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## POWERING PROGRESS THROUGH DIGITAL LITERACY

The global pandemic has been a game changer for the way we work and the way we live our everyday lives. Education has also changed dramatically, with the distinctive rise of e-learning, whereby learning often takes place remotely and on digital platforms. In this uncertain environment, it's important that learning continues, and that education is accessible to all.

As part of its advocacy on powering progress towards digital literacy, Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd (BSP) contributed 100 laptops to the Ministry of Education today. These laptops are fully installed with the latest operating systems courtesy of our business partner, DXC Technology Brunei, as part of their community contribution. BSP aspires this contribution to not only benefit the students during this pandemic but also beyond and enhances the digital transformation in Brunei.

Agnete Johnsgaard-Lewis, BSP Managing Director and Shell Country Chair in Brunei in her remarks underlined, "Education is and has always been the main pillar of powering progress through the BSP's Social Investment programme. Being able to contribute to enable children stay connected will go beyond the pandemic. Today we have the opportunity to allow everybody have access to their learning. This will be the pivot of digital literacy for many children across Brunei and towards achieving Wawasan Brunei 2035 to have an educated, highly skilled and accomplished workforce."

"Alhamdulillah, we hope that this contribution can help ease the burden of the students and improve their access to learning. We wish the students the best of luck in their studies and to remain motivated and never give up even during these difficult times," said Pengiran Idris, BSP's Acting Chief Information Officer.

The handover ceremony was conducted virtually between Agnete Johnsgaard-Lewis, BSP Managing Director and Shell Country Chair in Brunei and Yang Mulia Datin Seri Paduka Dr. Hajah Romaizah binti Haji Mohd Salleh, Deputy Minister of Education. Also in attendance were Yang Mulia Dr Shamsiah Zuraini Kanchanawati Binti Haji Tajuddin, Permanent Secretary (Core Education), Yang Mulia Dr Haji Azman Bin Ahmad, Permanent Secretary (Higher Education), Yang Mulia Awang Haji



Muhammad Nazri bin Haji Muhammad Yusuf, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications (MTIC), Yang Mulia Pengiran Haji Mohd Hasnan bin Pengiran Haji Ali Hassan, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Deputy Permanent Secretaries, government officials, AITI and other contributors.

Also joining from BSP were Haji Azmi Haji Mohd Hanifah, Deputy Managing Director, Pg Idris Pg Sabtu, Acting CIO and Hj Jaafar Hj Awang Bakar, Corporate Manager.

BSP's contribution of 100 laptops is part of the MOE's Device Donation Campaign to raise 5000 devices for students. The donation is organised by the Ministry of Education (MOE), in collaboration with Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications (MTIC) and Authority for Info-communications Technology Industry (AITI) Brunei. The drive is ongoing from 30th August 2021 to 30th September 2021.

Prior to this, BSP staff through the #BSPCares initiative, have contributed 30 tablets to students in need around the Belait District, as part of the Minda Prihatin COVID-19 Support Relief: Edulink – which is led by the local youth non-government organisation (NGO) Minda Youth Movement.

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