

Sabah ports have potential to compete with Singapore, Philippines — Chief Minister

KOTA KINABALU (June 27): Sabah ports have potentials to compete with Singapore and Philippines with the implementation of proper policies as the state is strategically located near countries such as China, Japan and Hong Kong, said chief minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal.

At the same time, he said, there was a need for the logistics of these ports to be improved, including establishing railway lines to connect all the ports in the state.

"This is to reduce dependency on container trucks and tankers, as well as to facilitate the delivery of export goods to each port without the hassle of driving through congested roads, especially in Sepanggar," he said in a speech at 'Keamatan Raya' celebration organised by Suria Group at Wisma Sabah Ports here today.

Mohd Shafie added that he had informed the federal government on the state's intention to build the railway network.

"Sepanggar is a very busy town and there is a need for comprehensive port infrastructure," he added.

Among those present at the event were Suria Group chairman Tan Sri Ibrahim Menudin and its group managing director Ng Kiat Min. — Bernama