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1. The Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism, Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali bin Apong officiated the launch of the 4th Brunei December Festival (BDF) today. Present at the event were Members of the State Legislative Council (refer to attached), Foreign Dignitaries, Permanent Secretaries, Deputy Permanent Secretaries, Members of the Brunei Tourism Board, District Officers, Senior Government Officials, Strategic Partners and Event Organisers of BDF 2020.
 2. The event is organized for the fourth year by the Brunei Tourism Board through the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism, and with the cooperation of various ministries, foreign missions in Brunei, Strategic Partners and Event Organisers, with the aims to provide a variety of exciting events and activities for locals to experience and enjoy throughout the month-long school holiday season of December.
 3. At the launching event, Yang Berhormat Dato also witnessed a martial art performance that brings together 12 disciplines of martial art available in Brunei in one performance. The 12 disciplines of martial arts featured in the performance were Silat, Wushu, Karate, Taekwondo, Judo, Kendo, Kempo, Hapkido, MMA, Muay Thai, Fencing dan Archery. The special martial art performance was also recorded in the Brunei Book of Records.
 4. Yang Berhormat Dato then proceeded to tour the exhibitions which showcased the events and activities organised by participating event organisers of BDF 2020. This exhibition will give the opportunity for members of the public to know more about the festival as well as to register or purchase tickets for events and activities. Over 70 exciting events and activities have been lined up for the BDF across all four districts, ranging from Food Festival, Islamic Festival, Culture and Creative Arts, Recreation and Shopping as well as Sports and Adventure events.

5. Some of the exciting events that are lined up includes showcase of martial arts, namely Shitoryu Karate Carnival and Martial Arts Open Day, art exhibition showcase entitled, 'The Garden Rhapsodies' and a winter theme event known as Winter Wonders at Jerudong Park.
6. BDF successfully attracted 98,289 visitors in 2017 with 35 events; 173,561 visitors in 2018 with 50 events; and 200,822 visitors in 2019 with 60 events.
7. BDF 2020 also gets support from local media and social media influencers in promoting the festival via their respective platforms.
8. Members of the public is invited to visit the exhibitions from 3rd to 6th December 2020 at ground floor of Times Square Shopping Centre/Complex and first floor of Citis Square.
9. As a precautionary measure against COVID-19, all event organisers are advised to always ensure that the measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic are complied that includes conducting body temperature checks, social or physical distancing and providing hand sanitizers. Apart from that, event organisers are asked to observed at all times the level of safety, cleanliness and comfort of visitors throughout their events and activities.
10. For further information on the events visit www.bruneitourism.com/bdf2020 or www.brunei.events

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LIST OF MEMBERES OF STATE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PRESENT:

1. Yang Berhormat
Awang Haji Abd Hamid @ Haji Sabli bin Haji Arsad
Members of the Brunei Tourism Board

2. Yang Berhormat
Dayang Nik Hafimi binti Abdul Haadi