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BRUNEI SHELL JOINT VENTURE COMPANIES AWARD SCHOLARSHIP TO 42 STUDENTS

The Brunei Shell Joint Venture Companies (BSJV) today held a contract signing ceremony for the 2015 batch of scholarship students. The event was held at the Royal Berkshire Hall, Royal Brunei Polo and Riding Club, Jerudong.

Present at the event to witness the ceremony was Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Singamanteri Col (R) Dato Seri Setia (Dr) Awang Haji Mohammad Yasmin bin Haji Umar, Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office. Also present was Haji Kamaluddin bin Haji Bungsu, Deputy Managing Director of Brunei Shell Petroleum Co Sdn Bhd, Senior Government Officials as well as parents and guardians of the students.

A total of 42 students will be embarking on their undergraduate course, with disciplines ranging from engineering to science. Meanwhile, two BSJV scholars will be continuing their studies and undertaking post graduate programme in their respective vocation. The students have undergone a rigorous assessment process to ensure they meet the company's criteria and subsequently identified as best in class amongst their peers. The event also recognised six BSJV scholars who successfully completed their degree programme with First Class Honours.

In his welcoming remarks, Haji Kamaluddin said that the BSJV scholarship programme started over 30 years ago. He added that the programme is an important and big investment for the company. Amidst the business environment of declining oil prices and global economic downturn, the company believes that the best way to secure Brunei's future is by investing in bright young minds as they are the most valuable asset to both the country and the company.

"By investing in youths like yourself today, we hope to answer His Majesty's call to bolster the economy and give locals the opportunity to become workers and leaders. Only by developing transformational leaders can we create and discover new economic opportunities to generate revenue and new jobs to tackle unemployment, all in support of Wawasan Brunei 2035" added the Deputy Managing Director, referencing the Titah of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at the opening of the 11th Legislative Council session, in March this year.

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"Always remember why you are a BSJV scholar. You are chosen today for your academic qualifications and personal qualities. You are chosen to be the engineers, scientists and leaders of Brunei's tomorrow. Always remember that Brunei's most valuable asset for the future is not the black gold beneath our feet, but in the hearts and minds of its people like yourselves" said Haji Kamaluddin.

Some of the students will be enrolling at the Institut Teknologi Brunei, while the rest will be enrolling in courses in Australia and The United Kingdom.

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