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**WELCOMING REMARKS
BUSINESS SESSION BRUNEI-CHINA YEAR OF TOURISM
2020**

**17th January 2020
Setia Pahlawan Hall
Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam**

Yang Berhormat

Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali bin Apong

Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism

Your Excellency

Mr. Zhang Xu

Deputy Minister of Culture and Tourism of the People's Republic of China,

Her Excellency

Madam Yu Hong,

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Negara Brunei Darussalam

Distinguished officials and business delegation from China, and Brunei Darussalam

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. It is indeed a great honour and privilege for me to warmly welcome The Honorable Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali bin Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism, Brunei Darussalam; and Your Excellency, Mr Zhang Xu, Deputy Minister of Culture and Tourism of the People's Republic of China and Your Excellency's distinguished delegations, both from the government and the business sectors to Brunei Darussalam and to this afternoon Business Matching Session.

2. The event today will mark the first engagement between our two sides on the platform of the Year 2020 as the Year of Tourism between Brunei Darussalam and The People's Republic of China.
3. We are happy to note that throughout this year several events will be collaborated between our sides to commemorate this special year.
4. In this regard, I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Ministry of Culture and Tourism of The People's Republic of China and the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Brunei Darussalam for their efforts in cooperating with us on all of the events.
5. We will witness the official launch of the Year 2020 as the Year of Tourism between our countries later this evening. We are honoured that the event later this evening will be graced by Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Masha binti Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Ambassador at Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
6. I wish all participants in today business matching session a fruitful session and hope that the participants can initiate meaningful networking to facilitate potential and future collaborations.
7. Finally, I once again would like to express our highest gratitude to Your Excellency Mr Zhang Xu, Deputy Minister and Culture and Tourism and delegations from the People's Republic of China for your presence today.
8. Thank you Your Excellency.