



Launching of BSP Flagship Solar PV Plant & Seria Energy Lab

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His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu-izzaddin Waddaulah the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, Chairman of Brunei Shell Joint Ventures Board of Directors.

Ministers and Deputy Ministers, Permanent Secretaries, Senior Government Officials, Colleagues, Ladies & Gentlemen.

Exactly 92 years ago, Brunei's first commercial oil was discovered just a few kilometers away on a field previously named Padang Berawa. This significant milestone marked the discovery of the Seria Oilfield, Asia's longest producing field, and the birth of Brunei's energy industry.

Since then, the partnership between the Government of His Majesty The Sultan of Brunei and Royal Dutch Shell has celebrated many milestones. We thrived through the country's independence, contributed to Brunei's nation-building, and continue to fuel Brunei's future until today.

And today, we celebrate another important milestone with the next chapter in our energy journey, the launching of our Flagship Solar PV Plant and the reopening of the Oil & Gas Discovery Centre as Seria Energy Lab.

Your Royal Highness,

BSP's Flagship Solar PV Plant is Brunei's second solar plant and was completed in just under seven months to install almost seven thousand state-of-the art solar panels on four hectares of land. I am proud that this is achieved by BSP's almost entirely Bruneian team in partnership with international experts.

After all that hard work, together we are excited to announce that the 3.3 Mega Watt Peak plant produced first power last week on March 30th ,2021.



The plant will offset some of the power used by the BSP Head Office by generating electricity equivalent to around 600 households per year. For the nation, this is our commitment to support the country's target of producing 100 Mega Watt peak of renewable energy by 2025.

Your Royal Highness,

To strengthen this commitment towards the future is the building we are in right now, the Seria Energy Lab.

The Seria Energy Lab is designed to cultivate today's youth into becoming tomorrow's leaders. With its five new interactive exhibitions, that we will soon have a tour of, and its all Bruneian team of proactive educators, the Seria Energy Lab will shape Brunei Darussalam's future scientists, engineers and even pilots. Using Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics or "STEM", the Seria Energy Lab captures the imagination and fuels the inspiration of visitors to be part of Brunei Darussalam's future energy journey.

Your Royal Highness,

Both investments have given us much pride and encouragement that we see so many Bruneians stepping up and building their expertise in areas of renewable energy, energy transition and STEM advocacy.

This reinforces our contribution to pursue energy diversification and decarbonization towards becoming a low-carbon nation. At the same time, I also am certain that this will help shape a more climate-resilient, environmentally-innovative Brunei Darussalam that is akin with its economic aspirations.

And we will achieve this together as we look forward to deepening our partnership for decades to come and for BSP to continue fueling Brunei's future. For now, on behalf of BSP management and staff, I would like to convey our deepest appreciation to Your Royal Highness for consenting to officiate our ceremony today.

Thank you.