



PRESS RELEASE

**HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS
PRINCE HAJI AL-MUHTADEE BILLAH, DEPUTY SULTAN
ATTEND THE FOUNDATION LAYING CEREMONY OF
THE AUTORITI MONETARI BRUNEI DARUSSALAM'S BUILDING**

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, NEGARA BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
SATURDAY, 29 JAMADILAKHIR 1439 CORRESPONDING TO 17 MARCH 2018**

1. His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Deputy Sultan, this morning attended the Foundation Laying Ceremony of the Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam's (AMBD) Building on Saturday, 29 Jamadilakhir 1439 corresponding to 17 March 2018.
2. Upon arrival at the Foundation Laying Project Site of the AMBD's Buliding in Jalan Menteri Besar, Kampung Melabau, Mukim Kianggeh, His Royal Highness was greeted by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong, Minister of Home Affairs as Deputy Chairman of AMBD's Board of Directors; Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Paduka Awang Haji Abdul Mokti bin Haji Mohd Daud, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office;. Also in attendance were Yang Berhormat Dato Paduka Awang Haji Hamzah bin Sulaiman, Minister of Education; Yang Mulia Dato Paduka Awang Ahmaddin bin Haji Abd Rahman, Acting Minister of Finance II; other members of AMBD's Board of Directors, as well as AMBD's officers and staff.
3. The Ceremony began with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah and a Doa Selamat led by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Paduka Seri Utama Dato Paduka Seri Setia Haji Awang Salim bin Haji Besar.
4. This was followed by welcoming remarks by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong, Minister of Home Affairs, as Deputy Chairman of AMBD's Board of Directors.

5. Later His Royal Highness then proceeded to officiate the Foundation Laying Ceremony of the AMBD's Building, followed by signing of the Commemorative Plaque in commemoration of the Foundation Laying Ceremony of AMBD's Building.
6. His Royal Highness then proceeded to view the exhibition illustrating milestones for the construction of the building project and then consented to joined a group photo with members of AMBD's Board of Directors.
7. Prior to departure, His Royal Highness had light refreshments.
8. The AMBD's Building Project will include the construction of the main building, the currency gallery and a multi-purpose hall. AMBD's headquarters is currently situated at the Ministry of Finance Building, Commonwealth Drive.
9. In February 2016, nine architect firms were invited to compete in designing the AMBD building, where the assessment for the competition was made based on criteria, such as Design; Creativity; Concept Sustainability; Aesthetics; and Functionality.
10. OWMP International, the appointed Leading Architect, together with several other local consultants, designed a modern classical concept of the AMBD building, with unique features symbolizing the significant role of AMBD in ensuring the stability of the country's financial system.
11. The building complex is approximately 22 thousand square meters located on a 16-acre land. Jalan Menteri Besar in Kampung Melabau, Mukim Kianggeh. The groundwork for the building site has commenced in November 2017 and the construction of the main building is expected to be completed by early 2020.

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