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**BSP SCHOLARSHIP, IN-SERVICE SCHEME TO BOOST LOCAL SKILLFORCE**

In its aim to support future Bruneian scientists and engineers, Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sendirian Berhad (BSP) held a BSP Scholarship Students & In-Service Sponsorship for Year 2012 Contract Signing Ceremony with 37 new scholars, four continuing scholars and four In-Service staff, at the Indera Samudera Grand Hall, the Empire Hotel & Country Club in Jerudong.

Delivering speeches at the event were Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Singamanteri Colonel (Rtd) Dato Seri Setia (Dr) Awang Haji Mohamad Yasmin bin Haji Umar, Minister of Energy at the Energy Department at the Prime Minister’s Office and Yang Mulia Haji Kamaludin bin Haji Bungsu, BSP Human Resource Director.

The BSP Scholarship is a special scholarship scheme for post ‘A’ Level, International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) and HND school leavers. It is awarded to the very best candidates to pursue their studies locally or overseas.

Yesterday’s ceremony signifies the beginning of an exciting journey of learning and development for the scholars and BSP staff, who will embark on various programmes ranging from Higher National Diplomas (HND) and Bachelor Degrees to Masters, at Institut Teknologi Brunei as well as top universities in the United Kingdom and Australia.

The new scholars are local students from Pusat Tingkatan Enam Meragang, Maktab Sains Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan, Maktab Duli Pengiran Muda Mahkota Al-Muhtadee Billah, Sekolah Menengah Sayyidina Ali, Pusat Tingkatan Enam Katok, Sekolah Menengah Sayyidina Osman, The International School of Western Australia, and Jerudong International School.

The continuing scholars will be furthering their studies at the Masters level. Four proud BSP staff also signed their respective In-Service contracts, namely Sabarina binti Mumtazali, Asset Engineering Services’s Design Contract Technical Assistant (AES/314), Affidah binti Haji Daruis, Hydrocarbon Processing Operations’s Production Operator (POP/312), Mohammad Lutfhy bin Haji Nordin, East Operation’s Production Operator (EOP/114), and Pg Mohd Shahrin Pg Hj Mohd Jaafar, Refinery Engineering’s Integrity Inspection Engineer (REN/31).

These scholars will be studying a plethora of specialised disciplines, such as Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Geology, Mechatronics, Surveying and Mapping Science, Control & Systems Engineering, Geophysics, Physics, Materials Science and Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Petroleum Engineering, Exploration Geophysics, Advanced Process Engineering and more.

Additionally, four other current BSP scholars have also achieved First Class Honours in their respective Bachelor Degree and Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering, Systems Engineering and Systems & Control Engineering.

Upon course completion, all the scholars are expected to support BSP and Brunei Darussalam in its energy efforts through various stimulating careers in the Company, for example, as a Seismologist, Geoscientist, Geophysicist, Petrophysicist, Reservoir Engineer, Well Engineer, Design Engineer, Project Engineer and more.
To explore the exciting opportunities with BSP’s scholarship scheme, interested students may visit BSP’s Jobs and Careers page at www.bsp.com.bn today.

Apart from the BSP Scholarship and In-Service programme, BSP has also supported other well-known educational programmes such as the Petroleum Engineering and Chemical Engineering Courses in Institut Teknologi Brunei, the BSP Learning Excellence Students Scheme (BLESS) and the Brunei Environment Science and Technology (BEST) Awards.

BSP continuously supports local skills and talents to unleash their full potential in education and the workplace. Its activities contribute towards Bruneianisation as well as supports Brunei’s vision of Wawasan 2035 in order to be recognised for the accomplishments of its educated and highly skilled people, to contribute in raising the quality of life and income per capita of Negara Brunei Darussalam as one of the top nations of world.

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Notes to Editors: Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd (BSP) should be referred as BSP or Brunei Shell Petroleum for abbreviation or headline purposes. Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd’s activity is primarily for the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas from onshore and offshore fields. The Government of Brunei Darussalam and a company in the Royal Dutch Shell Group of Companies each owns a 50% stake in BSP.