

Harbour Mall Sandakan celebrates its 5th year



Lai cutting the anniversary cake during the celebration.

SANDAKAN: Harbour Mall Sandakan, the one and only state-of-the-art shopping mall of its kind in this east coast town celebrated its fifth anniversary recently.

Ireka Corp Bhd Group Managing Director Datuk Lai Voon Hon said, Harbour Mall Sandakan together with Four Points by Sheraton Sandakan is the final phase and the gem of the much bigger Sandakan Harbour Square development. It is to date, the largest ever urban redevelopment project in Sandakan.

“Since the completion of the first phase of Sandakan

Harbour Square more than 10 years ago and the opening of Harbour Mall Sandakan 5 years ago, this new commercial and shopping precinct has completely transformed the face of the old central business district of Sandakan,” Lai said.

According to Lai, the Sandakan Harbour Square and Harbour Mall Sandakan brought the old town centre out of the sleepy hollow into what is today a vibrant business, tourist, shopping and entertainment centre of Sandakan. It has to a certain extent allows Sandakan to

reclaim back its old glory as the ‘little Hong Kong’.

“The Harbour Mall Sandakan together with all the other components in the Sandakan Harbour Square has not only provided the town with a truly iconic waterfront development that is an attraction for tourist and local alike, it has also provided thousands of employment opportunities for the Sandakan population,” Lai continued.

Today, Harbour Mall Sandakan welcomes more than 70,000 an average footfall each week. This is very en-

couraging as we are now just about 70% occupied with the target of 80% or more by year end, Lai said.

It offers 200,000 square feet of prime spaces for retailers, aside from being a shopping haven for both locals and tourists.

Also present at the programme were former Sandakan Member of Parliament Tan Sri Lau Ngan Siew, ICSD Ventures Sdn Bhd Consultant for Government Liaison and Public Affairs (East Malaysia) Thomas Lau and Harbour Mall Centre Manager Michael Chong.