


Sabah govt hands over 177 land titles to federal agencies

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Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor (centre) handing over the land titles to State Federal Secretary Datuk Samsuni Mohd Noor, while State Secretary Datuk Sr Safar Untong looks on at the Chief Minister's Office in Kota Kinabalu, on Thursday. -NSTP/ courtesy of Chief Minister's Department

KOTA KINABALU: The Sabah government today officially handed over 117 land titles to the state federal agencies.

The land titles, totalling 1,933.09 hectares, are to be used for the construction of schools, hospitals, police stations, fire stations and other key facilities.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor said this signifies the state government's commitment toward ensuring that all Malaysians in Sabah benefit from improved infrastructure development.

He presented the land titles to State Federal Secretary Datuk Samsuni Mohd Nor for the Transport Ministry; State Education Director Datuk Dr Mistrine Radin for the Education Ministry; and Deputy Health Director Jackson Taguah for the Health Ministry.

The presentation ceremony was held in the Chief Minister's Office at the State Administrative Centre here, witnessed by State Secretary Datuk Seri Safar Untong.

Out of the 177 land titles, 90 were for the Education Ministry, 42 for the Health Ministry, 28 for the Transport Ministry and 17 to other federal agencies.

Land and Survey Department Director Bernard Liew Chau Min said all quit rent and land premiums for the 177 titles have been fully settled by the Federal Land Commissioner to the State Government.

Bernard also said the handing over of the land for federal agencies use is in line with Article 83 of the Federal Constitution.



Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajji Noor (centre) after receiving the second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine at the Federal Government Administrative Complex. - NSTP/Courtesy of Sabah Chief Minister's office

In another development, the state government contributed RM1.5 million to the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Hospital for their help in conducting Covid-19 tests.

Hajji presented the contribution to UMS Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) Associate Prof Ts Dr Ramzah Dambul in a brief ceremony at the state administrative centre, earlier today.

Meanwhile, Community Development and People's Wellbeing Minister Shahelmy Yahya, who is also the president of the Sabah Council of Social Service, was present to hand over 5,000 Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to the Chief Minister's Office.

The PPE is to be distributed among the frontliners. They were prepared by several non-governmental organisations namely UPcycled Shack, Sabah Anti-Tuberculosis Association (Sabata), Sabah Volunteers Association, and the Red Crescent Association.

The chief minister also received RM30,000 from Bank Rakyat for the State Disaster Fund. The fund is for victims of the recent floods in Sabah.