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All National COST Chairpersons
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Members of Sub-Committees on S&T
ASEAN Secretariat

15 November 2017

Dear National COST Chairpersons,
Dear Members of Board of Advisers to COST,
Dear Members of Sub-Committees on S&T,
Dear ASEAN Secretariat,

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR BRUNEI RESEARCH COUNCIL INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH GRANT

The Brunei Research Council of Brunei Darussalam presents its sincere gratitude and compliments to Your Excellencies, and has the honour to inform that the Brunei Research Council has introduced a Research and Development (R&D) project collaboration grant scheme, called the Brunei Research Council Industrial Research Grant.

2. The Brunei Research Council is inviting R&D project proposals in the following areas:
 - a. Food Sciences and Technology
 - b. ICT and Digital Economy
 - c. Energy
 - d. Health and Biotechnology
3. The Brunei Research Council Industrial Research Grant is a 50:50 co-matching grant scheme available to both the local private sector and also international private sector entities in collaboration with a local partner comprising of either a private or public partner agency or business. 50% of the total project scheme value would be contributed by the Grant, while the other 50% would need to be contributed by the applicant. The Grant is aimed at fostering R&D activities directed at producing new products, technologies and/or services, or to improve existing products, technologies and/or services for the purpose of commercialisation.
4. This Grant is open to:
 - a. Private companies locally registered as Private Limited Companies (Sendirian Berhad)
 - b. Foreign companies in joint-venture or partnership with any of the following local entities based in Brunei Darussalam:

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- i. Local companies registered as Sendirian Berhad
 - ii. Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs)
 - iii. Research Institutions
 - iv. Government agencies
 - v. Cooperatives
 - vi. Non-profit organisations
5. The maximum grant value available for each project under the Industrial Research Grant is BND 2,000,000.00 for a maximum period of two (2) years.
6. On behalf of the Brunei Research Council, it is my great pleasure to extend this invitation to Your Excellency and all interested applicants and agencies to participate in the ongoing call for proposals for this Industrial Research Grant scheme, which will be open in February 2018 until April 2018. Submissions must be submitted via e-mail no later than 30 April 2018 to proposals@brc.gov.bn and secretariat@brc.gov.bn. Enclosed herewith are the Brunei Research Council's Grant Guidelines, including those for the Industrial Research Grant (**ANNEX 1**) for your reference.
7. Should Your Excellencies or any interested applicants require any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Brunei Research Council Secretariat as follows:
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8. I respectfully look forward to hearing from Your Excellencies and all interested applicants.
Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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As Secretary to the Brunei Research Council
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