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THE 11th ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (APEC) FOOD SECURITY MINISTERIAL MEETING (FSMM)

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1. Ministers responsible for food security across the Asia-Pacific region gathered on 25th August 2026 in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, People's Republic of China for the **11th APEC Food Security Ministerial Meeting**. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Zhang Zhu, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China and attended by delegations from the APEC member economies and representatives from the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC), ASEAN, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).
2. The Brunei Darussalam delegation was led by the Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Coordinating Minister for Economic Policy; and Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, and accompanied by Yang Mulia Datin Hajah Hasnah binti Haji Ibrahim, Permanent Secretary (Economic Policies Coordination) at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and senior officers from the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.
3. Under the 2026 theme, ***“Building an Asia-Pacific Community to Prosper Together,”*** the meeting underscored a shared regional commitment to strengthen food security by advancing productive, sustainable, resilient and innovative agrifood systems, harnessing modern technologies and deepening regional cooperation. The meeting also focused on leveraging agricultural science, technological innovation, and digital transformation as key drivers to address food security challenges, enhance agricultural and rural development, and lay a stronger foundation for shared prosperity.

4. In the meeting, Brunei Darussalam reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening regional food security through productive, sustainable, resilient and innovative agrifood systems. In this regard, Yang Berhormat Dato highlighted three key priorities: strengthening food production capacity through agricultural innovation and climate-smart technologies; facilitating food trade through value-added production, improved cold-chain logistics and regional cooperation; and revitalising rural communities by promoting digital connectivity, agritourism, land development and greater youth participation in modern agriculture.
5. Yang Berhormat Dato also further emphasised that technology and innovation were essential to enhancing food security, particularly for small economies with limited arable land. Key initiatives include the application of Artificial Intelligence (A.I), automation, drones, Internet-of-Things (IoT) and solar-powered technologies in smart farming and aquaculture, as well as research into hybrid rice in collaboration with international partners.
6. Brunei Darussalam remains committed to build domestic technological capabilities, strengthening regional partnerships and translating APEC cooperation into practical solutions towards a resilient, regenerative and sustainable agrifood system.
7. At the conclusion of the Ministerial Meeting, ministers from APEC member economies adopted *the Principles for Strengthening Food Systems Resilience in the APEC Region through Innovation and Digitalization* and issued *the Joint Statement on the 11th APEC Food Security Ministerial Meeting*.

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