

Job and business opportunities as S'kan mall opens

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SANDAKAN: A variety of job and business opportunities are available, following the opening of the Sandakan Harbour Mall (SHM) at Harbour Square here on Monday.

Speaking at the SHM Open House on Monday, Sandakan Municipal Council (SMC) President Datuk Ir James Wong said the idea of an open house by ICSD Ventures, the joint venture partner of SMC, is good as it could introduce the shopping mall and its tenants to the people here.

He described it as a significant occasion and indeed a milestone in the redevelopment of Sandakan.

The SHM, being the first and only modern shopping centre here, would help boost tourism in the municipality, said Wong, adding that shoppers can now shop under one roof in great comfort without having to worry about the weather, apart from a thousand car parking spaces located above the SHM.

Meanwhile, Managing Director of ICSD Ventures, developer of the Sandakan Harbour Square (SHS), Lai Voon Hon, said the RM510 million SHM was the final jewel of crown of the

SHS, which is an award-winning urban renewal project.

"For one, we in Sandakan do not need to feel envious of the people in West Malaysia or Kota Kinabalu or Sibiu who can enjoy shopping at ease in a modern air-conditioned mall," said Lai.

He hoped that with the help of their tenants, they will work together to make the SHM one of the most well-known malls in East Malaysia, just as they have made the Sandakan Central Market a beautiful icon in Malaysia.

Meanwhile, Kwa Wei Loon, who hails from the peninsula, won the first prize of the Sculpture Competition organised by ICSD and bagged RM18,000 prizemoney.

Daniel Tiong Wei Wen and Husna Adlyna Sidek won the second (RM5,000) and third (RM3,000) prizes, respectively.

The five consolation prize winners were Gavin Wu Jia-Chung, Mazine Wong Yee Xin, Simon Chong Sin Man, Teo Wei Jun and Zoe Chong Jah Yee (each were offered a 3D 2N stay at Four Points by Sheraton Sandakan).

Also present was Lai Siew Wah, Group Managing Director of Ireka Corporation Bhd.



Wong and Lai at the opening ceremony.