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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
MINISTRY OF PRIMARY RESOURCES AND TOURISM

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HOSTS
THE 16TH BIMP-EAGA JOINT TOURISM DEVELOPMENT (JTD) CLUSTER MEETING
30TH SEPTEMBER –1ST OCTOBER 2019, BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

30th September 2019
Kiulap Plaza Hotel, Bandar Seri Begawan

1. The Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism through Tourism Development Department is hosting the 16th BIMP-EAGA Joint Tourism Development (JTD) Cluster Meeting from 30th September till 1st October 2019 at Kiulap Plaza Hotel in Bandar Seri Begawan.
2. The 16th BIMP-EAGA Joint Tourism Development Cluster Meeting was officiated by Yang Mulia Awang Wardi bin Haji Mohammad Ali, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Tourism), Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism. Also present the Acting Director of Tourism Development Department, then served as Chairperson for the Meeting and outgoing Chairperson Ms. Myra Paz Valderrasa Abubakar from the Republic of the Philippines.
3. The Meeting discussed the progress of the implementation of 2017-2019 Rolling Pipe 1 Projects (based on 2019 Strategic Planning Meeting) in particular on tourism access and support infrastructure developed, ecotourism product development, human resource development in tourism and promote coordinated approaches to nature, culture and heritage management. The meeting also discussed on convergence initiatives that includes transport, socio-cultural and education, environment, information and communications technology, and custom immigration and quarantines.
4. Over 50 delegates comprising senior officials and officials from Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines are attending the two days meeting. Included in the programme is a tour to the Katimahar Agripark where delegates will have the opportunity to experience the activities offered including ATV adventure rides, fruit and vegetable picking and exploring the herb garden.

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