

# Germany delegates visit iCentre

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BUSINESS delegates from Germany visited the iCentre yesterday to learn more about Brunei's business structure and the possibility of further investing in the country.

"We are trying to find which area the German companies would like to expand in Brunei," said Martin Klose, an associate partner at Rodl and Partner.

He said his firm is always looking for clients coming into Brunei Darussalam to invest and commented that Brunei's infrastructure has the potential as German businesses have

already been established here. This view was shared by the executive member of the board at German Asia-Pacific Business Association, Dr Monika Stark. She said although most of the delegates are involved in technical equipment field, with Brunei's intention of expanding industrial activities, the country has the potential to attract German companies.

The delegation were greeted at the iCentre by Yang Amat Mulia Pengiran Kerma Raja Pengiran Hj Kamarulzaman PPSDSB Pengiran Hj Ali, Chairman of Sungai Liang Authority (SLA). "There are many areas of possibilities that

German investors can leverage on by working in partnership with Brunei," said Yang Amat Mulia.

In his welcoming remarks, he highlighted the importance of partnership in creating new economic activities and opportunities for both countries through collaboration and strengthening economic relations.

The visitors were then taken for a tour around the iCentre and met some of the participants of the centre's incubation programmes.

The 13-member delegation is on a two-day visit to the country as part of Germany

Minister of Economics and Technology, Michael Glos's entourage.

Last night the German Ambassador to Brunei, Conrad Karl Capell and his wife hosted a dinner reception at their residence for Minister Glos and his delegation.

Among those present were Minister of Development Pehin Orang Kaya Hamzah Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Hj Abdullah Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Hj Bakar and Commander of Royal Brunei Armed Forces Pehin Dato Lailaraja Major General Dato Paduka Seri Hj Halbi Hj Md Yusoff. (SHS1 & SRH1)

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