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SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION CLOSING CEREMONY: “EXPLORING BRUNEI DARUSSALAM’S BIODIVERSITY”

**Selapon, Temburong
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Yang Mulia Dayang Hajah Dahliana binti Haji Aliakbar, Deputy Permanent Secretary II, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism as the Guest of Honor today completed the Closing Ceremony of the Scientific Expedition held at Balai Raya Kampong Selapon, Temburong.

The Scientific Expedition with the theme of 'Exploring Brunei Darussalam’s Biodiversity' has been running for 10 days starting from 30 May to 8 June in the Batu Apoi Forest Reserve Area, Temburong

At this event, the Guest of Honor and the invitees had the opportunity to listen to the synopsis of the scientific expedition which was presented by Associate Professor Dr Rahayu Sukmaria binti Haji Sukri from the Institute for Biodiversity and Environmental Research (IBER), Universiti Brunei Darussalam, as a representative of the research groups. This scientific expedition was joined by a total of 31 participants consisting of 10 research teams representing local and international higher education institutions. Also at this event, the Guest of Honor of the event presented souvenirs to the heads of research groups for the expedition.

Part of the findings from this expedition which has involved several research projects from various disciplines will be shared through presentations during the Brunei Darussalam Conference on Biodiversity which will take place from 11 to 13 June 2024, located at the International Conference Center, Berakas.

The scientific expedition and biodiversity conference are jointly organized by the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism through the Forestry Department and the University of Brunei Darussalam (UBD) in conjunction with the Brunei Mid-Year Conference and Exhibition 2024 (Brunei MYCE 2024).

Also present at the closing ceremony of the scientific expedition were the acting Deputy Permanent Secretary I, Yang Mulia Noralinda binti Haji Ibrahim; Director of IBER, UBD, Yang Mulia Dr. Hussein bin Haji Taha; The head of Kampong Batu Apoi and the acting Head of Kampong

Selapon, Yang Mulia Awg. Haji Mumtaz bin Haji Yakub; Majlis Perundingan Kampong Selapon, Scientific Expedition Committee, senior officers, officers and staff of the Forestry Department, UBD, and also participants of the scientific expedition.

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