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BIBD AND BAIDURI BANK STRENGTHEN BONDS THROUGH FRIENDLY PICKLEBALL MATCH

26 October 2026 – Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam (BIBD) and Baiduri Bank recently came together for a friendly pickleball match held at PGGMB, Bandar Seri Begawan, providing employees from both institutions with an opportunity to connect, strengthening professional relationships and foster camaraderie through a healthy competition and sportsmanship.

The sporting engagement brought together 32 participants, comprising 16 representatives from each bank, in an atmosphere of friendly competition, mutual respect and sportsmanship. Beyond the matches, the event served as an informal platform for employees from both institutions to interact, build new connections and strengthen and strengthen relationships outside their daily respective professional environments.

As two established financial institutions serving Brunei Darussalam, BIBD and Baiduri Bank recognise the importance of maintaining positive industry relationships and fostering a culture of mutual understanding and respect. While operating within a competitive banking landscape, engagements such as this demonstrate how shared experiences can strengthen professional networks and contribute to a more connected financial services community.

The choice of pickleball, a sport that continues to gain popularity for its accessibility, inclusivity and social appeal, also reflected the importance of promoting active and healthy lifestyles. Throughout the event, participants displayed enthusiasm, teamwork, and good sportsmanship, reflecting values that are equally relevant in the workplace.

For BIBD, the engagement forms part of its broader commitment to employee wellbeing, meaningful stakeholder engagements and a positive organisational culture. The Bank recognises that strong institutions are built not only on professional capabilities and operational excellence, but also on the wellbeing of their people and the quality of the relationships they cultivate.

The initiative also highlights the value of a banking community grounded in professionalism, mutual respect and constructive engagement. Such relationships help to foster a positive industry environment, enabling financial institutions to continue playing their respective roles in supporting the development and long-term resilience of Brunei Darussalam's financial sector.

The match concluded on a positive note, with participants expressing appreciation for the opportunity to connect through sport and strengthen friendships across both institutions.

Through engagements such as this, BIBD remains committed to promoting a healthy and inclusive workplace culture while nurturing meaningful relationships within Brunei Darussalam's banking community, reflecting its wider commitment to unity, collaboration and shared progress.

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About BIBD:

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.

BIBD has maintained an A- (Stable) credit rating from S&P Global since 2015 and holds internationally recognised ISO certifications covering quality management, business continuity, information security, environmental management, and occupational health and safety, including ISO 9001:2015, ISO 22301:2019, ISO/IEC 27001, ISO 14001:2015, and ISO 45001:2018.

The Bank continues to receive prestigious international recognition for its leadership in Islamic banking, sustainability, wealth management, and innovation. In 2026, BIBD was named Best Islamic Financial Institution in Brunei Darussalam by Global Finance, Best Sustainable Islamic Bank by the Global Islamic Finance Awards (GIFA), and Best Bank for Islamic Wealth Management Solutions in Brunei Darussalam by the Cambridge Islamic Funds Awards (CIFA). The Bank was also recognised at the International Banker Awards with Best Innovation in Retail Banking – Brunei and Sustainable Bank of the Year – Brunei.

These achievements build upon a longstanding track record of excellence and industry leadership. Over the years, BIBD has been recognised as Strongest Bank in Brunei by The Asian Banker (2016–2024), Best Retail Bank (2013–2022), Bank of the Year by The Banker (2023), and Safest Bank in Brunei by Global Finance (2023), among numerous other accolades.

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