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KOTA KINABALU: Various initiatives have been undertaken by the Sabah Energy Commission (ECoS) for the development of Sabah and the welfare of its people, particularly in the energy sector.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Hajiji Haji Noor stated that these efforts include the launch of the latest version of the ECoS-SIRIM Safety Label.

He described the initiative as a proactive measure by ECoS to safeguard consumer interests, including ensuring that only safe and high-quality electrical and gas appliances are marketed in the state.

He said that the launch of this label also highlights an important programme related to the Memorandum of Understanding between ECoS and the Sarawak Government, facilitated through the Sarawak Utility and Telecommunication Ministry (MUT).

He said that this strategic cooperation is vital and signifies a shared recognition of the importance of safety for electrical and gas appliances.

He also underscored the role of ECoS in ensuring that products used by the public meet the highest standards.

"It also highlights another area of cooperation for mutual benefit, arising from the strong existing ties between Sabah and Sarawak through their respective regulatory authorities.

"I am confident that with the signing of this MoU, it will broaden the market for quality and recognised products, benefiting both consumers and traders in the two states," he said during the MoU Exchange Ceremony between ECoS and MUT Sarawak, as well as the launch of the ECoS/SIRIM label and the ECoS Adopted TVET Programme, held in conjunction with the ECoS Aidilfitri celebration at the Sabah International Convention Centre



Hajiji, together with Shahelmei and Julaihi, witness the handover of the mock Safety Label.

(SICC) on Tuesday.

"In relation to that, he also reminded the public to prioritise electrical and gas safety, and to give serious attention to the issue of consumer goods safety, particularly high-risk appliances."

He said that the influx of various foreign goods into the country, including Sabah, would benefit consumers by offering greater variety and more competitive prices. However, the safety of these goods must be given serious consideration by the relevant parties.

"As the government, we are committed and serious in ensuring the safety and welfare of the people. I urge the responsible parties to work diligently to strengthen consumer protection, particularly in terms of product safety."

The state government supports and welcomes the efforts undertaken by ECoS in collaboration with the Sarawak government in the area of product safety, particularly concerning electrical and gas products in both states," he said.

Hajiji also expressed his optimism about the establishment of ECoS, saying that it marks a new chapter in

the management of the energy sector in Sabah.

He said that with the regulatory authority mandated through legal provisions, ECoS must remain committed to ensuring an organised and efficient development of the energy sector, which will support Sabah's economic growth and directly benefit the people.

Meanwhile, during the Sabah Energy Corporation (SEC) Aidilfitri Open House held at the Sipadan Hall, Sabah International Convention Centre (SICC), Hajiji witnessed the handover of a dividend payment amounting to RM18 million from SEC to the State Government, a contribution of RM500,000 to the Sabah Welfare Foundation, and the 2024 business zakat payment of RM198,536 to the Sabah Islamic Religious Council (MUIS).

The event was also attended by Deputy Chief Minister III Datuk Shahelmei Yahya, Sabah Finance Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Masidi Manjun, SEC chairman Datuk Annuar Ayub and SEC Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Adzmir Abd Rahman.

Also present was Sarawak Utilities and Telecommunications Minister Dato Sri Haji Julaihi Haji Narawi.