



Lai handing over a mock key of the hotel to Chuck Abbott and Syntio Camilleri (right) while Wong (centre) and Lai look on

Soft opening of S'kan Four Points hotel

SANDAKAN: More International events will be held here, with the facilities provided by the newly operational Four Points by Sheraton Sandakan at the Harbour Square.

Speaking at the soft opening of the RM200 million International Brand hotel, Wednesday, Sandakan Municipal Council (SMC) President, Datuk James Wong commended the efforts taken by the SMC's joint venture partner - The ICSD Ventures Sdn Bhd's achievement in implementing such huge re-urbanisation and urban renewal of the municipality's Central Business project which was launched by Chief Minister, Datuk Seri Musa Aman in 2003.

I am certain that this new international hotel will now be able to cater for needs of most government agencies, state and federal, as well as NGOs in respect of hosting and organising functions, events, conference, among others, said Wong.

The hotel's huge convention centre is also the first of its kind here to enable organisers to host major conferences and exhibitions as well as annual gatherings, not to mention wedding banquets of over 100 tables," he said.

Wong said with the impending operation of the incorporated Harbour Mall, the people here will have a new era of shopping experience and a changing new lifestyle in the years to come.

Meanwhile, ICSD Ventures Managing Director, Lai Voon Hon said the RM510 million Sandakan Harbour Square (SHS) project was aimed at creating a new Iconic Landmark with the Sandakan CBD which would bring back the famous old charm of Sandakan nicked named years ago as "The Little Hong Kong".

"Its was also designed to attract locals and foreign tourists alike to live, work, shop, dine and play along the wonderful Sandakan bay," said Lai.

The Four Points by Sheraton Sandakan is the third such hotel managed by Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide in the country.

Also present were MD for Ireka Corporation Bhd, Lai siew Wah, Regional Vice president SEA Satrwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Pte Ltd, Chuck Abbott and GM for the hotel, Syntio Camilleri. - SC Tam