

# NEW SABAH TIMES

Tarikh : 17 September (Jumaat)

Muka Surat : 2

## Intan Sabah campus will further improve public service quality: Musa

KOTA KINABALU: The Intan Sabah campus will further improve the quality of public service in the State, said Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Haji Aman.

Musa said with the facility completed, civil servants from various agencies across the State can now attend training programmes offered to their counterparts in the Peninsula.

Speaking at the official launch of the campus in Sepanggar near here yesterday, he noted that Intan has been a core provider of training to government servants in the country and has successfully helped improve the public sector in Sabah over the last nine years.

As such, he said the State government would continue to support any effort by Intan Sabah towards improving the quality of service delivery of public sector in the State.

"The State government will continue cooperating with Intan Sabah and be committed in ensuring the success of any programmes implemented with the institute in the future.

"For us, Intan Sabah symbolises the strong bond between the State and Federal governments, similar to the Malaysia Day that we are celebrating today," he said.

The launch was officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Musa also said the State government fully supported the objectives and strategies outlined by the Prime Minister in the Government Transformation Programme (GTP), New Economic Model (NEM) and Tenth Malaysian Plan (RMK10).

He added Intan Sabah is one of the crucial machineries in realising these objectives and expressed confidence that the civil servants in Sabah would be further empowered through various training programmes to be conducted at the campus.

Chief Secretary to the Federal government Tan Sri Mohd Sidek Hassan in his welcoming remarks, noted the cam-

pus held its first training course in January last year and has up to August this year hosted training programmes for 6,428 civil personnel and officers.

In total, Intan Sabah which previously operates from Wisma Perindustrian Likas has trained 24,060 personnel and officers since starting operation in 2001.

Sidek said the setting up of Intan Sabah campus, apart from providing better training, would also help in enhancing national integration, particularly among civil servants from Sabah, Sarawak and the Peninsula who are attending training.

The decision to build the facility, he

added, was timely to meet the needs of ensure civil workers from Sabah and Labuan too have the opportunity to participate in quality training like their counterparts in other states.

In this regard, he said government agencies in the state should give priority to programmes provided by Intan Sabah before considering the programmes provided by private training providers.

Moreover, he said Intan's general training packages fulfilled the needs and requirements for civil servant especially in strengthening their competency towards providing excellent service to the public.