



Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources

WELCOME REMARKS

**Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato
Seri Setia Awang Haji Yahya bin Begawan Mudim
Dato Paduka Haji Bakar,
The Minister of Industry and Primary Resources,
Brunei Darussalam
as
Chairman of The PRYNSA Steering Committee**

On the Occasion of

PRYNSA 17

**Songket Hall
Rizqun International Hotel
Gadong
Brunei Darussalam**

Wednesday, 29th April 2015

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

الحمد لله رب العالمين، وبه نستعين على أمور الدنيا والدين، والصلاة والسلام على
أشرف الأنبياء والمرسلين، سيدنا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين

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

1. Terlebih dahulu hamba Tuanku dengan rendah diri menyembahkan setinggi-tinggi menjunjung kasih kehadapan Majlis Tuanku kerana sudi berangkat ke Majlis Pengurniaan Anugerah '**Princess Rashidah Young Nature Scientist Award**' yakni PRYNESA kali ke 17 pada petang ini. Keberangkatan Tuanku adalah abis hamba Tuanku amat alu-alukan dan nanti-nantikan kerana ia merupakan peluang keemasan bagi Kementerian Perindustrian dan Sumber-Sumber Utama

untuk mengetengahkan dan menekankan betapa pentingnya alam sekitar Negara ini sentiasa dipelihara demi kesejahteraan rakyat dan penduduk Negara Brunei Darussalam serta betapa pentingnya penglibatan generasi muda dalam usaha-usaha memelihara alam sekitar itu.

2. Beribu ampun, izinkan hamba Tuanku menyampaikan ucapan hamba Tuanku ini seterusnya kepada para hadirin dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Your Royal Highnesses;

Excellencies;

Distinguished Guests;

Teachers;

Students;

Friends;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

**Assalamualaikum Warrahmatullahi Ta'ala
Wabarakatuh and a very good afternoon**

3. On behalf of the PRYNSA Steering Committee and the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources, I am proud to welcome you all to the Awarding Ceremony of the 17th Princess Rashidah Young Nature Scientist Award.

4. We are pleased and highly honoured with the presence of our Royal Patron, Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah in this PRYNSA awarding ceremony. The presence of Her Royal Highness are the inspiration and motivation for the organizers, teachers, students, and parents to pursue their respective roles in PRYNSA and elevate it to the next level and at the same time, be responsive to the current environment issues and concerns.

5. For the past seventeen years of implementation, PRYNSA has become a prestigious awareness programme that developed individual capacities of our youth towards nature and the application of scientific methodologies. PRYNSA has contributed to the raising of the mind-set of our young generation towards a deeper understanding of our biological diversity - our forest ecosystem and natural environment. Every year, our student participants never cease to amaze us with their creativity and critical thinking from formulating their research proposals, project implementation, up to the arrival of their conclusion and recommendations.

6. It is of national interest to explore the economic potentials of our natural resources in a non-destructive way and provide significant contributions to our growing economy through discoveries and environmental services. As such, we had opened our pristine forests and natural environment as one of the

global research destination. Likewise, we intend to boost our local capabilities in conducting more specific research activities.

7. Our research theme for PRYNSA 17: “**Island Biodiversity**” is very appropriate in our local setting. Brunei Darussalam is part of Borneo Island which is amongst the most biologically diverse tropical ecosystem in the world. Within the Island of Borneo itself, our country is an island of rich biological diversity due to our unique and pristine ecosystems.

8. On the natural resource management side, the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources will continue to implement conservation policies to safeguard our forests and its biodiversity while promoting sustainable development. It is very important for us to be consistent and firm in our conservation efforts that we do not allow exploitation and misuse of our natural resources.

You Royal Highnesses,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen,

9. We appreciate your presence and continuing support to this undertaking. We are happy to witness the growing number of attendance in this prestigious award as well as the increasing environmental awareness that PRYNSA is creating among our students, teachers, professionals, and our society, as a whole. We also appreciate the increasing assistance from our loyal donour in supporting the successful implementation of PRYNSA despite the new economic challenges. We assure you that your contributions will always be a legacy as far as PRYNSA and environmental awareness initiatives in this country is concerned.

10. In a few moments, we will witness the presentation of the results of the year-long studies and hard work of our five PRYNOSA finalists. It is always very rewarding to see the development of our youth in the field of forestry and natural environment researches. I am positive that every step that they made in PRYNOSA has created a sense of curiosity that would guide them in pursuing their personal and professional dreams. In parallel development, every youth that we developed contributes to the human capacity building initiatives of our Government in order to excel in natural resources management and development.

11. The findings and recommendations of our PRYNOSA studies, no matter how simple or complicated they maybe, are significant inputs in our recent and continuing strategies and programmes on biodiversity management. Their findings are useful starting points for further researches and policy development in

strengthening our conservation and development strategies. The recommendations provided by their studies are important inputs in our aggressive actions in natural resources economic diversifications. And lastly, their researches can be an instrument in fulfilling our commitments to the **Convention of Biological Diversity 2020 Aichi Targets** particularly - **Strategic Goal E** on enhancing biodiversity management implementation through participatory planning, knowledge management and capacity building.

12. As a whole, PRYNSA is not just a youth programme for forest and environmental awareness after all. It is also an avenue that provides exposure to our young and talented students to think outside the box. In the process, they learn new things, new experiences, and new methodologies in the scientific world. And towards the end, they develop their attitudes in responding to challenges and opportunities

in life as a student, as a professional, and as an important member of our society.

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Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen,

13. To conclude, let me once again take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to Your Royal Highness for your untiring support to PRYNOSA and for gracing this afternoon's awarding ceremony.

14. Our warm appreciations are also extended to our generous donour, Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd. Your contributions have brought us a long way towards the attainment of PRYNOSA objectives. We are hoping that you will continue providing your assistance to PRYNOSA including the planned extension of PRYNOSA coverage in the future.

15. Special thanks are also given to our friends from the international communities. You have been showing your unselfish support in witnessing PRYNSA for the past years. We hope that this activity will form part of your interesting stay here in Brunei Darussalam.

16. To the parents, teachers and students, this awarding ceremony is all yours. We thank you for your cooperation and good performance during the PRYNSA implementation.

17. And to all the people who have been working behind the scene, our panel of judges, our organizing and working committees, and to all those who performed their respective roles and responsibilities to realize the successful implementation of PRYNSA 17, thank you very much.

18. Beribu Ampun, sebelum hamba Tuanku berundur diri, sekali lagi hamba Tuanku menyembahkan setinggi-tinggi menjunjung kasih ke atas keberangkatan Tuanku ke Majlis ini.

Hamba Tuanku juga ingin menyembahkan menjunjung kasih keatas keberangkatan adinda-adinda Tuanku,

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

Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Puteri Hajah Hafizah Sururul Bolkiah binti Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah,

ke Majlis ini. Abis hamba Tuanku berdoa semoga keberangkatan Tuanku dan Kerabat Diraja akan mendapat ganjaran dari Allah Subhannallah Wa Ta'ala jua.

Sekian,

وبالله التوفيق والهداية
والسلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Menjunjung anugeraha.