



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SCAMS USING BRUNEI DARUSSALAM CENTRAL BANK NAME AND LOGO**

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1. Brunei Darussalam Central Bank (BDCB) has received information regarding a number of financial scams using the name and logo of BDCB, as well as its former name and logo of Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam (AMBD). Some members of the public have been contacted either via phone call, Short Message Service (SMS), or instant messaging applications such as WhatsApp and Telegram from individuals claiming to be from BDCB. These individuals aim to obtain personal and banking details in order to gain access to and steal from victims' accounts. Some scams may also use BDCB's name and logo to claim that there are fees or charges to be paid.
2. BDCB will never reach out to members of the public to request personal or banking details, or any money transfer, whether via phone call, SMS or instant messaging applications. Members of the public should be wary when receiving phone calls or messages from unknown numbers, whether local or international, especially if you are not expecting to be contacted. BDCB strongly advises the public to:
  - 2.1. Always be extra cautious when receiving calls or text messages from unknown numbers;
  - 2.2. Never share any personal information, especially relating to banking matters to unknown party without verification. This includes:
    - Personal identification details (e.g. identity card and/or passport number);
    - ATM, debit dan credit card details including PIN and CVC/CVV numbers; and
    - Online usernames or passwords.
  - 2.3. Never transfer or remit funds to unknown individuals/organisations/entities, locally or abroad.
3. BDCB would like to emphasise that any person who uses BDCB's name or logo without its written permission or uses a name, symbol, design or representation identical or resembles BDCB's name, symbol, design or representation with the intentions of deceiving or to cause confusion or to be likely to deceive or cause confusion, is committing an offence under Section 74A of the BDCB Order, 2010, which carries a penalty of a fine not exceeding BND20,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding seven years, or both.
4. Members of the public are advised to contact BDCB for verification by calling the BDCB hotline at 8318388 or email [info@bdcg.gov.bn](mailto:info@bdcg.gov.bn) if they believe they have received a call or texts message from scammers claiming to be from BDCB.

5. BDCB remains committed to the financial stability of Brunei Darussalam and to safeguarding Brunei Darussalam's financial system and the interests of financial consumers. BDCB will also continue to actively monitor any suspicious or unlicensed financial activities in Brunei Darussalam.

**Brunei Darussalam Central Bank**

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Brunei Darussalam Central Bank (BDCB) has four main objectives; to achieve and maintain domestic price stability; to ensure the stability of the financial system, in particular by formulating financial regulations and prudential standards; to assist in the establishment and functioning of efficient payment systems and to oversee them; and to foster and develop a sound and progressive financial services sector.