

## PRESS RELEASE

## BDCB WARNS PUBLIC OF SCAM ACTIVITIES MISUSING BRUNEI BANKNOTES

- 1. Brunei Darussalam Central Bank (BDCB) has been made aware of a financial scam activity circulating on social media.
- 2. The scam involves videos and photos displaying stacks of Brunei banknotes, accompanied by claims that viewers can expect significant "returns" by joining live sessions online. These tactics are designed to mislead the public by creating the false impression of easy and guaranteed financial gains.
- 3. BDCB reminds the public that such promises are not legitimate. No scheme can provide guaranteed money without effort, risk, or a clear explanation. Scammers often misuse images and videos of Brunei currency to create a false sense of credibility and lure people into their schemes.
- 4. BDCB strongly urges the public to:
  - i. Be wary of offers that sound "too good to be true."
  - ii. Never share personal or financial details with suspicious accounts.
  - iii. Always report scam activities to the relevant authorities.
- 5. Members of the public are advised to lodge a report immediately to the Royal Brunei Police Force at the nearest police station or call 993 if they fall victim to such illegal practices. If members of the public come across or suspect individuals/entities offering unlicensed financial services, contact the BDCB Financial Consumer Issues at +673 8380007 or email fci@bdcb.gov.bn.
- 6. BDCB, in collaboration with other relevant enforcement authorities, continuously monitors 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.