

**BRUNEI DARUSSALAM-INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-PHILIPPINES  
EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA (BIMP-EAGA)**

**3RD BIMP-EAGA SOCIO-CULTURAL AND EDUCATION (SCE) CLUSTER MEETING**

*13-14 September 2017*

*Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam*

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**1. DATE AND TIME OF MEETING**

The 3rd BIMP-EAGA Socio-Cultural and Education (SCE) Cluster Meeting will be held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Negara Brunei Darussalam from 13 to 14 September 2017. The provisional Programme of Activities appears as **Annex A**.

**2. VENUE OF MEETING**

The exact venue of the Meeting will be at **School of Aviation, IBTE Sultan Saiful Rijal Campus** located in **Jalan Berakas**, which is located just five (5) minutes away from the Brunei International Airport. *(Please refer to No. 8 – Accommodation: for the list of hotels near the meeting venue.*

**3. HOST SECRETARIAT**

- The Host Country Secretariat for this Meeting is:

**Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE)**

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- For any inquiries related to the Meeting, please contact the following Focal Persons:

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#### 4. SECRETARIAT ROOM

The Secretariat room will be set-up at the **School of Aviation, IBTE Sultan Saiful Rijal Campus** starting 12 to 14 September 2017 evening. The delegates may utilise the Secretariat room for drafting, printing and photocopying of documents, as well as Internet services.

The room will be equipped with three (3) computers with internet access; two (2) printers and one (1) photocopy machine.

#### 5. DRESS CODE

Since the meeting will be less structured, the recommended attire will be **Smart Casual**.

#### 6. REGISTRATION

- All delegations are requested to submit their completed pre-registration form to the Secretariat **on or before 7th September 2017**.

#### 7. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS

- All guests and delegates will have to go through the normal arrival and departure procedure at the airport.
- Liaison Officers in Brunei will meet and greet Head of Delegates upon arrival and before departure.

#### 8. ACCOMODATION

- Participants of the BIMP-EAGA Entrepreneurship Camp are responsible for their own accommodation. Hereunder are the list of designated hotels indicating their room rates:
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- Hotel room accommodation of all delegates will be on **pax account** and **reservation should be made directly to the hotel**.
- For reference, hereunder is the list the hotels' room rates:

	Hotel Name	Room Category	Room Rate (Php)
a	Orchid Garden Hotel Lot 31954, Kg. Anggerek Desa, Jalan Berakas, BB3713, Negara Brunei Darussalam  Tel: +673 233 5544 Fax: +673 233 5444  Email: <a href="mailto:reservation@orchidgardenbrunei.com">reservation@orchidgardenbrunei.com</a>  <a href="http://www.orchidgardenbrunei.com">www.orchidgardenbrunei.com</a>	Single Occupancy • Deluxe Room  Double Occupancy • Standard Room Deluxe Room	• BND\$110.00
	Times Hotel 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Times Square Shopping Centre, Simpang 13 – 29, Jalan Berakas,	Double Occupancy ▪ Standard Room ▪ Superior Room	▪ BND\$80.00 ▪ BND\$108.00

<p>Kampng Jaya Setia, Mukim Berakas 'A', BS 2713 Negara Brunei Darussalam</p> <p>Tel: +673 233 7878 Email: <a href="mailto:reservation@timeshotelbrunei.com">reservation@timeshotelbrunei.com</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.timeshotelbrunei.com">www.timeshotelbrunei.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deluxe Room</li> <li>▪ Executive Deluxe</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ BND\$149.00</li> <li>▪ BND\$178.00</li> </ul>
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*\*All rates are inclusive of daily breakfast*

## **9. TRANSPORTATION DETAILS**

- A designated van will be provided to the Head of Delegates.
- The most accessible mode of transportation within the city is taxi.

## **10. Important Note**

The meeting will be less structured to encourage more interactions and exchange of ideas among the participants. It is, therefore, strongly recommended for the participants to share their views, insights and recommendations on the various topics of discussion. This is to practically ensure that we cover all areas of concerns and obtain substantive results at the end of the Meeting.

## **BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

### **Brief Description**

Brunei is an independent Islamic sultanate on the northern coast of the island of Borneo in Southeast Asia. It is bounded to the north by the South China Sea and on all other sides by the East Malaysian state of Sarawak, which also divides the state into two disconnected segments of unequal sizes. The western segment is the larger of the two and contains the capital city of Bandar Seri Begawan.

**8 Must Do's in Brunei** - written by BIG Magazine

#### **1. VISIT KAMPONG AYER**

Kampung Ayer, or Water Village, is a township of multi-coloured houses built on stilts over the Brunei River. Take a boat ride through the narrow waterways between the myriad colourful houses and take a peek into the unique lifestyle of the residents there. Make sure you visit the Kampung Ayer Cultural and Tourism Gallery.

#### **2. TASTE THE LOCAL DELIGHTS**

Local sweet and savoury snacks such as tapai, wajid, pulut panggang, buahulu and penyaram can be found at the outdoor tamu markets. For a quick and cheap meal try the Nasi Katok – a simplified form of nasi lemak wrapped in brown paper – a meal that is available almost anywhere. But for a truly local gastronomic experience, go to Tarindak D'Seni at Jln Kota Batu and try the ambuyat.

#### **3. VISIT THE MOSQUES**

Islam is the state religion of Brunei and the mosques are the most prominent landmarks that portray the strong Islamic influences in the country's rich culture. Most prominent are the beautiful mosques around Brunei. Visit the magnificent Masjid Omar 'Ali Saifuddien at the heart of the city's capital, the ornate Jame' 'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah Mosque or the charming Ash-Shaliheen Mosque.

#### **4. VISIT THE ROYAL PALACE DURING HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI**

On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th day of Hari Raya Aidilfitri, the Istana Nurul Iman opens its doors to the public. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet His Majesty the Sultan of Brunei and members of the royal family, who greet every visitor during these three days, and also to take a peek inside the largest residential palace in the world.

#### **5. VISIT THE EMPIRE HOTEL & COUNTRY CLUB**

No visit to Brunei is complete without a visit to the palatial Empire Hotel & Country Club, one of Brunei's finest treasures. Have a meal at one of the restaurants, visit the private beach, play a round of golf, catch a movie, lounge by one of the swimming pools or indulge the senses at the hotel spa.

#### **6. TAKE A MANGROVE TOUR**

Hire a water taxi at the jetty in the city center and take a cruise down the mangrove-lined waterways. Watch the many birds and animals that live in the mangrove trees, including the elusive proboscis monkey – a true Bornean native!

#### **7. GO TO TEMBURONG**

Tour the pristine rainforest at the Ulu Temburong National Park – the conservation ground of our rainforests. Here you can take jungle treks, longboat rides down the river lined by mangrove swamps, or climb up 800 steps to the top of the canopy walk and enjoy a stunning panoramic view of the rainforest.

## 8. TAKE A DAY TRIP TO SERIA

Drive to Seria town - about an hour and a half drive from Bandar Seri Begawan. This is the economic heartland of Brunei, home of the nation's oil industry. To see where it all began, visit the town of Seria and watch the rows of "nodding donkeys", go to the Oil & Gas Discovery Centre, an interactive science centre showcasing exhibitions on the petroleum industry, see 'nodding donkeys' that are scattered around town and take photo at the Billionth Barrel Monument. Then drive a little further to the nearby Kuala Belait town for a meal.

(Source: Brunei Tourism: <http://bruneitourism.travel/articles.php?id=1>)

### Language

Official language is Malay Language but English is widely spoken by the community in Brunei Darussalam.

### Religion

Islam is the official religion in Brunei.

### Climate

Brunei is located in the northwestern region of the island of Borneo and therefore falls in the equatorial climatic zone. **Climate of Brunei** is therefore of the equatorial type; High temperature and heavy rainfall

Temperatures in Brunei remain high all-round the year. The average daily temperature in Brunei usually varies from 24C to 30C. Though temperatures may reach 33 to 40 degrees, the heat is moderated by the sea breeze especially in the coastal region. The hottest months are March and April. Besides having high temperature, Brunei climate is characterized by high humidity that ranges from 70% to 100%. The weather of Brunei thus remains hot throughout the year.

### Time

Standard Time is UTC/GMT + 8 hours.

### Business Hours

For Government offices in Brunei, working hours are:

Monday - Thursday & Saturday	07:45 AM – 12:15 PM 01:30 PM – 04:30 PM
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For private sectors, working hours are:

Monday – Thursday	08:00 AM – 05:00 PM
Friday	0800 – 1200 & 0200 – 0500 PM
Sat	08:00 AM – 12:00 PM

As for the business establishments, particularly shopping malls, business hours are:

Mon-Sun	10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
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## **Electricity**

Standard electrical voltage in Brunei is 220 - 240 volts. Sockets are 3 pin plugs.

## **Currency**

The unit of currency in Brunei is Brunei Dollar (B\$) in par with Singapore Dollars (SGD).

## **Credit Cards**

They are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants, and major shopping complexes.

## **Smoking**

Smoking is strictly prohibited in both air-conditioned and non-air conditioned areas implemented through city ordinance. It is also banned in specific areas, including public areas, government buildings, hospitals, recreational facilities, airport buildings, educational centers, restaurants and on public transport.