



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SABAH PORTS COLLABORATES WITH PETRONAS IN MAIDEN LNG BUNKERING OPERATIONS**

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Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd (SPSB) made its maiden entry into LNG bunkering operations after being appointed as the main service provider for PETRONAS' first LNG bunkering operations in Sabah.

The venture signifies the upgrading and diversification of services offered by SPSB to enhance its offshore and onshore services and in the long run, offering a seamless range of marine services to better serve the industry.

SPSB was engaged for the provision of salient marine services such as pilotage, tug boats, related documentation and other ancillary services. SPSB further acted as the focal liaising party to secure all the necessary approvals for the projects accomplishment.

The appointment augurs well with SPSB's plan to leverage on its strength as the State's main port operator and ultimately offering a One Stop Center for marine services and ship care business.

PETRONAS' maiden LNG transfer at Sabah was successfully completed at Sandakan Port between its LNG Bunker Vessel (LBV), MV Avenir Advantage and HL Green, the world's largest LNG-powered vessel.

Sandakan Port offers an ideal location for vessels en-route to the Intra -Asia countries and has massive potential to serve as an LNG hub providing ripe opportunities for PETRONAS and SPSB to further explore and develop LNG related partnerships.

Sandakan Port is among SPSB's most active port handling break bulk, dry bulk, bulk oil, palm oil, passenger ferry and container cargoes as well as being a major entry point to the Brunei Indonesia Malaysia Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP – EAGA) markets.



According to Datuk Ng Kiat Min, SPSB Managing Director “SPSB’s foray as an LNG service provider exemplifies SPSB’s commitment to further develop the provision of logistics services in the State and supports the national agenda to position Malaysia as an LNG hub.”

“We aim to strengthen our position as an integrated service provider and a key thrust is to partner with industry giants such as PETRONAS to broaden our marine services portfolio.”

Datuk Ng added that the LNG venture was a significant milestone for SPSB and highlights a positive trajectory for the company as SPSB further gears up for the Sapangar Bay Container Port expansion project which tender was recently awarded by the Federal Government to main contractor WCT Holdings Bhd, a 60:40 joint venture with China Communications Construction Co (M) Sdn Bhd.

SPSB wishes to thank the various stakeholders who had worked closely with SPSB in facilitating the LNG bunkering project such as the Sabah Ports and Harbour Department, Marine Department of Malaysia, Royal Malaysian Customs Department, Eastern Sabah Security Command – ESSCOM, Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency – MMEA, Marine Police Force and Sabah Ports Authority.

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