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MEDIA STATEMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE COVID-19 INFECTION IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

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- 1. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that today, Friday, 28 Ramadhan 1441 / 22 May 2020, Alhamdulillah with the grace of Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'Ala, there is no new case of COVID-19 infection in the country. Therefore, the total number of COVID-19 cases in Brunei Darussalam remains at 141 cases.
- 2. Meanwhile, there are no case that has recovered from COVID-19 today, therefore the total number of cases recovered remains at 136 individuals. This brings the number of active cases still being treated at the National Isolation Center to 4 cases, where 2 are still in critical condition. However, only one of them still require heart / lung machine (ECMO) as well as respiratory assistance, and one case only requires respiratory assistance. Meanwhile, the rest are in a stable condition.

- 3. Today, all contact cases undergoing quarantine in accordance to the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204) have completed their quarantine, bringing a total of **2,679 individuals**.
- 4. In the past 24 hours, a total of 183 samples have been tested for the SARS-CoV2 virus, that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to 18,193 tests.
- 5. Furthermore, following the announcement on the *Bruhealth App* at the recent press conference, Alhamdulillah at this time a total of **188,261 individuals** have registered as users to the application. In addition to that, a total of **3,056 businesses and premises** have registered for the application. In this regard, members of the public who have not registered are encouraged to download and register to the Bruhealth App. While for restaurants that also provide takeaway services, a new feature has also been introduced where a separate QR code for takeaway customers can be created for the same premises through www.healthinfo.gov.bn/register.
- 6. It is further emphasised that public cooperation in the use of the Bruhealth application as well as scanning of the QR codes in and out of premises is necessary as it will help to ensure the safety of the public including salespeople and customers as well as facilitate the

Ministry of Health to make contact tracing in case there is an outbreak. Owners of the premises and dealers should also make sure the public scans the code before entering the premises and prevents those with red, blue or purple codes from entering their premises. Let's all remember each other for the sake of shared health.

- 7. In addition, the Ministry of Health has also received reports that some runners still do not comply with the guidelines for runners issued by the Government when handling such items as not wearing face masks, gloves, Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) such as apron, raincoat or poncho while handling goods. Please note that anyone found not following these guidelines may be subject to legal action and cancellation of their permit.
- 8. 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 or healthinfo.gov.bn

Ramadhan Mubarak. Let us intensify our ibadah as we approach the end of Ramadhan and pray to Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala that all the patients treated in the National Isolation Centre will be granted full recovery by

Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'Ala and Brunei Darussalam to be free from the COVID-19 outbreak. Aamiin Ya Rabbal Alamiin

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