



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SABAH PORT FORUM: DYNAMIC HUB FOR EAST ASEAN- Sabah: The Preferred Option**

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Suria Capital Holdings Berhad and subsidiary, Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd is pleased to announce its first Sabah Port Forum on the 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Magellan Sutera, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

The event will bring together local and international speakers from the logistics industry. Themed "Dynamic Hub for East ASEAN: Sabah – The Preferred Option", is to highlight the State's strategic location along the Far East route and to showcase the potentials for Sabah to function as a multimodal logistics hub for East ASEAN.

Industry experts will present and discuss key issues surrounding the State's logistics initiatives. The main agenda will be the development of the ports and high value logistics projects set to revitalize the State's economy. Among the key state projects to be highlighted include Sabah Ports' Sapangar Bay Container Port expansion, the Pan Borneo highway and other projects under Sabah Development Corridor Blueprint. The speaker line-up will further cover Sabah's potential in the Supply and Logistics Chain, Aviation industry, Cruise destination and shipping connectivity.

The list of speakers includes Datuk Dr Mohd Yaakub Hj Johari, Chief Executive/President of Sabah Economic Development and Investment Authority, Ir Shahelmey Bin Yahya, Managing Director, Borneo Highway PDP Sdn Bhd, Datuk Badlisham bin Ghazali, Managing Director of Malaysian Airports Holdings Berhad (Aviation), Mr. Soren Pederesen, Chairman for SSA Marine, Vietnam (Cruise), Mr. Benny Woenardi, Managing Director for Cikarang Port, Indonesia (Dry Port) as well as Dr. Simon Su, Chief Economist and Director for BMT Asia Pacific, Hong Kong (Port Development).

Guest of Honour, YAB Datuk Seri Panglima Musa bin Hj. Aman, Chief Minister of Sabah is scheduled to grace the function and deliver the keynote address while Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai, Minister of Transport Malaysia will deliver opening remarks. An exhibition will also be held in tandem with the Forum.

The Sabah Port Forum is expected to attract at least 500 participants nationwide with participation from the government agencies, port users, industry players and the general public. Participation fee is at RM250 per person for the two-day forum. The participants will have the privilege to know about logistic development initiatives undertaken by the government and the private sector, and to explore investment opportunities in the State as well as to gather with like-minded professionals for networking purposes.

It is expected that the outcome of this forum will lead to greater understanding for the State's logistics landscape, to position Sabah as a strategic destination for trade and investments and ultimately provide local industries with the opportunity to participate on a global scale.

Registration is open until 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017. For further details, please contact Ms. Rose Wong at 088-483292 or 016-2011703 or email [forum@spsb.com.my](mailto:forum@spsb.com.my). Visit [www.spsb.com.my](http://www.spsb.com.my) for latest info on the forum.

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