

## **BSJV SME EVENT 2016**

Brunei Shell Joint Venture Companies (BSJV) with the support of the Energy and Industry Department, Prime Minister's Office organized a BSJV SME Event 2016 on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 at Pusat Insani, Seria.

A one-day event was attended by some 400 Local Small Medium Entrepreneurs and the guest of honour was the Permanent Secretary (Energy) at the Energy and Industry Department, Prime Minister's Office Dato Paduka Haji Jamain bin Haji Julaihi, who was present as a representative of the Minister of Energy and Industry Pehin Datu Singamanteri Colonel (Rtd) Dato Seri Setia (Dr) Awang Haji Mohammad Yasmin bin Haji Umar.

The event theme was "Strengthening SME Development through Continuous Collaboration" with the objectives to promote productive partnerships through continuous collaboration with BSJV and government agencies as well as networking with potential business partners.

The event was aimed to enable SMEs to better survive the start-up phase by providing guidance on BSJV and government processes.

There were a total of 11 booths showcasing information on Local Business Development, Policies and Tender Opportunities, HSSE, Business Integrity and Code of Conduct, Risk and Insurance. Partners such as LiveWIRE, Energy and Industry Department at the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Planning and Development, Royal Customs and Excise Department and Department of Ports, Authority Monetary Brunei Darussalam, BIBD, Baiduri Bank and Standard Chartered Bank also participated at the booth session.

The LBD Portal was also launched to provide vendors with guidance on the contracting process; from successful registration to bidding on tender opportunities. Vendors can visit <https://www.bsp-lbd.com.bn> to access the portal.

Via the portal, vendors can also register for SME development programmes and events organized by BSJV while also having the advantage of getting more information on the LBD Framework.

At the event, there were 12 focus sessions covering 6 topics with presenters from BSJV companies, government agencies and banks representatives. The topics were HSSE, Business Risk & Insurance, Access to Financing, Islamic Entrepreneurship (Business Integrity & Good Governance), Business Opportunities for SMEs (BSJV LBD Blueprint) and SME Financial Behaviours.