CM presents Long Service Medal to 310 civil servants

BY ABANG SALFIAN NAWAWI

SAMARAHAN: A total of 310 civil servants from various government departments and agencies received the ‘Pingat Perkhidmatan Setia’ from Chief Minister Pehin Seri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud at the Civic Centre here yesterday.

The ‘Pingat Perkhidmatan Setia’ (Long Service Medal) Award is a state government’s recognition of those civil servants who have served a minimum of 20 years in the state with excellent quality.

According to Haji Shamsuddin Haji Saliman, 59, his love in serving the community made him continue giving his service for exactly 40 years, six months and 12 days as a civil servant.

Shamsuddin, a Machine Operator at the Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID), was among the many civil servants various government agencies who received the medal.

“I was very interested in my work as a machine operator at DID and that is the reason why I was stuck to it until my recent retirement,” he said.

The father of five children said only one of his sons had followed his footsteps to work as a civil servant while the rest were self-employed.

“As a civil servant throughout my whole career, I am very grateful to the government for the ‘Pingat Perkhidmatan Setia,’” he said.

Meanwhile, Najir Mohamad Labboo who had served as a Pump Attendant for 40 years in the Public Works Department (JKR) said he opted to be a civil servant because he wanted to serve the state and community.

“After retirement, I hope to continue serving the community in whatever way I can,” said Najir who was stationed at JKR Sri Aman before retiring recently.

The Samarahan Resident and District Office had 22 recipients, the Lands and Survey Department (24), Public Works Department (19) Agriculture Department (37), Drainage and Irrigation Department (10) Social Welfare Department (18), Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) (4), Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) (4) Department of Civil Aviation (4), Padawan Municipal Council (21), Health Department (81) Education Department (66).

Among those present at the function were State Secretary Datuk Amar Haji Mohd Morshidi Abdul Ghani, Assistant Minister of Environment Datuk Peter Nansian Ngusie, Assistant Minister for Local Government Datuk John Skle Tayai, Assistant Minister Rural Development Julaihi Narawi and other distinguished guests.
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SHAMSUDIN Saleman proudly shows his ‘Pingat Perkhidmatan Sesawat’ at the presentation ceremony.

NAJIR Mohd Labboh had served for 40 years with the Public Works Department.

SEDUTAU Senior Administrative Officer Abdul Rahim Barakah receives the medal from Pehin Sri Tengku as Dato' Sri Mohamad Mohd Shukri looks on.