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KOTA KINABALU: The Energy Commission of Sabah (ECoS) has realised three strategic initiatives on Tuesday.

Ita Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Abdul Nasser Abdul Wahid, said the first was the exchange of Memorandum Of Understanding (MoU) documents between ECoS and the Sarawak Utility and Telecommunication Ministry.

"This MoU strives to establish a mutually agreed regulatory system between Sabah and Sarawak through the joint recognition of safety labels for electrical and gas appliances. This strategic collaboration is crucial in strengthening the role of the Sabah Government through ECoS and the Sarawak Government in ensuring that only safe equipment is made available to the public in both regions," he explained during the ECoS Hari Raya Aidilfitri Open House held at the Sabah International Convention Centre on Tuesday.

At the same time, ECoS also launched the ECoS Adopted TVET Programme, which is an initiative aimed at developing the local workforce in the energy sector, he said.

"This represents a significant step in building skilled human capital in Sabah, through the signing of an MoU between ECoS and the Institute of Technical and

Commercial Training under the Human Resource Development Department (ILTP, JPSM)," he said.

He explained that the strategic collaboration focused specifically on the electrical and gas sectors, will help shape a competent workforce, which is an essential enabler under the Sabah Energy Roadmap and Master Plan 2040 (SE-RAMP 2040).

"Through this programme, Sabah's youth will not only gain industry-based skills and earn ECoS-recognised certification but will also have the opportunity to become Bumiputera entrepreneurs or professionals in the energy sector," said Abdul Nasser.

He said that the initiative also strengthens collaboration between regulatory agencies and training institutions, supporting the development of sustainable human capital.

"With the ECoS Adopted TVET Programme, we hope to create promising career opportunities for Sabah's youth in the energy industry," he said.

He reminded that Sabah's youth are the future generation who will carry the responsibility of ensuring a secure and reliable energy supply for our state.

And finally is the presentation of the Certificate of Registration as a Conformity Assessment

Body for Controlled Electrical Equipment to SIRIM QAS International Sdn Bhd.

Abdul Nasser said that SIRIM QAS had already been appointed as the Conformity Assessment Body for Controlled Gas Equipment back in September 2023.

At the event, he also introduced the enhanced features of the improved ECoS-SIRIM Safety Label, accompanied by a symbolic handover of the mock ECoS-SIRIM Safety Label.

"This strategic partnership with SIRIM marks an important step towards ensuring that products sold in Sabah comply with the required safety and quality standards. With its vast experience and internationally recognised technical expertise, SIRIM is an ideal partner in this effort," he said.

He added that the safety label was not merely a physical tag but serves as an assurance that each labelled product has undergone rigorous testing and assessment in line with international safety standards.

"We hope this initiative will help reduce the risk of electrical and gas-related accidents, protect consumers from unsafe products, and ultimately raise awareness of the importance of electrical and gas safety among both the public and industry players," he said.