

SPEECH Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Yahya bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar, Minister of Industry and Primary Resources

ON THE OCCASION OF

PRYNSA 13

THE RIZQUN INTERNATIONAL HOTEL

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Bismillahir Rahmaanir Rahim

Mengadap Kehadapan Majlis Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah binti Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah.

Terlebih dahulu hamba Tuanku berdatang sembah bagi menyembahkan setinggi-tinggi menjunjung kasih kehadapan Majlis Tuanku kerana sudi berangkat ke Majlis Pengurniaan Anugerah 'Princess Rashidah Young Nature Scientist Award' (PRYNSA) kali ke 13 pada petang ini. Keberangkatan Tuanku menandakan keprihatinan Tuanku kepada PRYNSA khasnya dan amnya pemedulian Tuanku kepada keadaan alam sekitar dan kepentingan generasi muda.

Beribu Ampun,

Hamba Tuanku selanjutnya menjunjung sabda perkenan Tuanku bagi hamba Tuanku menyampaikan ucapan hamba Tuanku seterusnya dalam bahasa Inggeris kepada yang hadir di Majlis ini.

Your Excellencies; Pengiran-Pengiran; Pehin-Pehin; Dato-Dato; Datin-Datin; Senior Government Officers; Chief Executive Officers; parents; teachers; students; ladies and gentlemen,

Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and a very good afternoon,

As always, PRYNSA has seen a very good response by the schools and the students. Since its establishment in 1997, the development of our young student-participants has been fulfilling. Many have been successful in their studies and agreed that PRYNSA is one of the platform that gave them the confidence and ability in doing research and also create awareness to love nature and care for the environment.

I am pleased to share with you that some of the projects under PRYNSA have been recognized through regional competitions such as the Regional Centre for Education in Science and Mathematics (REACSAM) in Penang, Malaysia. PRYNSA has also been recognized by The Convention on Biodiversity, that is the CBD, as the exemplary activities involving students under its Communication, Education and Public Awareness or CEPA programme.

For these, I am thankful to the organizers, particularly the Forestry Department of the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources for bringing PRYNSA to what it is today.

Efforts to enhance PRYNSA to a more prestigious level are being considered. Brunei Darussalam needs to have her very own expertise and professionals in various fields to support the growth of the emerging opportunities provide by our biodiversity. PRYNSA with its enhanced recognition will pave the way for our young generation to realize their ambition and the country's dream to have local professionals.

As an initiative to elevate PRYNSA, a Steering Committee was established under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources. Members of the Steering Committee will also include our loyal sponsors and supporters namely, the Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn. Bhd. (BSP) and the

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC); and senior officers in the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources. The members will be extended to include also relevant agencies and institutions. The Steering Committee, Insya Allah, will bring new ideas and new ways or approaches to make PRYNSA as the driver towards – "generating the excellent nation".

We hope to create more awareness amongst the youth and more participations in the years to come. PRYNSA in the future will support every stage of growth of the young generation and, Insya Allah, will also lead to more advance research projects involving higher institutions.

The future projects under PRYNSA will be more focused and related to the projects identified in the Project Implementation Framework or the PIF of the Heart of Borneo and other related areas. The purpose is to provide linkages and to make the projects more applicable.

We are very confident, Insya Allah, with the support of our Royal Patron, Her Royal Highness, Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah, PRYNSA in future will be more successful and we are indeed very honored for Her Royal Highness's patronage and continuous support.

Before I conclude, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our generous donors and supporters BSP and HSBC. Your contributions have brought us a long way towards the attainment of PRYNSA objectives. Both have expressed their continuous commitment in providing support for the new PRYNSA. I am sure their professional advice and ideas will bring success to our new initiatives.

My appreciation to the judges who have worked hard, day and night; international partners; parents; and teachers for their patience and continuous encouragement to the students. Not forgetting the Technical and Working Committee members who have also been working hard to make this event successful.

Beribu Ampun,

Sebelum hamba Tuanku berundur diri, hamba Tuanku sekali lagi ingin menyembahkan setinggi-tinggi menjunjung kasih ke atas keberangkatan Tuanku serta keberangkatan adinda-adinda Tuanku:

Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bulqiah binti Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah; Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri 'Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah binti Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah,

Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Fadzilah Lubabul Bulqiah binti Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah,

Hamba Tuanku sudahi sembah alu-aluan ini, dengan menyembahkan banyak-banyak menjunjung ampun, jika sekiranya terdapat sorok langkah dan tutur kata yang kurang manis yang tidak disengajakan disepanjang Majlis ini diadakan.

Sekian. Wabillahi Taufik Walhidayah, Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Junjung Anugeraha.