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KOTA KINABALU: Niosh is ready to provide free advice on training in order to encourage more organisations in the State to implement good occupational safety and health (OSH) system.

Niosh Chairman Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye said it was part of the efforts to establish good OSH culture and integrity in each private and public organisation.

"As an institute under the Ministry of Human Resources, Niosh is responsible for implementing OSH-related functions such as conducting training, consultancy, research and dissemination of information," he said at the Niosh Sabah and Labuan Hari Raya Aidilfitri open house at a hotel in Putatan, Monday.

Lee said Niosh Sabah and Labuan would also be more proactive in providing OSH training to organisations in the State in accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994.

Earlier this year, he said Niosh had expanded its business in Sabah by introducing the consultancy service which was previously offered only in the Peninsula.

"Among the services that are in high demand in Sabah include consultation on the use of chemicals, industrial hygiene and ergonomics," he said.

He said Niosh Sabah and Labuan also recorded a 28 per cent increase of 1,647 more participants during the first five months of this year compared to the same period in 2018.

From January to May this year, the re-

gional office conducted 295 courses involving 5,794 participants compared to 224 courses involving 4,147 participants last year.

"Sandakan, Lahad Datu and Tawau recorded the highest demand for OSH consultancy services in Sabah and we will also upgrade the skill competency courses in the oil and gas industry," he said.

He said three courses had been identified for the need to upgrade namely Working Safely at Height, Safe Handling of Forklift Truck and High Pressure Water Letting.

Since last year, Lee said Niosh Sabah and Labuan also partnered with the Sabah Foundation Technical College to conduct the Occupational Safety and Health Officer (SHO) Course.

"The course is dedicated to graduates in public and private universities in Sabah to help improve their competency and marketability. I was informed that this year's course will start on July 8."

Lee said Niosh's subsidiary Niosh Certification had also made a big impact in East Malaysia with the opening of its office in Kota Kinabalu in 2016.

As of April 2019, Niosh Certification has provided certification audit service to 109 organisations in Sabah and Sarawak.

Also present were Niosh Sabah and Labuan Regional Manager Wan Sarman Sakan, Sabah Police Chief Datuk Omar Mamah, Niosh Business and Marketing Division Manager Mohd Hussin Abd Salam and Niosh Certification Sdn Bhd Manager Muhammad Fadhil Abu Bakar.



Lee with Niosh officers in a group picture with orphans from the As Sakinah Orphanage after presenting Raya contributions to them yesterday.