

Harbour Mall, Four Points by Sheraton Sandakan successful fire drill

SANDAKAN: Harbour Mall Sandakan and Four Points by Sheraton Sandakan successfully conducted their fire drill with the collaboration of the Sandakan Fire and Rescue Department yesterday.

"The drill is to gauge the capabilities of the two establishments' Emergency Response Team (ERT) and the Sandakan Fire and Rescue Station in responding to a fire at the building," Sandakan Fire and Rescue operation officer PBK II Abdul Kadir Abdul Halalan disclosed.

Abdul Kadir said the fire drill was also to test the firefighting equipment installed at Harbour Mall Sandakan.

Meanwhile, Ireka Corporation Berhad Security and Safety Man-

ager Jamz Jamsari said the fire drill was to test the readiness of the ERT being the frontline of defence, which was vital as it could help save properties and the lives of those inside the building.

The fire drill began with a fire breaking out on the tenth floor of the car park. Members of the ERT responded in efforts to contain the blaze while workers and shoppers from the building were evacuated to safety at the adjacent central market when the fire alarm was set off.

Two fire engines, one support vehicle from the Volunteer Fire Unit and an ambulance from the Emergency Medical Rescue Service led by PBK II Syamzari Ghani were dispatched to the location following a distress call at

11.16am.

The firefighters took over the firefighting operation from the ERT upon their arrival. They also evacuated two casualties from the building to a waiting ambulance from the hospital for further action.

Firemen doused the flames and inspected the building to ensure it was safe before allowing operations at the building to resume.

Present at the fire drill was Harbour Mall Sandakan Centre Manager Michael Chong, ICSD Ventures Sdn Bhd Consultant for Government Liaison and Public Affairs (East Malaysia) Thomas Lau, Four Points by Sheraton Sandakan General Manager Peter Padman and Assistant Loss Prevention Manager M Ariffin Asmat. — *By James Leong*



Firefighters attend to a "casualty" during the fire drill at Harbour Mall Sandakan on Thursday