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**SINGAPORE AND BRUNEI DARUSSALAM FORM JOINT WORKING
GROUP TO PURSUE DEEPER COLLABORATION IN THE
AGRI- FOOD SECTOR**

1. Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security Teo Chee Hean and the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office of Brunei Darussalam, His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, jointly announced the formation of a Singapore-Brunei Joint Working Group for Agri-Food Collaboration (Joint Working Group). This announcement was made at the margins of the 7th Brunei-Singapore Young Leaders' Programme (YLP) in Brunei Darussalam.
2. Senior Minister Teo said that the formation of a Joint Working Group for Agri-Food Collaboration is a milestone in the special bilateral relationship between Brunei Darussalam and Singapore. Senior Minister noted that it will facilitate private sector collaborations in the agri-food sector to attract investments and create jobs, especially in the area of aquaculture. He added that this is a win-win partnership that will further strengthen our bilateral cooperation and bring benefits to our businesses and people.
3. Meanwhile, His Royal Highness the Crown Prince has also welcomed the initiative on the establishment of the Joint Working Group of the Republic of Singapore and Brunei Darussalam. His Royal Highness believed that through the Joint Working Group, this will provide an opportunity to reaffirm both countries' friendship and further enhance the cooperation, in which at this initial stage is on the aquaculture industry. His Royal Highness also took note that the Joint Working Group will be co-chaired by the Permanent Secretaries from the relevant Ministries of Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Singapore.
4. There are natural complementarities between Singapore and Brunei Darussalam in the agri-food sector. Brunei Darussalam has abundant land and natural resources, while Singapore has a strong eco-system of researchers, agri-tech companies and logistics players.
5. The Joint Working Group will facilitate collaboration between Singapore's and Brunei's public and private entities in areas such as investment facilitation, R&D collaboration, quality assurance and capacity building.
6. The Joint Working Group will be co-chaired by Permanent Secretary (Development) of Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry Lee Chuan Teck and Permanent Secretary of Brunei Darussalam's Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism Pengiran Haji Kamalrudzaman bin Pengiran Haji Mohd Ishak.

7. The Permanent Secretaries will report the progress of the Joint Working Group's work and recommendations to a joint Ministerial panel. The panel will include Brunei Darussalam's Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali bin Apong and Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah, as well as Singapore's Minister for Trade and Industry Chan Chun Sing and Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry and Education Chee Hong Tat.

Annex A: Photo and Caption

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Proposed caption for the following photos:

Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security Teo Chee Hean and the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office of Brunei Darussalam His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah jointly announced the formation of the Singapore-Brunei Joint Working Group for Agri-Food Collaboration, 2 October 2019.





