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### YSG'S FIRE AUXILIARY TEAM CRITICAL FIRE SAFETY ROLE

**LAHAD DATU, (THURSDAY)** – Yayasan Sabah Group (YSG) fire auxiliary plays a critical role in ensuring the safety of the properties and staff of the YSG, said the Director of Yayasan Sabah, Datuk Sapawi Bin Haji Ahmad during the closing ceremony of Yayasan Sabah Group's Fire Auxiliary Competition.

He said, "The fire auxiliary teams are considered as the First Aider in controlling fire while waiting for the fire and rescue team to arrive at the scene." According to him, this is more pertinent due to the geographical contour of the Yayasan Sabah's Concession Area.

The two-day competition was held on 28 to 29 October 2015 respectively in Lahad Datu Town and the Taliwas River Conservation Area, Lahad Datu.

Datuk Sapawi added, "The importance of the fire auxiliary is reflected in this year's competition theme, *"Our life, Our property."*

According to him, "Time is of the essence when it comes to damages from fires rage. If fire is not controlled in time, it could cause greater economic losses. With fire auxiliary, economic losses can be substantially reduced."

Datuk Sapawi further reiterated, "The main objective of organising this competition is to assess the competence of YSG's fire auxiliary team members. We want to ensure our fire auxiliary teams are always ready for any fire eventualities."

Through the competition, the fire auxiliary members were exposed to dry and wet drill, rescuing victims, marching drill and table top.

“It is our hope that through this competition, the fire auxiliary team members gain ample exposure on the right techniques of handling fire safety which is in tandem with the newly created YSG’s Volunteer Unit, which was set up in dealing with natural disasters in the YSG’s Zone Areas,” Datuk Sapawi added.

Datuk Sapawi’s speech was delivered by the Yayasan Sabah’s Corporate Secretary, Dr. Karim Samsuri.

Forestry Division Tawau Region Fire Auxiliary team emerged as champion. The team received a trophy and medals. Second place went to Sabah Softwoods Berhad Fire Auxiliary team while Benta Wawasan Sdn. Bhd. Fire Auxiliary team won third place respectively.

Eight Fire Auxiliary teams participated in the competition, namely Kota Kinabalu, Sabah Softwoods Berhad, Benta Wawasan Sdn. Bhd., Forestry Division Lahad Datu Region, Forestry Division Tawau Region, Danum Valley Field Centre, Pusat Kraftangan Sabah and Taliwas River Conservation Area. The competition is held biyearly.



**Pix 1** : *Dr. Karim (second from right) presenting the champions trophy to Encik Tajudin Jeman, Regional Manager of Forestry Division Tawau Region (left). Also in the picture is Tuan Ismail Bin Ismail, Fire and Rescue Department Malaysia (FRDM).*



**Pix 2** : *Group photo of the winning team – Forestry Division Tawau Region Fire Auxiliary team*



**Pix 3** : *Fire Hose Drill, part of the itinerary conducted during the competition*

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