



22,119 ACTIVE FIRMS IN SABAH IN 2010

11th July, 2012 KOTA KINABALU: Sabah had a total of 22,119 active business organisations in 2010, according to the 2011 Economic Census Report. Chief Statistician Dr Abdul Rahman Hasan said of this figure, 18,047 or 81.6 per cent were in the services sector, 1,443 (6.5 per cent) in manufacturing, 1,284 (5.8 per cent) in construction, 1,311 (5.9 per cent) in agriculture and 34 (0.2 per cent) in mining and quarrying.

Overall, there are 662,939 business organisations in Malaysia – 591,137 in the service sector, 39,699 in manufacturing, 22,140 in construction, 8,829 in agriculture and 418 in mining and quarrying, he said.

The manufacturing sector’s gross output was reported at RM836.5 billion, services sector (RM281.5 billion), construction (RM91.3 billion), agriculture (RM53.5 billion) and mining and quarrying (RM4.5 billion).

And in 2011, Abdul Rahman said Sabah’s total exports were worth RM49.40 billion. The main exports were palm oil (38.8 per cent) and petroleum (32.88 per cent). Abdul Rahman also said the business community played an important role in driving economic growth and in the implementation of the government’s Economic Transformation Programme (ETP).

“Looking at the statistics, it is obvious that Sabah and the country as a whole are on the right track, as envisaged in the ETP,” he said here yesterday when launching a programme on the role of respondents in the provision of quality data as inputs for national economic planning.

The session was attended by 135 people representing businesses, state and Federal government departments, and statutory bodies.

Abdul Rahman also said the Sabah Development Corridor launched on Jan 29, 2008 was another government initiative to raise living standards, drive development and narrow the rural-urban economic gap. The cooperation of agencies, business organisations and the business community is needed in the compilation of accurate and comprehensive data, he said.