

# PREVENTIVE MEASURES BY ACB BRUNEI

*“ANTI CORRUPTION AWARENESS BY  
CORRUPTION PREVENTION SECTION (COPS) IN 2022/2023”*

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# INTRODUCTION

- Since its establishment in 1982, Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) has been actively engaged in promoting awareness programmes so as to educate the mass society of the dangers of corruption and to instil core values of integrity, responsibility, accountability and trustworthiness.

Brunei Darussalam has embarked on a series of extensive anti-corruption awareness programmes for all levels of society. ACB has been instrumental in promoting, at various levels of the Government and the private sector, and within the nation's multi-tiered education system.



## EXCERPT OF HIS MAJESTY' S TITAH

*“..I strongly emphasise the need to uphold honesty and trustworthy based on the teaching of Islam, and I in the strongest term prohibit any form of corruption. Insya-Allah, I will take firm actions to prevent any form of corruption among officers in my government...”*





# PREVENTION FUNCTION OF ACB

## **Based on Section 4A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Chapter 131:**

It shall be the duty of the Director and officers of the Bureau to:

- (c) examine the practices, systems and procedures of public bodies in order to facilitate the discovery of offences under this Act;
- (d) instruct, advise and assist any person, on ways in which corruption may be eliminated by such person;
- (e) advise head of public bodies of any changes in practice, systems or procedure compatible with the effective discharge of the duties of the public bodies as the Director thinks necessary to reduce the likelihood of the occurrence of corruption;
- (f) educate the public against corruption; and
- (g) enlist and foster public support in combating corruption.



# ANTI CORRUPTION AWARENESS PROGRAM



In executing its preventive duties as the main agency entrusted and empowered to tackle corruption, ACB has been holding dialogues and delivering talks to the following:

- To officers and staff of Government Ministries and Departments
- To newly recruited Government officers and staff during Public Service Induction Courses
- To newly appointed diplomatic missions of Brunei Darussalam abroad
- To officers and staff of statutory bodies, GLCs and private companies.
- To education institutions, Vocational Education Institutions and Program Khidmat Bakti Negara (National Service Program) – Corruption Prevention Education

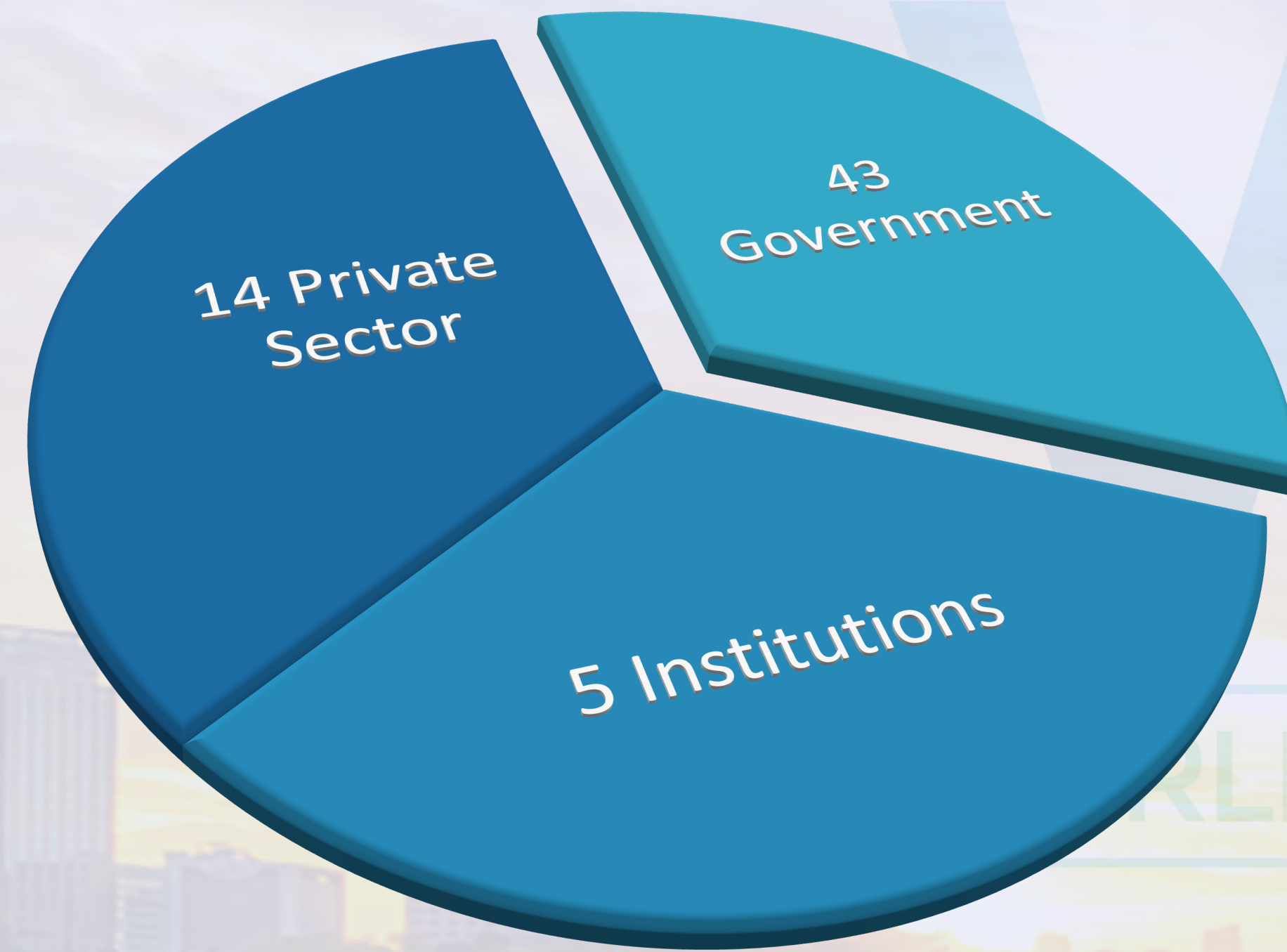


# CORRUPTION PREVENTION SECTION (COPS) ANTI-CORRUPTION AWARENESS PROGRAM





# ANTI-CORRUPTION PREVENTIVE TALK/WORKSHOP

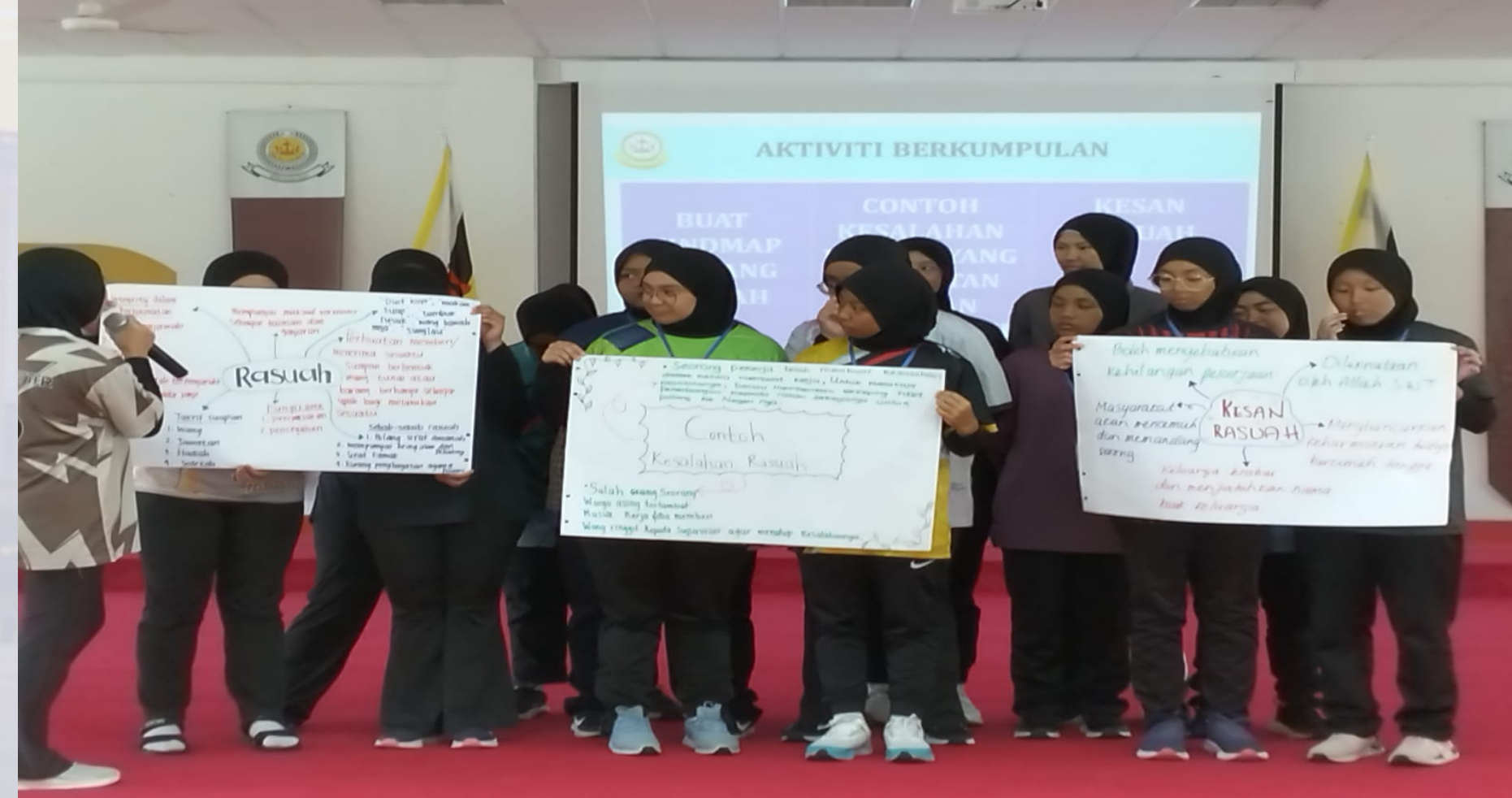


• In 2022 – 62 Talks  
TOTAL : 3359





# ANTI-CORRUPTION PREVENTIVE TALK/WORKSHOP



• As of October 2023 – 62  
TOTAL – 4832



# “Training of the Trainer” (TOT) Program

- On 10 December 2022, in conjunction with the International Anti Corruption Day, ACB launched the “Training of the Trainers” Program
- The TOT participants become ACB’s focal person to deliver anti-corruption talk to the officers and staff of their departments and ministries; and act as reference.
- TOT 3 days program: Talk and scenario based group presentation
- After 3 months attending the program, TOT participants will have to deliver anti-corruption talk to their departments and will be assessed by ACB.





# TOT PARTICIPANTS

❖ The participants comprised of officers from the Ministries and Government Department such as:







TOT participants comprised of Government servants from various background such as Legal, Finance, Human Resources & Administration.



# CHALLENGES

- a) Assessment and deliver of Anti Corruption talk by TOT participant at respective Ministries/department depended on respective priorities.
- b) TOT participants are not well verse in the PCA or cases, nor with the work of investigation/prevention of corruption that is needed during Q & A sessions.
- c) Limited time allocated to deliver ACB's awareness talk/lectures.
- d) Technology. Lack of technical equipment at host's venue.



## FAQ RAISED BY AUDIENCE

### **a) GIFT HANDLING POLICY IN PRIVATE SECTOR**

- Gift handling policy varies in the private sector depending on type of service, business & code of conduct.
- To declare in writing to the management, director/superior on gifts such as corporate gifts, merchandise, exchange of gifts/plaques.

### **b) MISCONDUCT IN PUBLIC OFFICE**

- Currently, ACB does not have any convicted cases of MIPO that can be used as part of its anti awareness talk. However, it has investigated cases on MIPO offences that are completed and referred to the DPP for further action and possible prosecution in court.



## *ANTI CORRUPTION AWARENESS BY CORRUPTION PREVENTION SECTION*

### **CONCLUSION**

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- PREVENTIVE MEASURES ON ANTI CORRUPTION NEEDS A HOLISTIC APPROACH, FULL SUPPORT FROM TOP DOWN (POLITICAL) & PUBLIC.
  - UTILISE TECHNOLOGY & MEDIA AS TO HAVE A POSITIVE OUTREACH TO THE PUBLIC, COMMUNITY & PREVENT CORRUPTION IN ITS ROOT.
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- TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SHARED BEST PRACTICES BY OTHER ANTI CORRUPTION AGENCIES (ACA) & NGOs ON PREVENTION STRATEGIES THAT HAVE MORE POSITIVE IMPACT ON DELIVERING PREVENTIVE ANTI CORRUPTION MEASURES.

**THANK YOU**