

Speech of
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On the Occasion of the Signing Ceremony for Hengyi Scholarship Students
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Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. And a very Good Afternoon

All praise be to Allah Subbahanhu Wataala, salawat and salam upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu 'Alaihi Wassalam, his family, companions and faithful and honest followers till the end of time.

Mr. Fang Xinwen, Counselor, Embassy of People's Republic of China,

Mr. Chen LianCai, Chief Executive Officer, Hengyi Industries Sendirian Berhad,

Would-be recipients of Hengyi scholarships, parents and guardians,

Senior officials from the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Negara Brunei Darussalam and members of the private sector.

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Please allow me to deliver the speech prepared for this auspicious occasion by Yang Berhormat the Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office, who has also convey his deepest apology for being unable to be with us this afternoon due to another official duty overseas.

1. Thank you for this golden opportunity to be here with all of you at this very auspicious occasion. I would like to keep my speech as short as possible so that we could witness soonest possible, the signings of Hengyi scholarships for 14 well-deserving undergraduates from University of Brunei Darussalam students to continue their studies at the prestigious Zhejiang University for a period of one and a half year as part of their Bachelor of Engineering in Chemical and Process programme. We would also be honoured to witness the award of conditional offer of employments to nine students from the EICF-HNTec program.
2. First and foremost, I would like to thank Hengyi Industries Sdn. Bhd. for believing in the potentials of our Bruneian students by giving them the opportunity to spend one and half year at the prestigious Zhejiang University, one of the top five universities in China. I further lauded Hengyi's efforts in providing these students industry placement for a period of 6 months upon completing their 4-years undergraduate study and as I understand it, the opportunity to start a career with the company.
3. Expanding the oil and gas downstream sector as a strategy to adding more value to the crude oil and gas produced by our upstream sector remains one of the top priorities for the Energy Department at the Prime Minister's Office (EDPMO). This aspiration is very much in line with the vision stipulated in our Energy White Paper and Wawasan Brunei 2035, that is to implement a wide range of measures toward creating greater employment opportunities, while increasing both the standards of living as well as business opportunities.
4. I am also pleased that at the end of the program, the scholars would be offered employment with the Company. Again, this is very much in line with the call made by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Negara Brunei Darussalam in His Majesty's New Year 2014 Titah in which His Majesty stated that the business community must support the

Government's efforts by giving priority to the employment of locals, and offering salary and other benefits that are fair and reasonable. On this, I would like to ask Hengyi to continue communicating with the EDPMO, BEDB and Ministry of Education on your project's manpower and support services requirement so that we could prepare for and maximize locals and local SMEs' involvement in the project and its operations as early as possible.

5. To the well-deserving recipients of the Hengyi Scholarships, my advice to all of you is very simple. Please place premium values on this scholarship. Maximize the opportunities that arrive with it to equip yourself with as much knowledge, skills and experiences as possible through both the formal and informal avenues. Informal avenues refer to real-life learning from your day-to-day interactions with your Chinese colleagues and with the local community to which you will be a part of.
6. I also feel it would be beneficial that as much as possible, breaks from the courses to be mostly utilized for attachments in the various activities and operations conducted by Hengyi and its associated companies. Observe closely what make your future host country China, the economic might that it is today. As you yourself, we want you to return at the end of the programme a much better person and a world-class graduate ready and able to meet the challenges and demands of whatever fields that you may choose to enter into.
7. In doing so, you must not forget that you too have additional roles to play as unofficial ambassadors of Brunei Darussalam. My advise to you is simple – absorb as much knowledge as you can and carry the Malay Muslim Monarchy (MIB) culture, lifestyle and mindset with you at all times. Insya Allah, you will be able to meet your goals. We should observe our Bruneian's way of life in which we create a closely knitted community through the principle of 'beradat' and 'saling berawar galat'. Wherever we

are, this conduct will make us respected and leave a favourable impression on others.

8. And to the recipients of the Hengyi's conditional offer of employment, this offer is merely the beginning of what promised to be an interesting and bright future for you all. I urge you to use this as a strong motivation to continue to excel not only in your studies but also in future undertakings. I would like to assure you that the oil and gas industry, including the downstream sector offers many decent jobs that are accompanied by excellent progression pathways to those who are willing to work very hard.
9. To both the scholarship recipients and those of you being offered the conditional offer of employment, you must prove that you are worthy of the trust placed upon you by Hengyi. In your quest to attain excellence in your studies and future undertaking, you are not just pursuing your own dream but also those of your parents, guardians and loved ones. On this, it is equally important that you should always seek the blessings and doas of your parents and guardians – so that you would not just be successful, but your effort would also be full of barakahs. You should never forget who you are. Always remember Allah Subbahana Wataala and adhere to his Commands such as the five daily prayers. I pray that the students will always be in the protection of Allah SWT and achieve success in your studies.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

10. In conclusion, Yang Berhormat the Minister of Energy would like to express once again his thanks the Hengyi Industries for the invitation. To Hengyi, the scholars and recipients of conditional offers of employment the Minister conveyed his heartfelt congratulation, and he prays to Allah

Subbahana Wataala for the continuous success of the Hengyi Project. Amin
Ya Rabbal Alamain.

Wabillahi Taufik Walhidayah, Assalamualaikum Warahamatullahi
Wabarakatuh.