by the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood and Yuan Longping High-Tech Agriculture Co. Ltd. with the support of the Ministry of Commerce, the People's Republic of China. The training course will be conducted for 45 days which began on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 until 30<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in Brunei

Darussalam. Nine trainers from Yuan Longping High-Tech Agriculture Co. Ltd. will be conducting the training which involves 40 participants from the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood, Institute of Brunei Technology Education: Agrotechnology Campus and local rice farmers.

Prior to the training course in Brunei Darussalam, at the end of May until early August 2017, a group consisting of 6 personnel from the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood as well as 3 selected youths from Belia Berpadi Project has undergone a three-months training course on Hybrid Rice Comprehensive Technology in Developing Countries in Changsha, Hunan Province, the People's Republic of China which was also organized by the Longping High-Tech Agriculture Co. Ltd.

The training courses are part of an ongoing cooperation between Brunei Darussalam and the People's Republic of China in the field of rice production to support the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism's initiative to increase rice productivity in Brunei Darussalam to 12 metric tonnes per hectare in the irrigated areas to ensure the sustainability of domestic rice production. It is hoped that through the collaborations, Brunei Darussalam will be able to identify high yielding varieties that are adaptable to Brunei Darussalam's environmental conditions to increase farm productivity and hence, increase the rice production in the country. At the same time, the collaborations will also build the capacity of our farmers in hybrid rice technology as a preparation to ensure the successful adoption of hybrid rice.

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