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BSJV COMPANIES AND BGC HOLD BEACH CLEANING CAMPAIGN

SOME 600 people attended the Brunei Shell Joint Ventures (BSJV) and Brunei Gas Carriers Sdn Bhd (BGC) Beach Cleaning Campaign in the Belait and Brunei Muara Districts today.

The clean-up was held concurrently along the beaches at the Billionth Barrel Monument and Lumut in the Belait District as well as Jerudong in the Brunei-Muara District. The event was jointly organized by Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd (BSP), Brunei LNG, Brunei Shell Marketing (BSM), Brunei Shell Tankers (BST) and Brunei Gas Carriers Sdn Bhd (BGC) to celebrate 85 years of Shell in Brunei. It was also held to commemorate the International Coastal Cleanup 2014 (ICC 2014) under the theme "Turning the Tide on Trash".

Attending the event at the three locations were staff from the BSJV companies and BGC as well as volunteers, which comprised of students from the two districts, members from local communities, business partners and youths from various associations.

Besides promoting environmental conservation, the event also helped cultivate the spirit of volunteerism and 'gotong royong' (mutual cooperation) among staff, youth and members in the local communities. A large presence of the younger generation further demonstrated the increasing environmental consciousness in Brunei.

The BSJV companies and BGC are keen supporters of Brunei Darussalam's efforts to promote environmental sustainability. This has been demonstrated through a number of collaborations the BSJV companies have with the Government and private agencies in various key projects.

One of the collaborations BSP is currently working on is with Wetlands International, to protect and restore wetland areas of high biodiversity value in the lower Belait valley. This entails the creation of a Biodiversity Action Plan that will contain a set of future actions that will lead to the conservation or enhancement of biodiversity of the area. This Biodiversity Action Plan is also in line with the Belait District's Plan and the Heart of Borneo initiative, of which BSP is a strong supporter.

Brunei LNG on the other hand is currently active in embarking on a restoration project, particularly focusing on Peatland preservation and management as part of its commitment to support the Heart of Borneo initiative. With official endorsement from the Brunei Government, Brunei LNG has blocked the Lumut canal at the East of the Badas peat dome to help raise water levels in degraded peatlands to address and minimize the risks of fire hazards and flooding linked to the degradation of peatlands. This not only benefits Brunei LNG from a reduced risk of fire exposure of its assets, but also in minimizing potential negative environmental impacts towards its fence line community from haze exposure due to the fires.

Today's event was also organized in support of the world's largest single day volunteer effort to clean up our earth's beaches, lakes and rivers, International Coastal Cleanup 2014 (ICC 2014), which is coordinated by Ocean Conservancy. The ICC 2014 is a worldwide event initiated by Ocean Conservancy in 1986, marking this year as its 29th anniversary. It is celebrated on the third Saturday of September each year with the aim to engage citizens to remove trash and debris from beaches and waterways all around the world, identify the sources and change behavioural patterns that contribute to pollution.

Ocean trash or litters compromises the health of humans, wildlife, and the economies that depend on a healthy ocean. Keeping our ocean free from trash is one of the easiest ways to make the ocean more resilient. From creating less trash to using proper trash disposal, everyone can help keep our ocean clean and free of debris.

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