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BIBD HOLDS HAJ PREPARATION SESSION FOR EMPLOYEES UNDER SEHATI INITIATIVE

24 April 2026 - BIBD today hosted a religious talk titled “*Persediaan bagi Bakal-bakal Jemaah Haji*” in conjunction with the upcoming departure of eight BIBD employees who will be performing the Haj pilgrimage this year.

The session has been organized to provide spiritual, mental, and practical preparation for employees ahead of their journey, ensuring they are well-prepared to undertake the sacred pilgrimage.

The talk was delivered by Yang Mulia Ustaz Haji Ishkandar bin Haji Buntar, Religious Education Officer, who shared valuable insights on key considerations and the level of preparedness required of prospective haj pilgrims.

The religious talk and *doa selamat* event formed part of *BIBD’s Sehati Employee Wellbeing initiative*, supported by the BIBD Religious Committee. The initiative underscores the Bank’s steadfast commitment to nurturing the holistic wellbeing of its employees, not only their professional growth and personal welfare, but also their spiritual needs, reflecting BIBD’s dedication to fostering a workplace culture rooted in care, compassion, and faith.

As part of the session, BIBD presented tokens of appreciation to eight employees as a gesture of remembrance, support, and encouragement. This also serves to extend prayers for their journey, with hopes that their Haj will be smooth, meaningful, and accepted as Haj mabrur.

Through initiatives such as this, BIBD reaffirms its dedication to cultivating a workplace culture that is both supportive and compassionate. Guided by its commitment to being Bruneian at Heart, the Bank continues to champion holistic wellbeing, embracing not

only the professional and personal growth of its employees, but also their spiritual journey, ensuring that every individual feels valued, cared for, and empowered.

BIBD would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt wishes to all BIBD staff and the Brunei Haj pilgrims for a safe, smooth, and blessed journey. May your pilgrimage be accepted by Allah SWT, and bring you peace, fulfilment, and spiritual renewal.

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BIBD is Brunei's largest Islamic financial institution, managing assets of over B\$11 billion and serving more than 345,000 customers through 14 branches across all four districts. Headquartered in Bandar Seri Begawan, BIBD operates under the ethos of being "Bruneian at Heart", guided by the principles of Maqasid Shariah to deliver Shariah-compliant, customer-centric financial solutions.

Through the BIBD Group Sustainability Framework, the Bank is committed to driving environmental and social progress while aligning with national goals such as Brunei Vision 2035. BIBD's community-focused initiatives reinforce its role as a key partner in the nation's development and prosperity.

Since 2015, BIBD has maintained an A- (Stable) credit rating from S&P Global and holds ISO 9001:2015 and ISO22301:2019 certification. The Bank has been recognised as the Strongest Bank in Brunei by The Asian Banker (2016-2024), Best Retail Bank (2013-2022), The Banker's Bank of the Year (2023), and Global Finance's Safest Bank in Brunei (2023), among other accolades.

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