# SPEECH

**Welcoming Remarks - Thanksgiving Prayers Event in conjunction with 95th Anniversary**
**Thursday, April 4, 2024, at the Berkshire Hall, Royal Brunei Polo and Riding Club**

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- Our Guest of Honour, Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at The Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II
- Yang Mulia Awang Haji Mohamad Azmi bin Haji Mohd Hanifah, Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office
- Yang Mulia Dayang Hajah Farida binti Dato Seri Paduka Haji Talib, Permanent Secretary (Energy) at the Prime Minister's Office
- Yang Mulia Hajah Latifah binti Haji Mahmud, Acting Permanent Secretary (Fiscal II) at the Ministry of Finance and Economy
- Senior Government officials; Fellow Managing Directors
- Distinguished guests; Ladies and Gentlemen

1. To begin, I'd like to thank our Guest of Honour and invited guests for joining us today. This event marks an important milestone for Brunei Shell Petroleum – precisely tomorrow on April 5th, we mark the 95th anniversary since commercial oil was first discovered in Seria, marking the beginning of a bountiful and rich energy history for Brunei.

2. On this occasion, I would like to share my sincerest gratitude to all who have been part of this journey, the past and the present. For almost a century, BSP has been privileged to play a significant role in contributing to the country's growth and development – deep in my heart, I am grateful for our people, our partners, and our board of directors for their invaluable commitment, partnership, and guidance.

3. BSP has been a company of many achievements and technological firsts, driven by our most prized asset: Orang Kitani.

4. I want to reflect on some recent achievements – just in 2022 as the world recovered from the reduction in activity due to the pandemic, we celebrated our Champion field's billionth barrel production, and we also subsequently installed the Salman platform, which is currently producing and contributing to Brunei's economy.

5. In 2023, we sailed our first low-cost development project with the Egret East, which in itself carved a few firsts for the company including the first installation using a rig.

6. All this while, we have continued to strengthen and build on the foundation of the company – our Orang Kitani – and I am proud to share that last year we became the first organisation in Brunei to be recognised by the Association of Project Management.

7. Throughout our 95-year history we have never shied away from innovation and technology application – be it in drilling the renowned snake wells or utilising AI to keep people safe on rig floors. Or even applying the latest seismic technology to support exploration and development of new resources or pioneering logistics such as last year when we flew the first commercial Remotely Piloted Aerial System Beyond Visual Line of Sight to an offshore facility – the first of its kind in Asia. There are so many more examples I could share – but with almost a century of achievements, we'd be here all night.

8. It would be remiss of me if I do not also highlight some of the great work that is being done to truly sustainably power Brunei – whether it is in our-day to-day operations through reduction in our venting and flaring – or by establishing new energies sources such as solar HQ where we are further developing new value streams pioneering the first Renewable Energy Certificate trade for BSP and Brunei.

9. In essence, we have never stopped putting the company forward, while making sure to put safety at the heart of everything we do – each and every day.

Ladies and gentlemen, colleagues,

10. I want to invite you to take this time and be proud. Be proud of the talented workforce and technical experts that BSP has cultivated over the decades, which today, are made up of 90% Bruneians. Be proud of the 837 BSJV scholars we have nurtured and built to become part of Orang Kitani who have been Sustainably Powering Brunei.

11. To be proud of our contributions not only for the company, but for the people and community around it – be proud of all In-Country Value initiatives that continue to prioritise the local ecosystem, be proud of all community efforts done through our Social Investment and BSPCares programme for the betterment of our communities where we live and work.

12. Be proud of all BSP has achieved because it couldn't have been achieved without **you**.

13. It is the right moment for us all today to not only celebrate our history and achievements, but to renew our pledge of providing Energy that the world needs safely and reliably in order to progress the nation's ambition towards achieving a high-quality of life, and a dynamic and sustainable economy.

14. Recognising what we have achieved for so many decades as a company, let's continue to build on this foundation to ensure that Brunei Darussalam will prosper and thrive sustainably for generations to come.

15. Let's continue Sustainably Powering Brunei: today, tomorrow and in the future.

16. Thank you.