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**SINGAPORE AND BRUNEI ADVANCE RESILIENT SUPPLY CHAINS AND NEW
GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES AT THE 2nd SINGAPORE-BRUNEI JOINT
COMMITTEE MINISTERIAL MEETING**

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1. Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations Ms Grace Fu and Brunei's Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies and Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Dato Dr Abdul Manaf Metussin, co-hosted the 2nd Singapore-Brunei Joint Committee Ministerial Meeting (JCMM) on 12 October 2026. This was the first JCMM co-chaired by Minister Fu and Dato Dr Manaf.
2. JCMM serves as a key economic platform between Singapore and Brunei Darussalam to deepen economic ties and explore new areas of cooperation, including opportunities arising from Brunei's economic diversification efforts such as food security, the green economy and tourism, and advancing shared growth amid an evolving global economic landscape.
3. At the meeting, Minister Fu and Dato Dr Manaf reaffirmed their shared commitment to strengthen supply chain resilience by maintaining open markets and ensuring the continued flow of essential goods during times of crisis. Both Ministers signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Supply Chain Resilience. The MOU will strengthen cooperation between Singapore and Brunei Darussalam to safeguard resilient supply chains. It also reaffirms both countries' commitments under the Upgraded ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) by providing greater clarity on the essential goods covered between Singapore and Brunei Darussalam. These include food, crude oil and fuel products, medical supplies, and other mutually agreed goods.
4. The Ministers further welcomed three outcomes that seeks to diversify sources of essential goods, strengthen commercial supply and distribution networks, and enhance operational preparedness for disruptions. These include:
 - a. **Approval of frozen poultry exports from Brunei.** Singapore approved frozen poultry exports from Brunei in August 2026 and continues to facilitate investments and support Brunei food exports, expanding the approved sources of poultry and contributes to the diversification of Singapore's food supply. This marks a significant milestone in our bilateral agri-food trade and reflects the close cooperation between both countries to strengthen food supply resilience.
 - b. **Signing of a manufacturing and distribution agreement between Pondok Abang and PDS Abattoir.** Singapore company Pondok Abang and Bruneian company PDS Abattoir signed a manufacturing and distribution agreement to support commercial collaboration in the food sector and facilitate the distribution of Pondok Abang's products in Brunei. The partnership will also create new market opportunities for a Singapore food manufacturer and, through the supply of Bruneian processed beef products to Singapore, contribute to the diversification and resilience of Singapore's food supply.

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- c. **Successful completion of bilateral tabletop exercise on medical-supplies preparedness.** The exercise, held on 17 August 2026, enhanced confidence in both countries' ability to facilitate the timely movement and acceptance of critical medical supplies during periods of disruption, strengthening overall health security and resilience.

5. Minister Grace Fu said, "The strong progress achieved under the JCMM demonstrates the breadth and potential of Singapore-Brunei cooperation. From growing our bilateral trade and investment to strengthening supply chain resilience, we are deepening our partnership in ways that support economic resilience, drive sustainable growth, and deliver tangible benefits for our countries and people."

6. Singapore and Brunei share longstanding ties, marked by frequent high-level exchanges and the Brunei-Singapore Currency Interchangeability Agreement. In 2025, Singapore was Brunei's fourth-largest trading partner in goods, with bilateral merchandise trade amounting to S\$2.32 billion.

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Annex A: Photo on signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Supply Chain Resilience



Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations Ms Grace Fu and Brunei's Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies and Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Dato Dr Abdul Manaf Metussin signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Supply Chain Resilience to ensure continued flow of essential goods during times of crisis.

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Annex B: Company profiles of Pondok Abang and PDS Abattoir

Pondok Abang

Pondok Abang is a Singapore-based, Muslim-owned halal food manufacturer with roots dating back to 1990. Built on a heritage of authentic Malay cuisine, the company offers a diverse range of frozen ready-to-eat meals, ready-to-cook products, sauces, meat and poultry. Serving households, supermarkets, retailers and food service businesses, Pondok Abang combines traditional recipes with modern manufacturing practices to deliver convenient, high-quality food with a strong commitment to halal integrity.

From its beginnings as a family food business, Pondok Abang has developed capabilities spanning food manufacturing, import and export, distribution and retail. Its products bring familiar Malay flavours to a wider audience, while its ABANG by Pondok Abang outlets maintain a direct connection with consumers through freshly prepared meals. This presence across multiple sales channels enables the company to serve both everyday consumers and businesses seeking reliable halal food solutions.

Building on the MOU signed in November 2024, the Mutual Exclusive Manufacturing and Distribution Agreement with PDS Abattoir marks an important milestone in Pondok Abang's regional expansion. Under the agreement, Pondok Abang will exclusively distribute selected PDS products in Singapore, while PDS will exclusively manufacture and distribute selected Pondok Abang products in Brunei Darussalam.

The partnership combines Pondok Abang's product expertise and Singapore distribution network with PDS's manufacturing capabilities and presence in Brunei Darussalam. It aims to strengthen halal food trade between the two countries, broaden consumer access to both companies' products and create opportunities for further collaboration.

PDS Abattoir

PDS Abattoir Sdn Bhd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Darussalam Assets Sdn Bhd, is Brunei Darussalam's leading integrated halal meat processing company. Operating a halal and HACCP accredited abattoir and food processing facility, PDS is dedicated to producing high-quality halal meat and value-added food products that meet stringent food safety and quality standards.

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In November 2024, PDS obtained accreditation from the Singapore Food Agency (SFA), marking a significant milestone in the company's growth and export readiness. The accreditation confirms that PDS's operations meet internationally recognised standards and strengthens its position to pursue regional market opportunities and expand its presence within the global halal food industry.

Following the MOU signing in November 2024, the signing of today's agreement marked an important milestone in this partnership. The partnership enhances halal food trade and market access between Brunei Darussalam and Singapore, enabling PDS to manufacture selected halal processed meat products for export to Singapore while securing exclusive rights to manufacture and distribute selected Pondok Abang products within Brunei Darussalam.

As a key contributor to Brunei Darussalam's food industry, PDS supports national food security, local industry development, and export growth through its commitment to innovation, operational excellence, and sustainable business practices. The company continues to enhance its capabilities and diversify its product offerings while exploring new opportunities across regional and international markets.

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