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26TH ASEAN SECTORAL WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL TRAINING AND EXTENSION MEETING (26TH AWGATE)

*THE CENTREPOINT HOTEL,
BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
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Brunei Darussalam hosts the 26th ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Agricultural Training and Extension (26th AWGATE) from 1st to 3rd July 2019 at the Centrepoint Hotel, Gadong. The meeting was officiated by Pengiran Haji Kamalrudzaman bin Pengiran Haji Mohd Ishak, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism.

The meeting was attended by senior officials from the ASEAN Member States – Royal Embassy of Cambodia, Republic of Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Republic of The Union of Myanmar, Republic of Philippines, The Kingdom of Thailand and The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. Brunei Darussalam was represented by senior officials from Department of Agriculture and Agrifood, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism. Officials from the ASEAN Secretariat were also in attendance.

The ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Agricultural Training and Extension (AWGATE) provides a platform for ASEAN member countries to share information on agricultural development and training program, serving as an important mechanism for transfer of technologies and delivering information particularly to micro, small medium enterprises (MSMEs) and resource-poor farmers in ASEAN countries. Training and extension services on 'green' technologies, inputs, easy access to finance and higher value markets will empowered small and medium producers towards profitable enterprises, significantly strengthening socio-economy through production of better yields and sustainable use of resources, therefore enhanced their contribution towards economic development and integration of ASEAN.



The agenda of the meeting includes the discussion on the progress of the Policy Framework implementation, projects and activities related to ASEAN cooperation in agricultural training and extension. As well as discussion on considering the various proposed projects and activities to be implemented in 2020. The meeting also serves as a platform for exchange of information on the progress of the agricultural training and extension activities being implemented by the ASEAN Member States.

The meeting is expected to achieve significant outputs and fruitful contribution in building a link between ASEAN countries and extension experts, and transfer of progressive and competitive agriculture technologies.

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