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**KUCHING:** The Bumiputera Entrepreneur Development Unit under the Chief Minister's Department will take 10 food premises under their wing as a move to ease the burdens of food outlets that have yet to gain their halal certification.

Assistant Minister for Islamic Affairs Datuk Daud Abdul Rahman said that these selected premises would be given free halal certification, its costs borne by the Bumiputera Entrepreneur Development Unit.

"This is a proactive step to ensure that Islamic entrepreneurs gain their halal certification," said Daud during the handing over of financial assistance to students from Tabung Baitulmal Sarawak yesterday.

He also said that the initiative would also be carried out in other divisions in the state in the future.

Daud who is also Tupong state assemblyman said that some of the outlets operated by Muslims are

taken for granted to be halal even though no certification has been issued.

"This is not right, even Muslim owned restaurants must attain the necessary certification," added Daud.

He further said that even though the halal symbol and signage is put up at the outlet, it is not enough unless the halal certificate is displayed.

Daud also said that action could be taken against operators who put up such symbols and signage without having the necessary certification.

On another issue, Daud said

that food premises in traditional villages should determine their land status.

"If the land status can be change to a temporary business land, there is definitely a premium to be paid and I am sure the state land and survey department will aid them in this," he added.

Meanwhile, Padil Bujang who was among the 38 students receiving their financial aid yesterday said that the money is tonic for him to pursue his education at Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM).

A total of RM55,721 was handed out to the IPT students at this ceremony. Among the other recipients were a natural disaster victim who was given a total of RM2,182 and a student's education workshop was given RM1,200.

RM3,000 was handed to the Organisation and Welfare Fund while RM1,740 was allocated for mosques and suraus. Also at the event was President of the Sarawak Islamic Council Datu Putit Matzen and TBS general manager Abang Shibli Abang Nailie.



ASSISTANCE GIVEN: Daud (second right) handing over the financial assistance to Padil as Putit (right) and Shibli look on.