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## Meteorology Department Launches New Weather Application, The Mobile Weather Crowd

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Bandar Seri Begawan: More youths in the country are expected to have careers in Meteorological Science. To meet the demand, end, the Meteorological Department needs to increase its efforts and strategies to be more pro-active in attracting qualified youths in the field. The Minister of Communications, Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Hamzah Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awg Haji Abdullah bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar spoke at the launch of World Meteorology Day 2014 yesterday.

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Yang Berhormat Pehin said as a new department, the Meteorology Department naturally needs more experts in Meteorological Science.

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At the same time, the Minister added the department should focus on fulfilling public demands and expectations in providing information on weather and climate that encompass various socio-economic activities.

Yang Berhormat Pehin said the role has to be determined inline with technological developments, best practices as well as World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) and International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards.

The Minister said he was very pleased with several efforts taken by the department, including a special weather application called the "Brunei Weather Apps" launched in November 2012. Yang Berhormat said he was informed that around seventeen thousand users have downloaded the application.

At the ceremony, Yang Berhormat Pehin launched a new weather application called "The Mobile Weather Crowd" for tablet and smartphone users using the Android system and iPhone. The app will allows the members of the public, youths in particular to share weather information by reporting weather conditions from their locations.

This year celebration carries the theme 'Weather and Climate, Involving Youths'. It highlights the importance of youths in contributing towards and driving Nation and people development in the various fields, including those related to the weather and climate.

In celebrating the World Meteorological Day 2014, the Meteorology Department has organised an exhibition on photographs and posters related to the theme of the celebrations. The Narcotic Control Bureau and the Anti-Corruption Bureau are also participating in the two-day exhibition that opens tomorrow from 10am until 4pm at the Times Square in Berakas.

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