



Khairan (left) presenting the OHSAS certificate to Mohd Ali (right), witnessed by Teo (centre).

Abide by laws, CVLB advises public transport operators

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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah Commercial Vehicles Licensing Board (CVLB) Chairman, Datuk Teo Chee Kang, advised all operators of public transport, especially buses and taxis, to strictly adhere to the laws and regulations.

He said firm observances by all motorists would ensure a reduction of accidents and safety risks to other road users as well as to pedestrians, including the rising number of visitors and tourists to our State. He added that CVLB was always on the lookout for areas of improvement, especially in the safety of users of public transport.

"It is within the responsibility of the CVLB to ensure that the people in the State have access to reliable, efficient, integrated and safe public transport. "This is done through planning, regulation as well as strict enforcement of laws and regulations related to public transport."

Teo also stressed the importance of making sustained efforts to protect the health and safety of employees, especially frontliners like the courier messenger on motorbikes and others engaged in door-to-door delivery.

He said this at a dinner function during which he witnessed the presentation of an Occupational Health and Safety Management System (OHSAS) certification by the Standards and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia (Sirim) Sabah General Manager, Khairan Untoh, to the ABX Express (M) Sdn Bhd Chief Executive Officer, Mohamed Ali Noordin.

Teo congratulated ABX Express for its outstanding achievements and contribution towards the economic progress of the nation in the transport service industry.

"From its humble beginning in Labuan by its Executive Director Tan Chong Yian some 27 years ago, the courier service company has now developed into a nation-wide business giant that has a network of over 70 service centres.

"It has now an annual turnover that goes beyond RM50 million and despite its successful record, the company is continuing its efforts to achieve higher level of good management and good corporate governance."

The OHSAS certification, he added, was a reflection of its determination to move ahead in the right direction.

"The protection and promotion of health of workers and the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases at the workplace are important considerations that should not be neglected.

"Safety and health factors are crucial. This is because they would ensure that the lives of workers would be developed in a sustained manner both socially and economically," said Teo.

Meanwhile, Mohd Ali, in his speech, said: "Safety and health is a core value in our business operations by implementing the safety rules and safe working procedures on occupational safety and health, in order to prevent injury and ill health. "We shall not compromise on this and we shall make unceasing efforts to improve our performance by complying with the relevant safety and health legislation and other requirements," he said.