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Datuk Mohamad Hamdan Wahid (File pix)

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KUCHING, July 17 -- The Sarawak Fire and Rescue Department (JBPM) is expected to obtain the Public Sector Conducive Ecosystem (EKSA) certification this year.

JBPM director-general Datuk Mohamad Hamdan Wahid said that Sarawak JBPM will be the third entity to obtain the certification for the department after the headquarters and the Kuala Lumpur JBPM.

Mohamad Hamdan today launched the Sarawak JBPM EKSA Corner before officiating the retirement ceremony for 17 officers and firefighters at the headquarters here.

EKSA, led by the Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (Mampu), is a rebranding exercise for 5S Implementation of Public Sector which aimed at fostering a culture of organisational excellence.

Mohamad Hamdan said that as the Sarawak JBPM has already obtained the 5S practice certification two years ago, the first ever state JBPM to obtain it, therefore it has become the 5S model to be emulated by other states fire departments.

"We believe JBPM Sarawak will succeed in obtaining the certification," he told reporters, adding that EKSA was implemented to ensure that the workplace was conducive in terms of work environment, safety, services and fast delivery.

In his speech at the ceremony to celebrate the 17 retirees, he said their services will always be appreciated and remembered by the department and the community.

"You are part of the heroes who contribute a lot to every success and excellence of the department," he said, besides urging the retirees to continue contributing to the community even after retirement.

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