

## **Press Release**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Joint Trade Committee Meeting between India and Brunei Darussalam**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Trade Committee Meeting (JTC) between the Governments of Brunei Darussalam and India was held on Wednesday, 05 September 2018 at Brunei. The Trade Delegations at the meeting were led by Mr. Rajneesh, Joint Secretary for Foreign Trade (ASEAN) in the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and by Hajah Nor Ashikin Binti Haji Johari, Acting Permanent Secretary, Department of Trade in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade from the Bruneian side.

The meeting covered a wide range of topics of mutual interest including bilateral trade and investment, communication and information technology, energy, auto sector, agriculture and food processing (including bovine meat, marine products, milk and honey, etc.), pharmaceuticals and healthcare, tourism, textiles, construction and MSMEs. The delegates also discussed the status of bilateral agreements including on air services, information and communication technology, shipping and ports and decided to speed up the process of approvals to enable early signing of the pending agreements.

The two sides agreed to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of JTC next year in New Delhi.

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