



**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 PRYNESA Steering Committee**

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**On the Occasion of PRYNESA 16,  
Indera Samudra Grand Hall, The Empire Hotel and Country Club, Jerudong, Brunei Darussalam  
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**Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim**

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

**Assalamualaikum Warrahmatullahi Wabarakatuh**

Terlebih dahulu hamba Tuanku dengan rendah diri menyembahkan setinggi-tinggi menjunjung kasih kehadapan Majlis Tuanku kerana sudi berangkat ke Majlis Pengumiaan Anugerah '*Princess Rashidah Young Nature Scientist Award*' yakni PRYNESA kali ke 16 pada petang ini. Keberangkatan Tuanku adalah sangat-sangat dinantikan dan dialu-alukan oleh abis hamba Tuanku kerana ia menandakan keprihatinan dan sokongan berterusan Tuanku kepada PRYNESA yang mana merupakan satu anugerah yang sangat berprestij kerana ianya berkaitan dengan alam sekitar dan melibatkan generasi muda.

Beribu ampun, hamba Tuanku menjunjung sabda perkenan bagi hamba Tuanku menyampaikan ucapan hamba Tuanku ini seterusnya kepada para hadirin dalam bahasa Inggeris.

Your Royal Highness, Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkih binti Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkih Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Royal Patron of PRYNESA;

Your Excellencies;

Distinguished guests; panel of judges; teachers; students; friends; ladies and gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum Warramattullahi Wabarakatuh and a very good afternoon to all of you.

1. First and foremost, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkih, for being with us this afternoon and to grace the awarding ceremony of PRYNESA 16. It is always an honour and pleasure to have Your Royal Highness here with us in this awarding ceremony. Your continuous support to PRYNESA has always encouraged us to perform well in every year of PRYNESA implementation. Your presence as well as your Royal Patronage has greatly elevated PRYNESA and highlighted the need to protect our environment and ecology.

2. Your presence also underline the commitment of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Brunei Darussalam to take proper care of our environment as a way to attain a high quality of life for our people. It also underlines the country's commitment to preserve Brunei Darussalam as the world's most extensively protected tropical rainforest area.

3. In this connection, the private sector, the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and the general public are also strongly urged to play a role in ensuring the environment is protected.

4. On the role of the public, we recognize that there are still a lot of areas to be looked into especially in **ACCULTURATION OF THE LOVE AND APPRECIATING NATURE** into the general public (pembudayaan mencintai dan menghargai alam semula jadi).

5. The journey to this acculturation is long and hard. The fundamental steps in the acculturation of the love and appreciating nature into the general public is through young minds such as students and the youth that gather here today. I am proud to state that PRYNESA is such a platform to expose and to appreciate nature for the young generation. We do hope that the interest grew with them.

6. More importantly, the process would require that academic syllabuses are relevant to the local environment. Biological names like bog or heath or fen forest would be irrelevant if a similar forest here are recognized as kerapah or kerangas or peat swamp forest. Similarly, birds unique to our area such as the hornbills and broadbills should be introduced in the syllabus; Rhizanthus which are common in our forest to be used as examples rather than Rafflesia which are not common here; mammals such as bay cats, flat-headed cats and clouded leopard cats which are found here to replace as examples of mammals not found here such as tigers, lions and elephants. The list is long.

7. Furthermore, it must also be relevant to the current time. Morphological analysis through picture images and dead or alive specie samples are no longer sufficient. Nowadays species samples are better supplemented and documented through molecular analysis such as gene mapping through DNA sequencing in any basic biological research. We hope to see pioneering submissions by future PRYNOSA participants in the use of latest technologies and processes.

8. Lastly but not mean least, I would like to congratulate our five PRYNOSA 16 finalists for a very job well done. I hope that all of you have enjoyed and learned the processes in your choice field of studies. May your experience in PRYNOSA widen your knowledge and further your attitudes in responding challenges and opportunities in life as a student, as a young scientist and as an important member of Brunei society. To our incoming PRYNOSA participants, I am inviting you to accept the challenge and give your best in you proposed studies. Do not limit yourselves with theories from the books you've read, but apply those theories in the field where real lives are.

9. I would like to express our warm appreciations are also extended to our generous sponsors, the Brunei Shell Petroleum Sdn Bhd and HSBC Brunei for your continuous assistance in PRYNOSA. To the parents, teachers and students, we are happy with your cooperation and excellent performance during the PRYNOSA 16 implementation. And to those who continuously working hard behind the scene, our panel of judges, our organizing and working committees, and those who performed their assigned roles and responsibilities to realize the successful implementation of PRYNOSA 16, thank you very much.

Beribu Ampun, Sekian sahaja yang hamba Tuanku ingin sampaikan pada petang ini. Hamba Tuanku memohon ampun jika tersuruk langkah dan tersasul Bahasa dalam mengendalikan Majlis petang ini. Sekali lagi hamba Tuanku ingin menjunjung kasih atas keberangkatan Tuanku dan 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, Sultan dan Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam.

Wabillahit Taufiq Walhidayah, Wassalamualaikum Warahmatulahi Wabarakatuh.