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## Agricultural agreement forge between RP and Brunei



Philippine Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap and Minister Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Yahya bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar of Brunei signs the MOU on agricultural cooperation last April 27, 2009 in Brunei Darussalam.



SACY and PADCC President Marriz Agbon with Brunei officials, faculty and students of a state-run vocational school.

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Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam—Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap of the Republic of the Philippines headed to Brunei last April 25-27, 2009 to personally attend the signing ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding between Philippines' Department of Agriculture (DA) and Brunei's Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources (MIPR) that aims to strengthen and expand its relations in the field of agriculture.

Two key players in agribusiness accompanied the Secretary during the whole trip in Brunei: Executive Director of Philippine Rice Research Institute (DA-PhilRice) Ronilo A. Beronio; and President of Philippine Agricultural Development and Commercial Corporation (DA-PADCC) Marriz B. Agbon.

PhilRice offers technical assistance to Brunei in achieving the goal of becoming rice-self sufficiency. The understanding of both countries may lead to a new knowledge and advancement in the field of agriculture in which both countries will benefit. Aside from rice, the Philippines also presents a number of investment opportunities in high value crops (pineapple, banana, and mango), mariculture, corn, poultry, and Halal subsectors, DA through PADCC, presented different proposals in Halal production and rice industry.

Prior to the signing ceremony of MOU held on April 27, 2009, a rice planting activity took place with the participation of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, which is considered as a remarkable event in the history of Brunei.

The MOU aims to explore in areas of plant science, crops technology, vegetable and fruit preservation, biotechnology, postharvest technology, livestock, organic agriculture, irrigation and water resources and the Halal industry.

After the two ministers have signed the MOU, it has acquired its effectivity for the period of five years and a possible extension of another 5 years depending on the agreement of both parties.

His counterpart, His Excellency Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Yahya bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar of MIPR visited the Philippines week after the signing of MOU to inspect the technology on Basmati Rice in Central Luzon State University (CLSU) and to have an aerial viewing on Basmati technology planting for upland rice in Pangasinan.