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MEDIA STATEMENT

ON THE CURRENT SITUATION OF COVID-19

IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

14 Jamadilakhir 1442 / 28 January 2021

1. The Ministry of Health would like would like to inform the public that today, Thursday, 14 Jamadilakhir 1442H / 28 January 2021, **there are four (4) new cases** of COVID-19 infection in the country, bringing the **total number of COVID-19 cases in Brunei Darussalam to 180 cases.**

- Case 177 is a 10-month old baby who arrived in Brunei Darussalam on Royal Brunei BI4112 flight from India on 15 January 2021.
- Case 178 is a woman aged 26 years old, who is the aunt of Case 177. She also arrived in Brunei Darussalam on 15 January 2021 on Royal Brunei BI4112 flight from India.
- Case 179 is a man aged 28 years old, who arrived in Brunei Darussalam on Singapore Airlines SQ148 flight from Indonesia via Singapore on 15 January 2021.

- Case 180 is a woman aged 29 years old, who arrived in Brunei Darussalam on Singapore Airlines SQ148 flight from Dubai via Singapore on 25 January 2021.
 - All the new cases are currently being monitored and treated at the National Isolation Centre. The contact tracing for these cases are still being conducted.
2. Meanwhile, with the detection of the new cases, a total of **39 import cases** have been confirmed since the last local infection case was reported on 6 May 2020, where, Brunei Darussalam has recorded **267 days** without COVID-19 local infection case. In this regard, the Ministry of Health has found an increase in the trend of reported COVID-19 infection cases in the country, where all of the cases are imported cases. This is in line with the increase in COVID-19 cases occurring worldwide. However, the strict measures implemented so far at the borders in Brunei Darussalam, such as quarantine and laboratory tests have been able to control the infection from spreading in the country.
 3. Regarding the cases that have recovered, the Ministry of Health would like to inform that one previous case treated at the National

Isolation Center has recovered, bringing the total number of cases that has recovered to 170 people.

4. At present, a total of 7 active cases are being treated at the National Isolation Centre, where all the patients are in a stable condition.
5. Today, a total of **599 individuals** are undergoing mandatory self-isolation at the monitoring centers provided by the Government, which are individuals that have just arrived in this country after traveling from abroad. At present, a total of **12,008 individuals** have completed their mandatory self-isolation at the monitoring centers.
6. In the past 24 hours, a total of **515 samples** have been tested for the SARS-CoV-2 virus that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to **90,972 tests**.
7. The Ministry of Health would like to remind the public to practice their social responsibilities during this pandemic. In addition, the public is also advised to be equally responsible in safeguarding the safety of the people of Brunei Darussalam by ensuring that they do

not violate the regulations and directions that have been issued during the COVID-19 pandemic.

8. The Ministry of Health would also like to take this opportunity to inform the public about the direction for precautionary measures during the upcoming Chinese New Year celebrations as follows:

- Chinese New Year celebrations is held only with immediate family members.
- “Open House” events are not allowed.
- Individuals who have signs of infection or is unwell are not allowed to visit or be visited by immediate family members.
- The practice of shaking hands and hugging should be avoided; it is sufficient to signal a greeting by placing the hand on the chest, giving a smile or nodding the head as a sign of respect and greeting. Avoid making physical contact or touching others.
- Ensure the surrounding environment is hygienic and personal hygiene is maintained, especially hand hygiene.
- Practice proper coughing and sneezing etiquette at all times.

- Avoid sharing cutleries such as spoons, forks, plates and cups.
9. For further information and latest updates, members of the public can visit the official website of the Ministry of Health at **www.moh.gov.bn** or by contacting the **Health Advice Line 148** or through the **BruHealth App**.

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