

BPHB to incorporate HSE system in all its operations

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Mohammad Medan (third left) with (from left) Matshalleh, Omar, Abdani and Yusof give the thumbs-up after the opening of 'Toolbox Talk Perdana 2018' and the official re-launch of the new 12 ZeFA Rules, 'Tok Tih' and Bintulu Port Group Sport and Recreational Club.

BINTULU: The Health Safety and Environment (HSE) system will be incorporated across all operations of Bintulu Port Holdings Berhad (BPHB) to ensure the well being and safety of all its workers apart from it being a way to conduct business.

Its group chief executive officer Dato Mohammad Medan Abdullah said the way they manage safety has a direct reflection on the overall management of the company, while their customers and stakeholders expect them to work safe and to respect the environment.

“I am throwing the challenge to all of you to provide leadership and visible commitment to the various elements of our safety programme. Our objective is to ‘Do No Harm’ to people, property and the environment,” he said at the opening of a ‘Toolbox Talk Perdana 2018’ and to officially

re-launch the new 12 ZeFA Rules, a new mascot ‘Tok Tih’ the White Crocodile and Bintulu Port Group Sport and Recreational Club at its auditorium here yesterday.

He said he had requested the Group Health Safety and Environment (GHSE) to plan a management walkabout programme to demonstrate their corporate commitment to the HSE.

“I therefore want support and cooperation from all levels of management in ensuring that our safety objective is achieved.

“Safety will become an important part of our KPIs and targets...from the Group CEO level all the way to the shop floor,” he added.

Medan said one of the safety programmes focusing on the issue of contractor management was ‘HSE Requirements for Contractors’.

He said provisions on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Management in contracts was now being developed by Group HSE and Group Legal Counsel, and would be implemented

across all BPHB Group of Companies later this year to bring additional focus to this high risk area and also to safeguard their interest.

“We must not stop at the contract provisions but must put in action plans to ensure that our contractors’ mindset and behaviour are transformed to put HSE as a top priority and a way of life covering all aspects of their activities.”

He said they had established safety rules comprising HSE Golden Rule and Life Saving Rules (LSR), which seek to set out clear and simple do’s and don’ts covering activities with the highest potential safety risk applicable to all employees and contractors.

“The best performing companies operate within a simple framework of rules, and have the trust in their employees to do the right things. The Safety Rules are simple and concise. If we do what they say, we will save lives and protect bodies and limbs from harm. There are 14 LSRs which have been around since 2016,” he said.

The implementation of these rules, he added, was part of BPHB’s commitment for continuous improvement in HSE.

BPHB chief operating officer Omar Salleh, chief operating officer of Biport Bulkiers Sdn Bhd Yusof Ibrahim, chief operating officer Samalaju Industrial Port Sdn Bhd Matshalleh Mohamad Etlı and general manager

Group Health, Safety & Environment Abdani Abdul Gafor were among those present at the function.