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THE SIXTH ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (APEC) MINISTERIAL MEETING ON FOOD SECURITY

Bandar Seri Begawan

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Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali bin Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism, Brunei Darussalam attended the **Sixth Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting on Food Security** via video conference on Thursday, 19th August 2021. The meeting was chaired by the Honourable Damien O'Connor, Minister of Agriculture, New Zealand.

During the Sixth Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting on Food Security, the APEC Ministers responsible for food security acknowledged the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the well-being and safety of all people in the APEC region and especially on food security and supply chains; and support the emphasis on responding to the immediate global health crisis and the unprecedented economic shock.

The meeting has also endorsed the Food Security Roadmap Towards 2030, which focuses on digitalisation and innovation, productivity, inclusivity and sustainability and identifies actions and targets to achieve sufficient, safe, nutritious, accessible and affordable food for all; and promotes the inclusion of MSMEs, women, youth, Indigenous communities and the elderly in the sector. The meeting also noted that the Roadmap is coherent with and will contribute to achieving the APEC Putrajaya Vision 2040.

In this regard, the APEC Ministers welcomed and encouraged the private sector's involvement in implementing the said Roadmap, and also reiterated the importance of continued engagement with other relevant international and regional organisations, including the United Nations, its specialised agencies and the World Trade Organisation.

The APEC Ministers also welcomed the forthcoming United Nations Food Systems Summit and its efforts towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and appreciated ABAC's ongoing role as Vice Chair of the Policy Partnership for Food Security (PPFS) and encouraged continued high-level dialogue between the public and private sector.

The APEC Ministers also took note on the meetings of the Policy Partnership on Food Security, the Agricultural Technical Cooperation Working Group, the High-Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology and the Ocean Fisheries Working Group.

Also present during the meeting were the Permanent Secretary, Deputy Permanent Secretary and Senior Officers from the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism, Department of Agriculture and Agrifood, and Department of Fisheries.

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