



**MINISTRY OF WATER, LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**FORTY SECOND MEETING  
OF THE JOINT INDONESIA – MALAYSIA BOUNDARY COMMITTEE  
ON THE DEMARCATION AND SURVEY OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY BETWEEN INDONESIA  
(KALIMANTAN UTARA & KALIMANTAN BARAT)  
AND MALAYSIA (SABAH & SARAWAK)**

**BANDUNG, INDONESIA**

**11 OCTOBER 2018**

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1. The Forty Second Meeting of the Joint Indonesia - Malaysia Boundary Committee on the Demarcation and Survey of the International Boundary between Malaysia (Sabah & Sarawak) and Indonesia (Kalimantan Utara & Kalimantan Barat) (JIM-42) was held in Bandung, Indonesia on 9 - 11 October 2018. The Malaysian Delegation was led by Dato' Dr. Tan Yew Chong, Secretary General, Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources, who is also the Chairman of the National Malaysia - Indonesia Boundary Committee and the Indonesian Delegation was led by Drs. Hadi Prabowo, Secretary General Ministry of Home Affairs Indonesia who is also the Chairman of the National Indonesia - Malaysia Boundary Committee. The Meeting was co-chaired by both Heads of Delegation.
  2. The Malaysia - Indonesia international boundary was based on the Boundary Convention signed between Great Britain and Netherland on 20 June 1891, Boundary Agreement on 28 September 1915 and Boundary Convention on 26 March 1928.
  3. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia on 26 November 1973 for the purpose of undertaking the joint demarcation and survey of the international boundary.

4. The demarcation and survey of the international land boundary commenced on 9 September 1975 and was completed on 13 April 1994 for Sabah - Kalimantan Timur (now known as Kalimantan Utara) and for Sarawak - Kalimantan Barat, the demarcation and survey commenced on 10 September 1975 and was completed on 20 September 2001. The demarcation and survey of the international land boundary was jointly carried out by the Lands and Surveys Department Sabah, Lands and Surveys Department Sarawak and Department of Survey and Mapping Malaysia with the Indonesian counterpart.
5. During this JIM-42 meeting, both Chairmen of the National Joint Boundary Committee signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU-21) with maps attached to the said MOU. The MOU covers related parts of Sabah and Sarawak.
6. After going through several levels of discussions and considerations, the Meeting has reached mutual understanding and resolved two (2) Outstanding Boundary Problems (OBP) areas, namely - the border areas near the vicinity of Simantipal River and Kampung Long Pasia in Sipitang district in the Sabah - Kalimantan Utara Sector.
7. This Committee is in the process of preparing the necessary documentation for the conclusion of the MOU for these two (2) areas. The MOU is expected to be finalised and signed at the next meeting.
8. The Meeting was held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere in the spirit of close traditional ties and cooperation between the two countries.

For more information

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Signing of The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU-21) on the Demarcation and Survey of the International Boundary between Malaysia (Sabah & Sarawak) and Indonesia (Kalimantan Utara & Kalimantan Barat) by the Government of Malaysia and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Bandung, Indonesia



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