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between
the Ministry of Health, Brunei Darussalam
and the Ministry of Public Health, Thailand

Dato Abdul Salam Momin, and Datin Shireen Mustapha,
His Excellency Dato Kamis Tamin, the Ambassador of Brunei to Thailand
Distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Ministry of Public Health Thailand, I would like to express our warm welcome to Dato Abdul Salam Momin, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Health and Brunei delegation, to Thailand. It is an exceptional good occasion as we are now, for the first time, embarking on the health cooperation between our two countries which would lead to the closer relationship and ultimately the well being of our peoples.

Tomorrow, it is expected that the priority areas of cooperation would be identified and the concrete work plan would be delivered as the outcomes of the discussions. Thai Health Promotion Foundation and Government Pharmaceutical Organization, where Brunei delegation, would be visiting tomorrow and the day after tomorrow, are the unique organizations which have contributed greatly to the health development in Thailand. I, therefore, trust that this visit would be a very productive one.

I also hope that Dato Abdul Salam Momin and Brunei delegation would find time to explore Bangkok, and enjoy what Bangkok could offer as the tourist and shopping paradise. Finally, please do not hesitate to let us know should there be anything we could do to make you stay in Thailand as pleasant as possible. Our staff are readily available and at your disposal at all times.

Thank you very much
Dato Abdul Salam Momin,

Distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Ministry of Public Health Thailand, I would like to thank technical team of Ministry of Health of Brunei Darussalam and Ministry of Public Health of Thailand for preparation of this first consultative meeting and conclusion of the work plans. I hope we have some concrete outcomes to report to the Minister at our bilateral ministerial meeting in 2012.

Brunei and Thailand as member states of ASEAN, not only share common goals in ASEAN Community, but Brunei as our close neighbor, is also our true strategic partner. I hope after this meeting the collaboration between our two countries not only set a milestone in the health relation, but also enhances closer collaboration between the two countries as a whole.

Thank you.