



## PRESS RELEASE

### THANKSGIVING PRAYER CEREMONY IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE HAJI AL-MUHTADEE BILLAH IBNI HIS MAJESTY SULTAN HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH MU'IZZADDIN WADDAULAH'S 46<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

**Masjid Suri Seri Begawan Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Damit, Kg Madang  
Wednesday, 25 Jamadilakhir 1441 corresponding to 19 Februari 2020**

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1. Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam (AMBD) held a Thanksgiving Prayer Ceremony in conjunction with the 46th Birthday of His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaullah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, in His Royal Highness' capacity as the Chairman of the AMBD Board of Directors today, 25th Jamadilakhir 1441 corresponding to 19 Februari 2020 at the Masjid Suri Seri Begawan Raja Pengiran Anak Damit, Kg Madang.
2. Present during this ceremony were 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 Setia Haji Awang Abdul Mokti bin Haji Mohd Daud, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; Yang Mulia Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Japar bin Haji Mat Dain @ Maidin, Deputy State Mufti, State Mufti's Office; other members of the AMBD Board of Directors as well as AMBD staff and officers.
3. The ceremony began with the recitation of *Surah Yassin* followed by the *Asar* prayers and *Doa Kesyukuran*.
4. AMBD, as well as the Brunei Darussalam financial sector, has seen many developments under His Royal Highness's direction, as the Chairman of AMBD's Board of Director. In particular, His Royal Highness has championed His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaullah's vision of making Brunei Darussalam one of the global Islamic Finance hubs. With His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah's guidance, Brunei Darussalam has also successfully placed itself amongst the top 10 country in the world in Islamic Finance, based on the ICD-Refinitiv Islamic Finance Development Indicator 2019.
5. Further to this, His Royal Highness has also kept a focus on the development of financial sector infrastructures. This is evident in the developments of the AMBD Credit Bureau and Collateral Registry,

which has assisted in bringing Brunei Darussalam to the top spot in the world in the Getting Credit Indicator according to The World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Report for the years 2019 and 2020. It is also under His Royal Highness's direction that AMBD is actively promoting the digitalisation of the financial sector, through the publication of the Brunei Darussalam Digital Payment Roadmap and the establishment of the AMBD Fintech Regulatory Sandbox.

**Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam**

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