

## **BIBD CELEBRATES DEDICATED EMPLOYEES, REMINDED TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT BRUNEIAN AMBITIONS**

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### **For Immediate Release**

April 26, 2016 - BIBD recently held an annual dinner to appreciate and acknowledge all the hard work and contribution of the BIBD family in the past year. These efforts have culminated into milestones and achievements, earmarked by Standard & Poor's A- rating, its first ever *Riba* Symposium, chairmanship of the CAIBA (China-ASEAN Interbank Association), and the BIBD Headquarters re-launching. In 2015, the bank also managed to retain its international recognitions such as the Best Retail Bank in Brunei for the third year running (The Asian Banker), and the Best Bank in Brunei (Global Finance).

The event also saw the personal recognition of several bright BIBD talents as they have also contributed as ambassadors of BIBD and Brunei Darussalam. Dayangku Noruldiana Shim binti Pengiran Hj Hashim was commended for being conferred the Highest Achiever Award in the Islamic Financial Planner category in Kuala Lumpur. Also highlighted was Hjh Nurul Akmalina binti Hj Yahya's recent achievement in the national finals of the *Musabaqah Membaca Al-Quran* competition.

The event started with a recitation of the Doa, which was then followed by welcoming remarks by BIBD Managing Director, Mr Mubashar Khokhar, where he shared significant milestones for the Bank, which included the fourth consecutive win in 2016's Best Retail bank from The Asian Banker. "Alhamdulillah, all our efforts thus far have placed us on a solid foundation, prepared for the challenges and eager for the opportunities ahead", said Mr Mubashar. He added that BIBD's continued growth also increases its commitment to supporting Bruneian businesses through comprehensive banking solutions such as the BIBD SME 360, aligning the Bank closer towards His Majesty's vision in developing a dynamic and sustainable economy.

Mr Mubashar also highlighted BIBD's successes also allows the Bank to raise its efforts to support the community, especially through its flagship CSR initiative, the ALAF (Advocating Life-long learning for an Aspiring Future) Programme. The programme, now in its third year with more than a hundred students, aims to

bring more educational opportunities to underprivileged children, aligning BIBD further with another element of His Majesty's vision, to develop well-educated and highly-skilled Bruneians.

Mr. Mubashar summed up his remarks with encouragement and inspiration for all BIBD staff to continue working together and delivering world-class banking products and services. "Ultimately, it is up to our unified efforts to ensure that BIBD cements its position as The First Choice for all our employees, customers and stakeholders", concluded Mr. Mubashar. This was followed by presentations for Long Service Awards to employees.

The Guest of Honour at the event was Yang Berhormat Dato Paduka Awang Haji Bahrin bin Abdullah, Minister of Development and Chairman of the BIBD Board of Directors. Also in attendance was Yang Mulia Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Aziz bin Orang Kaya Maharaja Lela Haji Yussof, Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Religious Affairs and Chairman of BIBD's Shariah Advisory Body. Also present were members of the Board of Directors, members of the Shariah Advisory Body, along with some 800 BIBD personnel, and their spouses. The event was held at the Indera Samudra Grand Hall, The Empire Hotel and Country Club in Jerudong.

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**About BIBD**

BIBD is the largest financial institution in Brunei Darussalam, leading the market in terms of assets, financings, and deposits.

BIBD is headquartered in Bandar Seri Begawan with fifteen branches and the largest network of ATMs located strategically in all four districts of Brunei Darussalam.

BIBD was ranked 42nd in terms of Soundness (Capital Asset Ratio) in the top 1,000 World Banks by “The Banker” in 2014. BIBD is one of the safest banks in the world and is given an impressive credit rating of A- by Standard & Poor’s in 2015, the highest in Brunei and among the highest in the region. BIBD has been named the “Best Retail Bank in Brunei” by The Asian Banker in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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