



PRESS RELEASE

DIRECTORS' DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (DDP)

Wednesday | 28 August 2024

1. Brunei Institute of Leadership & Islamic Finance (BILIF) hosted the Directors' Development Programme on Wednesday, 28 August 2024 at Radisson Hotel Brunei.
2. Carrying the theme "Forging a Future of Impact: Board Leadership for a Sustainable Tomorrow," the programme highlights the crucial role of board leadership in fostering sustainability and driving meaningful change within the corporate world. The programme explored key topics, including adapting corporate governance to meet evolving sustainability demands, aligning board members' expertise with organisational objectives, and their visionary role in shaping strategies for long-term sustainability and societal impact.
3. The event commenced with welcoming remarks by Afero Eswandy Mohamad, Acting Chief Executive Officer of BILIF. In his remark, he emphasised the importance of addressing key challenges, such as balancing profitability with social responsibility and strengthening the role of directors as strategic innovators. The aim is to empower participants to navigate and lead effectively in today's increasingly complex business landscape.
4. The programme was followed by presentations entitled "Boards Role in Driving Sustainable Business Growth" by Mohd Radzuan Ahmad Tajuddin, Consultant, World Bank, and "Corporate Reporting Insight - IFRS Sustainability Standards" by Salleh Hassan, Director, Professional Standards & Qualifications, Securities Industry Development Corporation (SIDC), Malaysia.
5. The programme also featured a panel session on "Corporate Governance: Adapting to the Sustainability Agenda", featuring Dr Ismet Yusoff, Chief Executive Officer, Minority Shareholders Watch Group (MSWG), Malaysia; Salleh Hassan, Director, Professional Standards & Qualifications, Securities Industry Development Corporation (SIDC); Manuel Bulens, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Consumer Banking, Baiduri Bank Berhad, and moderated by Dayang Ida Nazrena binti Haji Bujang, Senior Manager, BILIF.

6. The programme also included a panel discussion on “Board Fit: Round Holes and Square Pegs” moderated by Pengiran Nina Jasmine binti PLKDR Pengiran Haji Bahrin, Senior Counsel, Legal Affairs, Brunei Darussalam Central Bank (BDCB), who was joined by Dr Ismet Yusoff; Awang Ahmad Jefri bin Abdul Rahman, Assistant Managing Director, Brunei Investment Agency; and Awang Haji Shazali bin Dato Haji Sulaiman, Independent Director, Baiduri Finance Berhad.
7. The programme concluded with a panel discussion on “Forging a Future of Impact: Board Leadership for a Sustainable Tomorrow”, featuring Mohd Radzuan Ahmad Tajuddin; Muhammad Jamil Abas Bin Abdul 'Ali @ James Chiew, Adjunct Senior Associate Professor, School of Business and Economics, Universiti Brunei Darussalam; and moderated by Angela Lew, Chief Compliance Officer, Standard Chartered Bank Brunei.
8. BILIF, as the Centre of Excellence for the finance industry in Brunei Darussalam, continues to pursue its mission to shape future leaders, experts, and innovators, particularly in the areas of Islamic finance and leadership, through immersive programmes and world-class events. For more information on BILIF, please visit the BILIF website at www.bilif.com.bn or BILIF’s Instagram @BILIF.bn.