

# S'kan needs five-star facilities'

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**SANDAKAN:** The township needs its own five-star hotel, convention centre and banquet hall with more tourists expected to come via direct air links with Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA),

"The private sector is an important catalyst, especially in line with the future development of the municipality, which has been honoured with the Nature City status," he

said after a briefing on the current development of the Sandakan Harbour Square (SHH).

Also present during the briefing were Ireka-Chang Sheng Managing Director Lai Voon Hon, Sandakan Municipal Council president Yeo Boon Hai and former Sandakan MP, Datuk Lau Ngan Siew.

Chong, who is also Tourism, Culture and

Environment Minister, said the SHH is an important project that would help modernise Sandakan town.

He also expressed confidence that "Little Hong Kong", as Sandakan was known in the British colonial days, would rise to become an important town in Sabah, especially after a planned facelift of its facilities and historical background over the next three years.