



BRIDEX 2009 TO BE HOSTED AT NEW PURPOSE-BUILT EXHIBITION CENTRE

Region's premier defence and security event to have permanent home in Brunei

Paris, 16 June 2008: The organisers of the 2009 Brunei Darussalam International Defence Exhibition and Conference (BRIDEX), the region's premier defence and security event, today announced that the event will be hosted at a new purpose-built exhibition centre, which will become its permanent home.

The new exhibition centre will be located on a prime ocean-front site and will feature a fully air-conditioned 10,000sq.m exhibition hall, with 5,000sq.m of adjoining apron space for static displays. There will also be a mobility park, chalets and a marina with natural terrain setting for live demonstration of defence equipment and systems. Construction of the new exhibition centre will start in August and will be completed in June 2009.

BRIDEX will be held from 11th – 15th August 2009 and is expected to draw around 250 exhibitors, representing the world's leading manufacturers and suppliers of defence and security systems. The event is focused exclusively on the most senior government and defence policymakers and will showcase innovative and value-enhancing technology solutions which address the security challenges facing defence forces.

Lt Col (Rtd) Amir Hamzah bin Haji Hanafi, Chief Executive of the event organisers, Royal Brunei Technical Services, said: "BRIDEX will be attended by senior government ministers, chiefs of defence forces, policymakers and procurement officials from more than 25 countries. The new exhibition centre will create the ideal environment for them to engage with their counterparts and with manufacturers of the latest defence and security systems, to exchange information and develop new business opportunities".

BRIDEX is fully supported by the Ministry of Defence of Brunei Darussalam and will include a high-level conference organised jointly by the Ministry of Defence and a respected defence industry publishing company. The conference and exhibition will concentrate on four key areas of relevance for defence forces and security agencies in today's fast-changing defence environment:

- Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence and Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance (C4ISTAR)
- Homeland Security
- Supporting Deployed Forces on Peacekeeping/Humanitarian Support Missions
- Border Surveillance and Detection

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BRIDEX 2009 is organised by Royal Brunei Technical Services, a strategic partner of the Ministry of Defence. Royal Brunei Technical Services helps to develop and sustain the operational capabilities of defence and security organisations in Brunei Darussalam.

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