



SAFETY EQUIPMENT: Among the items displayed during the exhibition.



CREATING AWARENESS: Abdul Aziz (second right) presents a bag containing leaflets and brochures on boat safety measures to a member of the public.

Department holds boat safety campaign

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SIBU: The Marine Department launched the four-day 'Ambil Tahu' campaign at Sibu Passenger Boat Terminal on Sunday in conjunction with World Maritime Day 2013.

Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Abdul Aziz Kaprawi said among the objectives of the campaign was to educate boat users on their rights and responsibilities as passengers, especially on risks when travelling on overloaded boats.

"It is aimed at creating awareness among passenger boat operators of the need to ensure their boats are in compliance with the rules and regulations.

"Boat operators must also ensure their boats have valid operating certificate or licence," he said when launching the campaign.

Also present at the function were Marine Department director-general Captain Datuk Ahmad Othman and state Marine Department director Zahidin Dor.

Abdul Aziz said passengers and boat operators must be aware of

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Datuk Abdul Aziz Kaprawi, Deputy Transport Minister

and put emphasis on the safety aspect of boat service.

"In this regard, safety aspect must be taken seriously by all parties involved," he said.

He reiterated that the government had taken proactive measures by providing guidelines on passenger boat specifications in the state.

The guidelines to be enforced in 2015 would focus on boat safety features, he said.

Abdul Aziz later presented CDs on passenger boat safety demonstration to skippers and bags containing leaflets and brochures on boat safety measures to the public at Sibu Passenger Boat Terminal.

Among the activities during the campaign were exhibition and distribution of leaflets and brochures on boat safety measures.



QUESTIONNAIRE: Members of the public filling a survey form during the campaign.



RECEPTIVE: Among those present during the launching of the campaign.



SHIPOWNERS' BOOTH: Sarawak and Sabah Shipowners Association also took part in the exhibition.



INTERESTED: A visitor takes a closer look at an item at one of the booths.