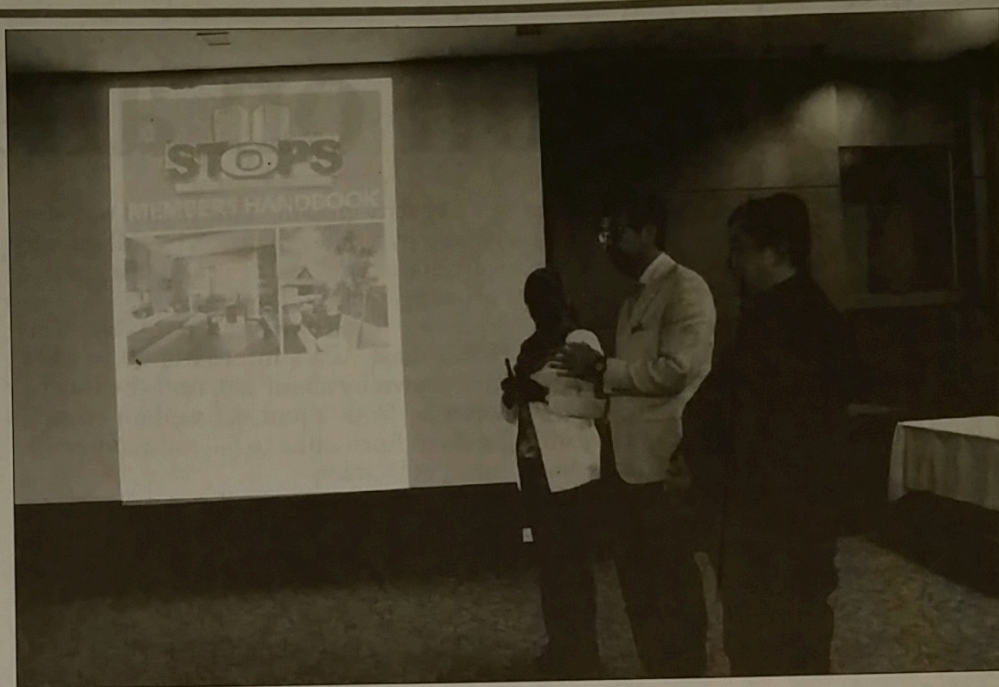


Ken with Goh  
and Mariati at  
the launching of  
the handbook



Sabah has a minister who might agree that such word is good.

# STOPS calls for adoption of Strata Management Act

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KOTA KINABALU: The Subsidiary Title Property Owners & Purchasers Association of Sabah (STOPS) created history by being the first such organisation in Sabah and Malaysia to launch and distribute their own printed informative handbook on strata property affairs free of charge last Saturday.

Its Chairman Ken Lo appealed to the Sabah State government led by Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Haji Aman to help the people of Sabah with regard to subsidiary title issues by setting up a tribunal and adopting the good points of the Strata Management Act 757 (2013).

"I appeal to the State government to adopt the Strata Management Act. Since the inception of STOPS on February 22, 2013, the ultimate goal of STOPS is to address what matters most to all subsidiary title owners, that is to preserve and enhance their property values and to make recommendations to developers or managing agents or local authorities on how to make subsidiary title properties a safe and conducive place to live."

"This is the first time, not just in Sabah but in Malaysia, that a subsidiary or strata title handbook is produced to benefit purchasers and owners."

Lo stressed on STOPS approach values

of being non-confrontational and collaborative in making representation and in being involved with relevant authorities, professional bodies and developers on any matter, discussion, formation of new acts/regulations/by-laws and rules pertaining to subsidiary title properties, or properties pending subsidiary title issuance in Sabah.

State Attorney-General Datuk Mariati Robert launched the Subsidiary Title Property Owners & Purchasers Association of Sabah (STOPS) members' handbook - A Guide for Subsidiary Titled Owners at Wisma Kinsabina, off Jalan Nosoob Baru, Penampang before a crowd of a hundred people.

"The launching of STOPS members' handbook is indeed commendable. I believe this is the first in the State, if not in Malaysia. More importantly, it shows that STOPS is committed in carrying out its objective of providing pertinent information to members in order to make smart decisions," Mariati said in her speech.

Ken expressed his appreciation that Mariati took time off her busy schedule to grace the launch of the handbook.

Mariati said she heads a committee on the subsidiary title law review and she would convene a meeting soon early next month to look into the subsidiary title

matters.

The Sabah State Attorney-General stressed: "With the large increase in numbers of subsidiary titled properties being built in Sabah, I believe that it is also timely for STOPS to take the lead in pushing for property management practice standards for the benefit of both owners/purchasers and developers/property managers."

"Congratulations to STOPS for initiating a platform for owners and purchasers of subsidiary titles to work with the State Government for new laws and rulings to be adopted and approved like the Strata Management Act and formation of a tribunal for owners and purchasers of subsidiary title properties."

"I commend STOPS for initiating seminars such as this with the aim of providing continuous awareness and education to the public, especially on matters relating to the shared benefits and responsibilities of owners of subsidiary title properties. I hope to see more of such seminars and forums in future for all stakeholders to work together to make Sabah a much better place for us all," Mariati said in conclusion, before Shareda lawyer Christopher Chin present his personal views at the seminar on the legal aspect of subsidiary title property ownership rights and responsibilities.