



## **SABAH PORTS LAUNCH 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT WEEK**

Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd (SPSB) launched its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Week. The event was held on 26 – 30 September 2022 set to the theme "Be a Safety Hero! Score an Accident Zero".

Strengthening safety management is among SPSB's key focus area with the goal to reduce lost time injuries and protect lives at the port. HSE Week is a major initiative to drive the company's safety and sustainability agenda as well as to enhance corporate responsibility.

"SPSB operates in a high- risk environment where accident prevention, health and safety have become a permanent priority." stated Datuk Ng Kiat Min, SPSB Managing Director in her officiating speech.

"Based on the belief that all accidents are preventable, our priority is to embed a culture of safety among users and employees and put in place a system that guarantees a safe and secure workplace."

SPSB has been on a transformative journey to operationalize the company's safety values by emphasizing on 5 focus areas which are safeguarding people and environment, controlling and minimizing risk, compliance to statutory requirement and standards, promoting safety awareness and periodic reviews of HSE management and policies.

Datuk Ng further added that HSE management is engrained in all facets of the organization and not just limited to field operations.

"The theme 'Being a Safety Hero' is reflective of SPSB's commitment to improve HSE at all our ports and business premises through education and employee engagement. By ensuring manpower collectively and actively participate, it sets the foundation for a good safety culture."

She added "A strong HSE program is essential for sustainability as it improves business operations, generates economic returns, impacts communities and most importantly, protects our most precious asset – our people."

HSE Week was launched simultaneously across SPSB ports in the west coast (Sapangar Bay Container Port, Sapangar Bay Oil Terminal and Kota Kinabalu Port) and east coast (Sandakan Port, Tawau Port, Lahad Datu and Kunak Port).

Government agencies, medical institutions and companies representing the occupational safety and environmental industries contributed to the event by delivering talks and discussing best practices.



The west coast's HSE Week was further complemented by a blood donation drive and a beach clean-up . A total of 66 pints were collected in aid of Queen Elizabeth Hospital II from the blood donation drive and a staggering 207 bags of litter were cleared from Sapangar Bay Beach.

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