



MEDIA RELEASE
ASEAN PUBLIC TOILET STANDARD AUDITOR TRAINING
&
CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION
7TH JULY 2018 – BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN

1. Brunei Darussalam as the 'Lead Coordinator' for the ASEAN Public Toilet Standard through the Tourism Development Department, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism for the 2nd time, organized the ASEAN Public Toilet Auditor Training on the 7th July 2018 at the Horticulture Business Centre, Rimba, Gadong.
2. The ASEAN Public Toilet Standard was developed with the objective to ensure the quality, comfort, safety and proper waste management of public toilets in general at touristic destinations within the ASEAN Region.
3. A total of 10 participants including representatives from ASEAN Member States; Cambodia, Malaysia, Myanmar and Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam as well as various local government agencies attended the 1 day auditor training.
4. The main objective of the auditor training was to prepare ASEAN Member States for the upcoming ASEAN Public Toilet Award 2019 which will be held in January next year during the ASEAN Tourism Forum 2019 at Ha Long Bay, Vietnam.
5. The auditor training, covering theory and practical sessions aims to introduce the methodology and key requirements for the assessment of public toilets to be in compliance with the ASEAN Public Toilet Standard. For the practical session, participants are required to conduct public toilet audits at a shopping complex and restaurant located in in Bandar Seri Begawan.
6. Present to handover certificate of completion for the ASEAN Public Toilet Standard Auditor Training was Yang Mulia Awang Wardi bin Haji Mohammad Ali, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Tourism), Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism to a total of 10 participants from ASEAN and local government agencies. The ceremony was held at the Multipurpose Hall of the Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Complex.

7. In relation with the initiative to tackle public toilet cleanliness, The Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism in cooperation with several government agencies continue to create awareness and monitor previously graded public toilet owners/managers and work with them to continue maintaining standard level of cleanliness at their facilities.
8. Other ASEAN Standard Awards such as the 1st ASEAN Spa Services Award, ASEAN Homestay and ASEAN Community Based Tourism (CBT) Award will also be presented during the ASEAN Tourism Forum 2019 in Ha Long Bay, Vietnam.
9. Previously during the ASEAN Tourism Forum 2018, Chiang Mai, Thailand in 26th January 2018, Brunei Darussalam received awards for ASEAN Clean Tourist City Standard Award, ASEAN Green Hotel Award (received by Ulu-Ulu Resort and Radisson Hotel) and ASEAN MICE Venue Award (was awarded to Radisson Hotel, V-Plaza Hotel and The Empire Hotel and Country Club).
10. For further information on the ASEAN Tourism Standards, interested parties may visit www.tourism.gov.bn.

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