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**OIC-Stock Exchange Capacity Building Programme
Investor and Financial Community Awareness**

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1. Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam (AMBD) in cooperation with Organisation of Islamic Cooperation – The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (OIC-SESRIC) have jointly organised a training programme on Investor and Financial Community Awareness from 25 – 26 May 2015. The programme is being held at Centre of Islamic Banking, Finance and Management, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam.
 2. The closing ceremony for the training programme was held on 26 May 2015 and present during the ceremony was Yang Mulia Hajah Mahani Haji Mohsin, Executive Director of Insurance / Takaful and Capital Market Supervision, Regulatory Department of AMBD who also delivered the closing remarks.
 3. In her closing remarks, Yang Mulia Hajah Mahani highlighted the importance of building knowledge and instilling understanding in the field of capital markets which is critical in realising the benefits of having a domestic stock exchange as well as realizing the objectives for financial sector development as envisioned in Brunei Darussalam's Wawasan 2035. This is also a stepping stone to enable Brunei Darussalam to participate in the ASEAN exchanges.
 4. The objective of the 2-day training is to build the capacity of capital markets practitioners, promoting a readiness that supports the development of capital markets in the country, in particular to the Stock Exchange development. The programme consisted of 7 key topics including how the financial market and stock exchange operates, what the financial instruments are and how it works.
 5. The SESRIC was founded as a subsidiary organ of the OIC since 1977 in Ankara, Turkey. SESRIC assumes the role for technical cooperation activities and projects between the OIC countries in the specialised field of socio-economic research, statistics, and training for social and economic development.
 6. The OIC-Stock Exchange Capacity Building Programme is part of SESRIC's vocational education and training programme for the Member Countries of the OIC with the tenacity to support and enhance the opportunities for individuals in the Member Countries to develop their knowledge and skills. This will further contribute to the development and competitiveness of the economies and to facilitate the sharing of knowledge. This programme is also aimed to promote investment and financial community awareness regarding trends in the exchange industry and offer guidance to trading.

7. The seminar was attended by 33 local participants from AMBD, the Ministry of Finance and the financial industry. The seminar was delivered by an experienced speaker in the field of financial markets, derivatives and commodities, market microstructure and behavioural finance, Mr. Evren Arik, Senior Specialist in the Research and Development Department of Borsa İstanbul, Turkey.

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