



Dayang Siti Rohani watering a tree planted by her at Jayakuik, the venue of the programme about hazard-free workplaces.

## Local firm promotes drug-free workplace

SANDAKAN: Jayakuik Sdn Bhd has been commended by the National Anti-Drugs Agency (ADK) for introducing a lot of activities in the workplace to keep staff healthy, fit and drug-free.

"Drug abuse has been declared public enemy number one, and is also a global problem that we must fight together. None of us is immune to this problem. It needs commitment from all parties to overcome it in order to achieve our vision of a drug-free Malaysia by 2015," ADK Director Amran Ahmad said at a drug-free workplace programme at Jayakuik's particle board factory at Sg Seguntor at Mile 10 near here.

Amran was represented by his Assistant, Dayang Siti Rohani.

"Our government has made a lot of efforts through ADK with the assistance of NGOs to combat the problem with policies such as the

National Drugs Policy, which is aimed at ensuring our citizens are free from the drugs menace," said Amran.

The main strategy to combat drug abuse is prevention, which includes anti-drug education and public awareness, he said, adding drug abuse in the workplace is a threat because it can reduce the national productivity.

DK statistics show 70% to 80% of workers are aged 18-40 years. This group of workers is more productive, so ADK has to conduct a more comprehensive anti-drug programme for them, he said.

Jayakuik Director Victor P. Xavier said the company has been doing its best to keep the local workers safe and healthy, citing the sport club and their tree planting as part of efforts to make their workplace more environmentally-friendly.