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Expert visit to Brunei Darussalam to work with the National CBRN Team

Negara Brunei Darussalam, October 2014. The third phase working group meetings of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) National Action Plan (NAP) took place on 20-21 October 2014 in Brunei Darussalam. The two-day visit is part of the European Union (EU) Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence (CoE) Initiative. The EU CBRN CoE Risk Mitigation Initiative creates a network of regional initiatives and promotes and supports the development and implementation of a national CBRN policy.

During the visit, the National Team and international CBRN experts participated in working group meetings to review and complete the draft National CBRN Action Plan resulting from a series of previous meetings. Experts from different ministries and agencies interacted throughout the meetings, achieving positive results which will help ensure the quality of the future National Action Plan.

The overall purpose of the National CBRN Action Plan is to articulate a national vision for CBRN risk mitigation and to identify priorities for building capacity. It also facilitates the identification and implementation of projects and ensures that capacity building is part of a coordinated and sustainable approach. The National Action Plan is designed to make sure that separate efforts are incorporated into one coherent approach that strengthens national CBRN capacities for prevention, detection, preparedness and response to CBRN threats. Its development is based on a voluntary and bottom-up approach entirely led by countries who decide which information to include in the National CBRN Action Plan and how it will be used.

The EU CBRN CoE Risk Mitigation Initiative involves 47 countries in 8 regions of the world – and South-East Asia is a success story with Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam participating.

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