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PRESTIGIOUS BSP SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO 42 STUDENTS

Brunei Shell Petroleum Co Sdn Bhd (BSP) on Tuesday, 3rd September 2013 held a Scholarship and In-Service Sponsorship Contract Signing Ceremony at the Royal Berkshire Hall in Jerudong Park Polo Club.

The Guest of Honour present was Awang Haji Suhaila bin Haji Abd Karim, the Deputy Permanent Secretary for Core Education at the Ministry of Education (MOE). Also in attendance at the ceremony were senior officials from the BSP and government.

A total of 42 esteemed students were awarded for their outstanding merit achievements in addition to the successful completion of the rigorous assessment centre set by BSP in choosing candidates.

This year, BSP has introduced more initiatives to address the industry's needs to employ individuals with the right talent, academic background and marketable communication skills to keep up with the pace of the growing industry. One of these opportunities comes with the introduction to take specific courses, aligned to the increasing demands of the company, such as Architectural Engineering. To develop interpersonal skills in students, BSP has made community service a requirement as part of the students' exposure, and to build strength of character.

In his welcoming remarks, Haji Kamaludin bin Haji Bungsu, Human Resources Director at BSP stressed that aside the importance of academic performance, equally as important was the development of the student's characters, and encouraged students to take extra-curricular activities, which will in turn expose them to work in an environment of diversity and inclusiveness. However, he reminded the students to never forget their cultural roots and to instead, use it as a competitive advantage.

BSP will also be sending Awg Idrus bin Puasa, the first mature student admission to Imperial College in London through the new 'In-Service PHD Scholarship' scheme in support of continuous learning, and continue BSP's commitment into investing in people.

The Guest of Honour in his speech touched on the productive partnership between BSP and MOE in developing the competencies of the energy industry, in contribution towards Wawasan 2035, a nation of skilled and educated Bruneians. He continued to thank BSP in its contributions towards education in Brunei and wished the students the best of luck in their endeavours.

The ceremony proceeded with award presentations for In-Sponsor Awards as well as First Class Achiever Awards by the guest of honour and ended with a motivational speech by student representative, Muhammad Ali bin Mahdan.

BSP has sent over 600 students since 1972 mainly in the engineering discipline to institutions in Brunei, UK, Australia, Germany and the USA in support of youth development and education.

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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.