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COMPETITION COMMISSION OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM (CCBD)

CCBD Conducts Advocacy Session on Competition Act for Ministry of Health

17 September 2025

1. The Competition Commission of Brunei Darussalam (CCBD), through its Executive Secretariat, conducted an advocacy session titled “Competition Act: Deterring Bid-Rigging in Public Procurement” for officials of the Ministry of Health on 17 September 2025.
2. The session was attended by Yang Mulia Dr Hajah Rafidah binti Gharif, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Professional) as Acting Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Health, together with relevant officials from the Ministry.
3. During the session, officers from the Executive Secretariat of CCBD outlined the prohibition against bid-rigging under Section 11 of the Competition Act, which has been in force since January 2020. Bid-rigging, which is a form of cartel conduct, undermines fair competition in procurement processes by distorting outcomes and inflating costs, ultimately affecting the Government’s ability to achieve value for money in public spending.
4. Participants were introduced to the key features of bid-rigging arrangements, including cover bidding, bid suppression, bid rotation, and subcontracting. Case studies from the region were also shared to demonstrate the serious impact of such conduct and the importance of vigilance in detecting and preventing collusion in procurement exercises.
5. The Executive Secretariat of CCBD emphasised the critical role of government officers, particularly those involved in procurement, in safeguarding processes against collusion. By raising awareness of the Competition Act, the session aimed to equip procurement officials with the knowledge to identify



potential risks and encourage practices that promote fair competition, transparency, and accountability in public procurement.

6. This initiative forms part of CCBD's continuous efforts to advocate the benefits of competition and foster a culture of compliance in Brunei Darussalam, in support of Wawasan Brunei's 2035 goal of building a dynamic and sustainable economy.
7. For more information on the Competition Act, the public and business community may visit the CCBD website at www.ccbd.gov.bn. The CCBD can also be reached through its Executive Secretariat, at +673 2383100 or via email at exec.secretariat@ccbd.gov.bn for further enquiries.

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SIARAN MEDIA

SURUHANJAYA PERSAINGAN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM (CCBD)

CCBD Adakan Sesi Advokasi Akta Persaingan bagi Kementerian Kesihatan

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1. Suruhanjaya Persaingan Brunei Darussalam (CCBD) melalui Sekretariat Eksekutif CCBD telah mengadakan satu sesi advokasi bertajuk "*Competition Act: Deterring Bid-Rigging in Public Procurement*" bagi pegawai-pegawai di Kementerian Kesihatan pada 17 September 2025.
2. Sesi tersebut telah dihadiri oleh Yang Mulia Dr Hajah Rafidah binti Gharif, Timbalan Setiausaha Tetap (Profesional) selaku Pemangku Setiausaha Tetap di Kementerian Kesihatan, berserta pegawai-pegawai daripada Kementerian berkenaan.
3. Semasa sesi berkenaan, pegawai-pegawai daripada Sekretariat Eksekutif CCBD telah menjelaskan larangan berhubung penipuan bidaan di bawah Bab 11, Akta Persaingan, yang mula berkuatkuasa sejak Januari 2020. Penipuan bidaan atau *bid-rigging*, yang merupakan salah satu bentuk kelakuan kartel, akan menjaskan persaingan sihat dalam proses perolehan dengan memesongkan keputusan dan menaikkan kos, seterusnya menjaskan keupayaan Kerajaan untuk mencapai nilai terbaik bagi perbelanjaan awam.
4. Para peserta turut diberi pendedahan mengenai ciri-ciri utama amalan penipuan bidaan, termasuk *cover bidding*, *bid suppression*, *bid rotation*, dan penggunaan subkontrak atau *subcontracting*. Beberapa kajian kes dari rantau ini juga dikongsikan bagi menunjukkan kesan serius daripada perbuatan tersebut serta kepentingan kewaspadaan dalam mengesan dan mencegah pakatan sulit dalam proses perolehan.
5. Sekretariat Eksekutif CCBD menekankan peranan penting pegawai-pegawai Kerajaan, khususnya yang terlibat dalam perolehan, dalam melindungi proses daripada pakatan sulit. Dengan



meningkatkan kesedaran mengenai Akta Persaingan, sesi ini bertujuan untuk melengkapkan pegawai perolehan dengan pengetahuan bagi mengenalpasti risiko yang berpotensi dan menggalakkan amalan yang menyokong persaingan sihat, ketelusan, serta akauntabiliti dalam perolehan awam.

6. Untuk makluman lanjut mengenai Akta Persaingan, orang awam dan pihak perniagaan bolehlah melayari laman sesawang CCBD di www.ccbd.gov.bn. CCBD juga boleh dihubungi melalui Sekretariat Eksekutif CCBD di talian +673 2383100 atau emel exec.secretariat@ccbd.gov.bn untuk sebarang pertanyaan lanjut.

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