

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE PUTERI PACIFIC JOHOR BAHRU CONDUCTS A FIRE DRILL EXERCISE

Johor Bahru, Johor, 27 August 2010 – “A FIRE broke out at the fourth floor of the hotel building and eight staff members were trapped in the smoke engulfed floor. Upon hearing the triggered fire alarm, employees and staff reacted promptly by evacuating the building and gathered at the assembly area. A call was made to the Fire and Rescue Department. While waiting for the Fire & Rescue Department to arrive, the First Aid and Rescue Team of Puteri Pacific rescued the 3 victims. A fire truck from the Fire and Rescue Department arrived to douse off the fire and the team of fire fighters reached up the building using a simon snorkel to rescue another 5 victims and brought them down safely”.

That was the scenario of a fire drill exercise conducted at The Puteri Pacific Hotel Johor Bahru, recently.

The objective of the fire drill exercise was to evaluate the readiness and reaction of the hotel staff in cases of emergency, as well as to expose the staff to the important procedures that need to be followed in the event of an emergency. The drill also tested the effectiveness of the plan and helps spot any weaknesses in the evacuation strategy. It is also to enhance emergency response mechanism to sudden serious accidents that might happen.

“Conducting fire drills annually in our premises is an essential and it is part of the Environment, Health and Safety (EHS) procedure and this also in line with our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program. Fire, among other hazardous accidents, represents a significant risk to working staff in the hotel” said Mr Beppi Forster Lau, Senior General Manager of The Puteri Pacific Johor Bahru.

“Conducting fire drills help us to measure our reaction towards real accidents, identify the areas of improvement and practice a systematic approach of response to a real situation which could be chaotic and causes panic, and also to minimize the amounts of negative impacts and losses they could cause” explained Mr Beppi Forster Lau.

After the exercise, the employees were briefed on better evacuation methods and given additional information on fire safety.

A team of 20 fire fighters from the Fire and Rescue Department Larkin took part in the exercise, led by Tuan Kasiven, Assistant Fire Superintendent. Also present in the event was Tuan Ooi Kok Seong, JB Traffic Police Chief with his team ; Civil Defence Department led by Kapten Fariz and also Tuan Hj Ismail from Health Department, Hospital Sultanah Aminah Johor Bahru.

In attendance to oversee the operation was Mr Beppi Forster Lau, Senior General Manager of The Puteri Pacific Johor Bahru and Mr Abdul Hamid Ahmad Maulana, Deputy General Manager of The Puteri Pacific Johor Bahru.
