

OPENING REMARKS
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- Yang Mulia, Cikgu Dayang Asmah binti Tengah, Head of Cluster 6
- Yang Mulia, Cikgu Dayang Rabizah binti Awang Haji Ibrahim, Principal of Sekolah Rendah Panaga

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning and Salam Sejahtera,

I would like to welcome Cikgu Dayang Asmah from the Ministry of Education. I would also like to thank Cikgu Dayang Rabizah and members of Sekolah Rendah Panaga for welcoming us this morning to share this very special occasion.

As I stand here today, surrounded by curious young faces, I am thinking back to my childhood of growing up in Wales. I was a curious child too. Always questioning everything around me – from the lights that kept our house bright, to the fridge that kept our food fresh and the heater that kept our home warm.

For most of us, this happens automatically. Energy is something we can easily take for granted, but did you know that more than a billion people

around the world do not have access to energy. Imagine the whole of China not having energy – no light, no heat, no fridge. This made me even more curious as to how that energy arrived in our house.

I was also a lucky child. Because for every question I had, my teachers had an answer. A famous author called Dr. Seuss once said *"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax all you need is a book!"* My teachers encouraged me to read ... to read about energy.

They taught me that for energy to flow from wall sockets, a lot of work happens on the ground or in the sea, by geologists, engineers and drillers before it arrives in the comfort of our homes. And I grew up to become a geologist – so I could be part of delivering energy to people around the world.

SO ... to celebrate our 90 years anniversary of BSP, and the generations of brave men and women – maybe your grandparents, parents or even brothers and sisters - who work in rough seas, strong winds and scorching heat here in Brunei to bring US energy, we decided to launch this **special BSP Energy Series of children's books**.

We can build on the foundation of Brunei having one of the highest literacy rates in the world of 97% - a **feat** that is the result of the proud and hardworking teachers across the Nation.

These three books follows the adventures of a group of Bruneian children who call themselves **the Science Squad**. They are on a mission ... a mission to learn about Energy helped by their feathered friend, Roo.

Together, they uncovered the journey of Energy in Brunei: the past, the present and the future.

We visit our humble beginnings of wooden rigs onshore before talking about our operations today, and how we produce energy with technologies

to help us. The third book looks to the future with renewable energies and sustainability. This is exciting, especially for YOU as students and future leaders of tomorrow.

With Energy playing such a profound role in our everyday lives we hope this Energy Series will add to the literature highlighting its importance. It is a story worth telling, it is a subject worth learning.

I am proud and honoured to share this book series today. It is a labour of love, the work of many not passionate, enthusiastic Subject Matter Experts, but also children, who contributed their insights to make the books fascinating. Although the books are targeted for 9 to 11-year olds, I know that they will be fun and educational for all age groups.

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work in putting together not one, but three books.

I would also like to extend my sincerest gratitude to MOE for giving us the opportunity to share these books, to inspire the next generation of Bruneians. I look forward to seeing them in libraries and reading corners across schools in Brunei.

I also hope that this series will help nurture interests in our young students for STEM, to facilitate the country's ambition to have diversified economies propelled by a skilled, educated workforce - supporting Wawasan 2035.

Lastly, to the teachers, Albert Einstein said that "it is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge". I hope this book will help your quest to shape the curious minds of today for the success of our tomorrow here in Brunei.

Thank you.