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**The 6<sup>th</sup> Brunei Darussalam – People’s Republic of China Consultation Meeting on Trade Investment and Economic Cooperation (COMTIEC 6)**

**23 April 2026**

**Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam**



1. Brunei Darussalam and the People’s Republic of China reaffirmed their shared commitment to further strengthen bilateral economic and trade cooperation at the Sixth Brunei Darussalam – People’s Republic of China Consultation Meeting on Trade, Investment and Economic Cooperation (COMTIEC 6), convened at the Radisson Hotel, Bandar Seri Begawan, on 23 April 2026. The Meeting was co-chaired by Yang Mulia Dr. Hajah May Fa’ezah binti Haji Ahmad Ariffin, Permanent Secretary (Economy, Trade and Industry), Ministry of Finance and Economy of Brunei Darussalam, and His Excellency Mr. Yan Dong, Member of the CPC

Leadership Group of the Ministry of Commerce and Vice Minister of Commerce of the People's Republic of China.

2. During the Meeting, both sides reviewed and agreed to build on the positive developments of bilateral cooperation in a wide range of areas including the Belt and Road Initiative, trade and investment industrial cooperation, agriculture and agri-food, digital economy and innovation, connectivity, tourism, and other emerging sectors of mutual interest. They also welcomed the progress of key bilateral frameworks and projects including the Brunei-Guangxi Economic Corridor, Muara Port Company and Hengyi Industries.
3. People's Republic of China expressed its commitment to continue support Brunei Darussalam's economic diversification efforts, among others, by encouraging investments from China and building economic corridors that will contribute to Brunei Darussalam's competitive positioning as the regional logistics hub. Opportunities to further expand cooperation in trade and investment were also highlighted including greater access for Bruneian premium and niche products to the Chinese market, stronger participation of micro, small and medium enterprises in trade fairs like China ASEAN Expo and China International Import Expo as well as Chinese business platforms.
4. On regional and international matters, both sides reaffirmed the importance of open markets, regional integration and a rules-based, transparent and non-discriminatory multilateral trading system, with the World Trade Organization at its core. The Meeting also provided an opportunity to exchange views on cooperation under regional frameworks and initiatives, including ASEAN-China relations, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, APEC, the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, and BIMP-EAGA-China cooperation.
5. Both sides expressed confidence that the Meeting had provided useful guidance for the next phase of bilateral cooperation. Both sides further noted that the Seventh Brunei Darussalam – People's Republic of China Consultation Meeting on Trade, Investment and Economic Cooperation will be convened in the People's Republic of China at a mutually agreed date and venue.

6. Also in attendance at the Meeting were senior officials from relevant ministries, departments and agencies of Brunei Darussalam, including Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources, and Ministry of Transportation and Info-Communications.

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