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2026 ASIA/PACIFIC GROUP ON MONEY LAUNDERING ANNUAL MEETING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FORUM

Indera Samudra Grand Hall, The Empire Brunei

Monday, 12 Safar 1448, corresponding to 27 July 2026,
to Friday, 16 Safar 1448, corresponding to 31 July 2026

1. The Ministry of Finance, in collaboration with Brunei Darussalam Central Bank (BDCB), organised the 2026 Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) Annual Meeting and Technical Assistance Forum from Monday, 27 July 2026, to Friday, 31 July 2026, at The Empire Brunei.
2. The Guest of Honour at the Welcoming Ceremony of the 2026 APG Annual Meeting that took place on Thursday, 30 July 2026 was Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister of Finance II as the Minister in charge of APG matters in Brunei Darussalam. Also in attendance were Yang Mulia Pengiran Datin Seri Paduka Hajah Zety Sufina binti Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Sani, Deputy Minister of Finance as Chairperson of the National Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism Committee, and Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Anak Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Mohammed Saifullah bin Pengiran Indera Setia Diraja Sahibul Karib Pengiran Anak Haji Idris, Deputy Commissioner of Police.
3. The ceremony formally marked Brunei Darussalam's hosting of the APG Annual Meeting and welcomed participating delegations in the presence of senior government officials. It also featured a technical seminar on Non-Conviction-Based Forfeiture highlighting Brunei Darussalam's experiences and practices in combating financial crime, delivered by senior officers from the Royal Brunei Police Force, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Narcotics Control Bureau, and Royal Customs and Excise Department, and moderated by the Attorney General's Chambers.
4. Brunei Darussalam is hosting this year's Annual Meeting and Technical Assistance Forum in its capacity as the incoming APG Rotating Co-Chair for the 2026 – 2028 term, underscoring the Sultanate's continued commitment to regional and international efforts to combat money laundering, terrorism financing, and proliferation financing.
5. The APG Annual Meeting brings together representatives from its network of 41 active member jurisdictions, 3 observer jurisdictions, and 12 observer organisations, alongside

representatives of the APG Secretariat. The meeting consists of plenary and working group sessions covering the APG's strategic direction and work programme, including technical assistance matters to effectively coordinate AML/CFT capacity building support across the region.

6. The APG is an inter-governmental technical body operating as a Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Style Regional Body, with a mission to ensure that its member jurisdictions are effectively implementing the FATF 40 Recommendations against money laundering, terrorism financing, and proliferation financing.

Ministry of Finance, in collaboration with **Brunei Darussalam Central Bank**
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