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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

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The closing ceremony for The 2017 Training Course on Hybrid Rice Yield Increasing Technology in Brunei Darussalam was held today at Dewan Simpur, Rimba Horticulture Business Centre, Gadong. Present as Guest of Honour to the event was Dayang Hajah Aidah binti Haji Mohd. Hanifah, Director of Agriculture and Agrifood. Also present at the event were Ms. Ning Bo, Charge d'Affaires ad Interim and Mr. Zhu Rong, Chief of Economic and Commercial Office from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Brunei Darussalam and senior officers as well as officers from the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood.

A total of 25 participants comprising of officers and staff of the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood, Institute of Brunei Technology Education: Agrotechnology Campus and local rice farmers have successfully completed the course with the receipt of their respective certificates.

Seramai 25 orang peserta yang terdiri daripada pegawai dan kakitangan Jabatan Pertanian dan Agrimakanan, Institut Pendidikan Teknikal Brunei: Kampus Agroteknologi serta peladang-peladang padi tempatan telah pun berjaya menamatkan kursus tersebut dengan menerima sijil masing-masing.

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, People's Republic of China. The training course was conducted from the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 until 28<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in Brunei Darussalam by five trainers from Longping High-Tech 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 rice farming. It is hoped that through the collaborations, Brunei Darussalam will be able to identify high yielding varieties that is adaptable to Brunei Darussalam's environmental conditions and at the same time build the capacity of our farmers in hybrid rice technology.

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