

WELCOMING REMARKS
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SIGNING CEREMONY FOR COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN BSP AND DXC TECHNOLOGIES
Wednesday, 28 August 2019,
Indera Kayangan Ballroom, Empire Hotel and Country Club

Bismillahir rahmaanirohim

- Pengiran Haji Mohd Hasnan Bin Pengiran Haji Ali Hassan, Permanent Secretary (Industry), at the Ministry of Energy, Manpower and Industry,
- Mr Yves Cramazou; Managing Director, ASEAN; DXC Technology, and

Distinguished guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

Assalamualaikum, Good afternoon and salam sejahtera;

First of all, thank you for coming to this morning's signing ceremony. Today is a cause for celebration for all of us present, as we officially mark a major milestone in the evolution of Brunei's ICT landscape.

It is an honour to be here at this event and speak on behalf of Brunei Shell Petroleum Company, which Alhamdulillah, I have been proud to serve alongside my peers here for close to thirty years.

I began my career in BSP as a programmer on a mainframe. I remember those exciting as well as painful days where we had to print our codes on paper to check its accuracy – something many programmers today can't relate. Today they will have intuitive and much easier software such as python to develop their program codes against a backdrop of colourful and creative screen background and not just a black screen with green font.

Today, the signing of a commercial agreement with leading global independent end-to-end IT services company, DXC Technology, will mark the start of a partnership that will revolutionise the way we work in BSP, creating local IT experts that will form part of the global benchmark.

In our commitment towards Brunei Darussalam's success, we are looking across the horizon, to see how we can further improve our ways of workings, deploy digital solutions that are more connected yet mobile, become less analogue and more digitally available, whether offshore or in the office, all so that we have better control of our productivity, to promote faster informed decision-making capabilities based on real-time data.

We cement our commitment to contribute towards Brunei's dynamic growth, economic diversification and progressive sustainability especially in previously untapped or underserved markets,

Our drive and investment into developing the digital capability in BSP echoes the recent titah by His Majesty on inculcating technology as part of our capacity building so that we too play an active role in driving the whilst fourth industrial revolution within Brunei.

Ladies and gentlemen;

On the surface, this might seem as creating a single impact on BSP's ability to nimbly connect and assimilate technological advancements into creating better ways of working. However, true to our commitment, we are always finding ways to create a larger impact towards the community beyond our own successes.

Today's partnership will have the potential to become catalysts for other business opportunities especially in boosting the economic efforts to diversify away from oil and gas.

By creating demand for employment in an ever-evolving skillset, we will open up opportunities for the development and employment of highly-skilled Bruneian ICT professionals. This will not only create a talent pool that is competent - but also marketable, especially in a world that is becoming increasingly competitive and knowledge-based.

At the same time, these Bruneian ICT professionals will also benefit from experience and on-the-job learning as they leverage on BSP's consistent benchmarking of international best standards along with DXC technology's wealth of industry experience and knowledge.

Ladies and gentlemen,

We at BSP are humbled by every achievement and contribution that we have already made, are currently in progress to make, and will continue to make towards the success of Brunei Darussalam. As such I reiterate our commitment towards fueling Brunei's future that will be measured not only by the achievements of our current activities, but the resolute competitiveness and capabilities of our future generations.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the management and respective working teams from both BSP and DXC Technology, whom have both demonstrated a strong level of focus, collaboration and resilience in working together that will deliver a win-win for all parties involved, especially Brunei Darussalam.

We are especially proud to welcome DXC technology as our new Business Partner, and we warmly look forward to continue building a strong, collaborative partnership for decades to come.

I would like to also take this opportunity,

To thank Yang Mulia Pengiran Haji Mohd Hasnan Bin Pengiran Haji Ali Hassan, Permanent Secretary (Industry), at the Ministry of Energy, Manpower

and Industry for his kind attendance today in support of this milestone, along with the presence of everyone else present.

Thank you.