

10th AMMTC: Brunei To Continue Working Closely With Malaysia In Combating Human Trafficking

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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 1 (Bernama) -- Brunei will continue working closely with Malaysia to prevent and combat human trafficking, says its Energy Minister, Pehin Datuk Dr Muhammad Yasmin Umar.

He said as a neighbouring country, the two nations had always shared intelligence and information to address the problem.

"We work together on this...for example, the Brunei immigration works very closely with Malaysia's immigration because we are neighbouring states," he told Bernama when met after chairing the 2nd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC) +Japan here today.

Muhammad Yasmin said, besides combating human trafficking, the two nations had also been collaborating closely on the issue of drug smuggling.

"Exchange of information has been going on for quite some time, we exchange whatever information needed, including those related to human smuggling and the drug issue," he added.

Asked for his view on the participation of Japan as an ASEAN Dialogue partner, he said collaboration with Japan had a lot of benefits for ASEAN countries. "Japan is an advanced country, leading the technology sector...Japan can contribute a lot in terms of providing technological expertise, as well as equipment against terrorism."

The 2nd AMMTC +Japan was held in conjunction with the 10th AMMTC which ended today, before it proceeds with the Special ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Rise of Radicalisation and Violent Extremism tomorrow.

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