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### **ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY STYLE FOR 3RD BSP-UBD GREEN DEBATE**

With this year's theme - Future of Energy, the highly anticipated BSP UBD Green Debate returns for its third time after a year hiatus.

Last Monday saw the start of the Preliminary Rounds held at The Senate Room, Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD).

The premier environmental debate competition is organised by Brunei Shell Petroleum Co. Sdn. Bhd. (BSP) in partnership with UBD, in their continuing efforts commitment to the environment, community development and ultimately the national Vision of 2035.

Present at the event were Yang Mulia Lt Col (R) Hj Amir Hamzah Hj Hanafi, Head of Communications and External Affairs (CEA) from BSP and co-chair of the BSP UBD Green Debate, Yang Mulia Associate Professor Gary Jones, Programme Leader of the Borneo Research Group in the Institute of Asian Studies and co-chair of the BSP UBD Green Debate, UBD, Yang Mulia Dr Hjh Sharifah Nurul Huda Alkaff, Senior Lecturer of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences from UBD and co-chair of the BSP UBD Green Debate, judges, special debate trainers, team coaches and participating schools.

In his welcoming remarks, Yang Mulia Lt Col (R) Hj Amir Hamzah said, "This third instalment of the BSP UBD Green Debate brings about a new format of debating - The Asian Parliamentary style. The new format is now a standard format used regionally and internationally and will elevate the level of debaters in Brunei significantly. The Green Debate will also set the standard for future competitions."

Participating in this year's BSP UBD Green Debate are hosts, UBD, University defending champions, Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), Institut Teknologi Brunei (ITB), Kolej Universiti Perguruan Ugama Seri Begawan (KUPUSB), Maktab Sains Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan (MSPSBS), Pusat Tingkatan Enam Meragang (PTM), Pusat Tingkatan Enam Katok (PTEK), and Maktab Duli Pengiran Muda Al-Muhtadee Billah (MDPMAMB).

The BSP Head of CEA also wished the students all the best and emphasised that what they learnt and the experience gained from the training workshops will prepare them as future leaders.

This year, BSP and UBD has acquired the service of two esteemed debate trainers from Malaysia, in preparation of the Asian Parliamentary style of debating, for this year's competition as well as prepare for competitions to come.

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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.