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Weather observation manual launched

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IN COMMEMORATION of the World Meteorological Day (WMD), Brunei Darussalam Meteorological Service of the Department of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Communications officiated a work procedure manual on weather observation.

The Minister of Communications Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Hamzah Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Hj Abdullah Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Hj Bakar was invited to launch the ceremony.

The ceremony took place at The Mall, Gadong yesterday afternoon.

Also present at the ceremony was the Acting Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Communications Yang Mulia Awg Abdul Mutalib Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Setia Dato Paduka Hj Mohamad Yusof; the Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Communications Yang Mulia Awg Hj Khalid Hj Mustaffa; the Head of Brunei Darussalam Meteorological Service and the chairperson of the ceremony Yang Mulia Awg Muhammad Husaini Ali; directors and head of departments, deputy head of departments, officers and guests.

"Nowadays, it is important to have a meteorological station," said YB Pehin Dato Hj Abdullah.

"Information on the weather, climate, water and environmental conditions are important for economic activities from various industries such as agriculture, fishery, development, transportation, health and tourism. Accurate weather forecast information on the right timing is very important for these industries."

In the ceremony, the minister touched on the establishment of the Meteorological Department which will start operating on the first of April 2013.

He highlighted that the establishment of the Meteorological Department is a progressive step towards the 'Vision 2035' at which the establishment helps to support activities done by agriculture, development and transportation industry.

"The theme of this year WMD's theme, 'Watching the Weather to Protect Life and Property' mirrors the aims of the department where accurate weather forecast can help lessen lives and property lose due to weather related incidents," the minister added.

YB Pehin Dato Hj Abdullah was then invited to launch the 'Manual Prosedur Kerja (MPK) - Pencerapan Kajicuaca Jilid 1 Edisi 2013' (Work Procedure Manual - Weather Observation Vol. 1, 2013 Edition').

The book will be used as a source of reference for every staff of the meteorological department as well as a training material for newly recruited technical staff.

The guests were shown a video presentation on meteorological events and information from around the world and then proceeded to a tour of the meteorological exhibition booths.

The exhibition showcases posters and brochures as well as weather instruments and weather monitoring and processing system. Participating exhibitors consisted of the Brunei Darussalam Meteorological Service of the Department of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Communications; the National Disaster Management Centre; the Department of Environment, Parks and Recreation (JASTRE); the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood; Aeronautical Telecommunication Section and a number of companies from the private sector.

The exhibition will be opened to students and the public from 23 to 26 of March.



Meteorological instruments used by the Meteorological Service of the Department of Civil Aviation exhibited for the World Meteorological Day at The Mall Gadong.Picture:
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