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**FRENCH BRUNEIAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION ECONOMIC FORUM**

Date: 7 November 2020

1. The French Bruneian Business Association (FBBA) hosted an economic forum entitled: "What's Ahead After COVID-19: A Dialogue With Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew Bin Abdullah, Minister At The Prime Minister's Office & Minister of Finance And Economy II" which was held at the Baiduri Bank Headquarters on Saturday, 7 November 2020.
2. Also present at the event were Yang Mulia Dato Seri Paduka Dr. Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy (Economy), Yang Mulia Dr. Hajah May Fa'ezah binti Haji Ahmad Ariffin, Permanent Secretary (Economy) at the Ministry of Finance and Economy (MoFE), members of various diplomatic corps and FBBA members.
3. The event began with welcoming remarks given by Mr. Nicolas Wawresky, President of FBBA and His Excellency Mr. Christian Ramage, French Ambassador & Patron of the FBBA. This was followed by an interactive dialogue session and an engaging Q&A session.
4. During the forum, apart from sharing government efforts taken during COVID-19, Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Hj. Mohd. Amin Liew bin Abdullah delivered his views on the current local economic landscape and encouraged companies to expand their current businesses by exploring new economic activities, including working closely with FDIs and potential export markets.
5. In thanking FBBA members for their contribution towards economic development, in particular, providing business opportunities to the local micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and job opportunities to local Bruneians, Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Hj. Mohd. Amin Liew bin Abdullah reiterated the need for productivity growth in all sectors and the development of a vibrant private sector as the driving force for economic growth.