

**PRESS RELEASE BY SABAH PORTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
THE SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN SABAH PORTS AND 'SOGDC', AT LE MERIDIEN HOTEL,  
KOTA KINABALU, 23 JUNE, 2014**

The function this morning was the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd and the Sipitang Oil and Gas Development Corporation (SOGDC) for the port operations at the Sipitang Oil and Gas Industrial Park (SOGIP).

The signing ceremony was witnessed by YAB. Datuk Seri Musa Haji Aman, the Chief Minister of the State of Sabah. Present also were other Cabinet Ministers, Chairmen of Statutory Boards, Senior Government Officials, CEOs of companies and leaders of business associations.

Following the privatization of the commercial operations of Sabah Ports Authority in 2004, Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd took over and now operates the eight state ports in Sabah. The port activities that they manages include the handling of containers, dry cargos, liquid cargos and general cargos. In addition Sabah Ports is also involved in the provision of related port services such as stevedoring, bunkering, warehousing and storage of various types of cargo.

The realisation of this MOU will enable Sabah Ports to operate and manage the port operations at SOGIP. It provides Sabah Ports with the first opportunity to venture outside their traditional role of operating the eight state conventional ports. Sabah Ports would like to accord their thanks and appreciation to SOGDC for choosing them to be their business associate.

Sabah Ports also recognizes that the MOU between the two parties would not have been possible without the support of the Chief Minister of Sabah. His support has made it possible for Sabah Ports to turn this opportunity into reality.

Sabah Ports is of the view that the potential collaboration between them and SOGDC is fitting and makes economic sense. It will allow each party to concentrate on their respective strengths and specialization. Sabah Ports has the expertise and the experience of managing ports and terminal facilities. SOGDC on the other hand will focus on promoting and managing industrial precincts. This complementary relationship will optimize resources and create value to both parties.

Sabah Ports believe that the success of this partnership will enhance the State's economy, in particular, the oil and gas industry in Sabah. It will also assist SOGDC to realize its objective of making SOGIP into an important hub for petrochemical activities in this region and to enable them to attract domestic and international investors.

Sabah Ports would like to assure the state government and SOGDC as well as all the other stakeholders in the SOGIP project, that they are committed towards making this collaboration a success. For any industry to do well, there must be strong support in infrastructure and logistics. And Sabah Ports intends be a key supporter for the development of the petrochemical and oil and gas industries in Sabah.

Sabah Ports would like to thank all those who have assisted them in making the collaboration possible, in particular, Sabah Ports Authority, Ports and Harbor Department and the General Manager of SOGDC and his team for their commitment and tireless efforts to ensure this MOU materializes.

Sabah Ports also thanked the Chief Minister and all the distinguished guests for their presence at the signing ceremony and for giving support to both parties as they embark on this new business collaboration.