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## INDIVIDUAL IMPLEMENTING STRATEGY OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

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- 1. National goal (for next 10 years: 2019 to 2027)
- 1-1. To create awareness on the PVP system and encourage greater breeding practice.
- 1-2. To strengthen cooperation with UPOV Members particularly in capacity building in DUS examination and developing Test Guidelines.
- 1-3. To promote greater self-sufficiency in rice production for the nation.
- 1-4 To develop local expertise in conducting DUS Examination.
- 2. Objectives with analysis of challenges (for next 3 years)
- 2-1. Challenges
- 2-1-1 Lack of awareness on importance of protection and utilisation of IP rights amongst breeders and relevant stakeholders.
- 2-1-2 Lack of technical expertise and facilities in conducting technical DUS examination.
- 2-1-3 With the shift in focus in the national agricultural policy that will now prioritise on agriculture production as a whole to increase the productivity and achieve self-sufficiency, less emphasis will be placed on R&D and development of new varieties.
- 2-1-4 Insufficient public-private partnership to facilitate greater breeding activities and development of new breeding technology.

2-2. Objectives

2019

National relations objectives:

- 2-2-1 To raise awareness on the advantages of the PVP system and facilitate application of PBR abroad to protect new plant varieties.
- 2-2-2 To facilitate the first PVP application for the registration of local rice variety developed by the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT).
- 2-2-3 To complete preparation for accession to UPOV by the target dateline within FY2019/20.

International relations objectives:

- 2-2-4 To strengthen cooperation with UPOV Members particularly in capacity building to improve capacity and capability of the PVP Office.
- 2-2-5 To establish partnership with foreign PVP Offices in relation to technical DUS Examination and developing Test Guidelines.

2019 and 2020

- 2-2-6 To participate in pilot project aimed at harmonising PVP mechanism in Asia under the EAPVPF's 10-YSP with the assistance of the UPOV members and the UPOV Office.
- 2-2-7 To undertake a Study Visit to a relevant UPOV Member Country as part of preparation for accession to UPOV.
- 2-2-8 To promote greater awareness on the PVP system through the development of publicity materials in cooperation with UPOV members.
- 3. Planned activities and Road map (for next 3 years)
- 3-1 To conduct public awareness activities in collaboration with EAPVP and/or UPOV member countries.
- 3-2 To engage with relevant stakeholders and explore potential new breeds for fruits and flowers.
- 3-3 Once a member of UPOV, to consider the feasibility of hosting the EAPVP Forum Meeting and Seminar in Brunei Darussalam.

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