



Nasrun and other guests with the POIC auxiliary police personnel in Lahad Datu yesterday.

## POIC Lahad Datu launches police unit

**LAHAD DATU:** Serve with pride and integrity. That was the message passed to the members of the auxiliary police unit of the palm oil industrial cluster (POIC) launched here yesterday.

"Your discipline and integrity will win public confidence. Your uniform, your badge and the oath you made must be internalised so that discipline becomes instinctive and your job a matter of uncompromising pride," said Deputy Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister Datuk Datu Mansur at a launching ceremony.

The 36 members who received their badges is the first batch of an auxiliary law enforcement unit estimated to eventually grow to house a total of 200 members who will patrol the state-owned POIC Lahad Datu, a project envisaged to cover over 4,000 acres.

POIC Lahad Datu, commenced in 2015 to develop downstream palm oil industries, is managed by POIC Sabah Sdn Bhd.

The recruits, who were recruited from here as well as Sandakan and Tawau, have undergone two months of training at the Royal Malaysian Police training centre at Kota Kinabalu.

Nasrun, who is also chairman of POIC Sabah as well as Lahad Datu MP, urged the recruits to see themselves as more than just members of a uniformed law enforcement unit, but as stakeholders of a project that seeks to develop Lahad Datu.

He described POIC Lahad Datu as part of a national effort to develop the oil palm industry as envisaged in the oil palm



Nasrun pinning an insignia on Cpl Jubaidah of the POIC auxiliary police in Lahad Datu yesterday.

NKEA (National Key Economic Area) spelt out in the economic transformation programme announced in 2011.

Eight entry point projects (EPP) were identified in the oil palm NKEA, one of which - the development of high-value oleo derivatives and second generation biofuels - is targeted to be centred in Sabah.

Another EPP, the development of biogas capture, will also see widespread activity because about 30 per cent of the 400-over oil palm mills in Malaysia are located in Sabah.

POIC Lahad Datu has attracted more than RM4 billion in investments and Nasrun is confident of an increase due to its strategic location and availability of raw materials.

He added that the POIC container terminal, which is due for completion in 2018, is also contributing to the attraction of

POIC Lahad Datu which already has a bulk terminal and oil terminal in operation.

The container terminal is funded by the federal government and this testifies to the government's support and confidence in the region's shipping and logistics potentials, Nasrun added.

Meanwhile, the chief executive officer of POIC Sabah, Datuk Dr Pang Teck Wai, said the setting up of the POIC auxiliary police is another step towards upgrading their services for investors within POIC Lahad Datu.

Having its own police unit will help elevate the spirit of community among POIC stakeholders, he added, pointing out the recent establishment of the POIC Emergency Mutual Aid (Pema) which rallies resources of POIC investors and encourage mutual help among them in emergencies.