

Big plan to spur economic growth

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SIBU: Sibu division is part of the development of Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE) in the central region of the state.

Head of State Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud said SCORE is a Sarawak big plan in spurring economic growth targeted through transformation by 2030.

SCORE is a major initiative which is designed to develop Sarawak in order to become a developed state by 2030, Taib said.

“It aims to spur the development and economic growth, and improve the life quality of the people of Sarawak,” he said.

Taib said this during his working visit to University College of Technology Sarawak (UCTS) here yesterday.

According to him, SCORE, which is expected to attract a lot of investment, requires more human resources who are knowledgeable and highly skilled.

“The demands for manpower that are knowledgeable are available in SCORE, thus human resource development must be comparable to the needs in SCORE,” he said.

The preparations of SCORE also cover the provision of skilled manpower among the young generation and it is a consortium of higher education institutions in the state.

Impact of the implementation of SCORE will help the state achieve a balance of development and improvement of people’s income and people’s lives.

At the event, Tun Pehin Sri Taib on behalf of UCTS received Platinum Green Building Index (GBI) certificate which was handed over by general manager of Green Building Index Sdn Bhd, Dr. Herman Teo.

With its state-of-the-art campus, UCTS is the first university in the world to be Platinum-rated for Green Building Index Award. It is the culmination of Sarawak’s vision and commitment in establishing a world-class institution of higher learning to spearhead the development of technical human resource in Sarawak, especially for the SCORE.

Meanwhile, the Head of State also launched Toh Li Hua foundation. Datuk Toh Chiew Hock and Datin and his only brother, Pemanca Dr Francis Toh Chiew Peng have decided to put up an initial fund of RM1 million for the Toh Li Hua foundation.

The Wisma Toh Li Hua Foundation is located at Jaya Li Hua, Jalan Pahlawan Sibu. The building is currently tenanted by OCBC Al-Amin Bank Berhad as its first Islamic premier banking centre in East Malaysia. In addition, the whole rental income for the Wisma Toh Li Hua Foundation in the sum of about RM500, 000 per annum will also be for the scholarship fund.

The primary objective of the Toh Li Hua Foundation is to provide scholarship to the needy students of Sarawak to undertake their tertiary education, particularly at the UCTS, in the hometown of Datuk Toh’s family – Sibu.

Tun Pehin Sri Taib was accompanied by his wife Toh Puan Datuk Patinggi Ragad Kurdi Taib.

Among those present were Second Finance Minister and Minister of Local Government and Community Development Dato Sri Wong Soon Koh, Assistant Minister of Environment (Ministry of Resource Planning and Environment) Datu Len Talif Salleh, UCTS vice chancellor Professor Dato Dr Abdul Hakim Juri, Nangka Assemblyman Dr Annuar Rapae, Sibu Resident Hii Chang Kee, Sibu Municipal Council deputy chairman Dato Andrew Wong, Temenggong Dato Vincent Lau Lee Ming, Temenggong Datuk Wan Hamid Edruce, Temenggong Stanley Geramong and others.



DATUK Toh Chiew Hock hands over mock cheque for RM1 million to Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud (eight right), who receives it on behalf of Toh Li Hua Foundation to mark the launching of Toh Li Hua Foundation, witnessed by Temenggong Stanley Geramong, Temenggong Datuk Wan Hamid Edruce, Temenggong Dato Vincent Lau Lee Ming, Dr Annuar, Datu Len Talif, Dato Sri Wong Soon Koh, Toh Puan Datuk Patinggi Ragad Kurdi Taib and others.



TUN Pehin Sri Abdul Taib (third left) on behalf of UCTS receives certificate of Platinum Green Building Index (GBI), handed over by general manager of Green Building Index Sdn Bhd, Dr. Herman Teo, witnessed by (from left) Datuk Toh, Professor Dato Dr Abdul Hakim Juri, Wong and Dr Annuar.



FOR YOUR YOUR EXCELLENCY... Wong (third left) hands over souvenir to Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud while Toh Puan Datuk Patinggi Ragad Kurdi Taib (third right), Datu Len Talif (second left), Dr Annuar (left) and others look on.