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HALAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR: COSMETICS

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Radisson Hotel, Bandar Seri Begawan**

The Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources through the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood has held a half-day “Halal Science and Technology Seminar : Cosmetics” at the Radisson Hotel, in the capital on Saturday 08 Zulhijjah 1432H corresponding to 05 November 2011.

The seminar is aimed to help in increasing knowledge and awareness on the advancement of the Halal science and technology on cosmetics and applying these for the development of the Halal cosmetics in Brunei Darussalam. It also hopes to promote awareness on the recent developments in the manufacturing and handling of cosmetics and sharing of information and experiences in the field of Halal science and technology.

The guest of honour at the seminar was Yang Mulia Dayang Hajah Normah Suria Hayati binti Pehin Jawatan Dalam Seri Maharaja Dato Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Awang Mohd Jamil Al-Sufri, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources.

The speaker for the seminar is Mr. Kenji Takahashi, Deputy General Manager of R&D Department, Reinhalt Corporation, Japan. The topic of his talk is entitled “The Halal Cosmetics: An Expert’s View and Recommendations for the Brunei’s Initiatives’. He will discuss how modern science based cosmetics could become non-Halal for Muslims. For example, the use of animal collagen (protein) in the cosmetic products. He will also provide his view and recommendations for the efforts to be taken by Brunei Darussalam on Halal cosmetics.

During the seminar, questions and answers session is conducted to enable the speaker and participants to share and discuss their view on the above topic.

Among those who were present at the seminar were Yang Mulia Dayang Hajah Hasnah bte Ibrahim, Deputy Permanent Secretary Development of Primary Resources, Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources, senior government officials and senior officers from the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources, Prime Minister’s Office, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Ministry of Health, other government agencies and academic institutions in the country.