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THE SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD, MINISTRY OF PRIMARY RESOURCES AND TOURISM, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM AND YUAN LONGPING HIGH-TECH AGRICULTURE CO. LTD., THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY

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The signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism, Brunei Darussalam and Yuan Longping High-Tech Agriculture Co. Ltd., the People's Republic of China on the cooperation in the field of agricultural development and food security took place today at Dewan Simpung, Rimba Horticulture Business Centre, Gadong.

Signing for and on behalf of the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood was **Pengiran Haji Kamalrudzaman bin Pengiran Haji Ishak, Acting Director of Agriculture and Agrifood**. Meanwhile, signing for and on behalf of Yuan Longping High-Tech Agriculture Co. Ltd., the People's Republic of China was **Madam Zhou Dan, Vice Director of Yuan Longping High-Tech Agriculture Co. Ltd.**

Present as the Guest of Honour and witnessed the signing of the MOU was Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali bin Apong, The Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism. Also in attendance were Her Excellency Yang Jian, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam; Mr Sun Lingxiang,

representative from the Ministry of Commerce, the People's Republic of China; Dr. Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism; representative from the Department of International Trade, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade; senior officials from the departments under the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism, delegations from Yuan Longping High-Tech Agriculture Co. Ltd., as well as senior officers and officials of the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood.

The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding aims to strengthen and advance cooperation in the field of agricultural development and food security for the mutual benefit of both parties. This Memorandum of Understanding covers cooperation in promotion and demonstration of agricultural science and technology in areas such as advanced breeding, seed production and cultivation technologies with the aim of increasing Brunei Darussalam's rice, vegetables and other major crops production; cooperation in the areas of agricultural mechanization through training in the operation, maintenance and management of agricultural machinery; capacity building cooperation in agricultural areas between Brunei Darussalam and the People's Republic of China through online training courses, on the job training, study visit and transfer of technologies; collaboration on joint agricultural crop study and research including exchange of scientific and technical information; and create and promote an agricultural information service platform.

With this collaboration, it is hoped that it could improve and boost the contribution of agriculture industry to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) with the increase of agricultural production and productivity through the use of technology and skilled human resources.

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