

# 19 die in road accidents in Malaysia daily — Manyin



SIBU: About 19 persons die in road accidents across the country every day.

In disclosing this, Infrastructure Development and Communication Minister Dato Sri Michael Manyin said the fatality rate for Sarawak was 1.23 persons daily.

“This is a high figure which should be looked into. Malaysia has one of the highest rates of road accidents among the countries in the world,” he told reporters after launching a road safety campaign in conjunction with Hari Gawai Dayak 2015 at Lanang Bridge here yesterday.

From police statistics, he said 65 per cent of accident cases were caused by human factor.

“Road safety is the responsibility of all road users and should not be left to the authority concerned alone.

“They, the road users should exercise great care while travelling along the road especially during festive seasons like Gawai.

“Do not drive while drunk because it causes accident and fatality,” he pointed out.

On the road safety campaign, he said it is held every festive season to remind road users to be extra-careful while travelling on the road.

On the abolishment of the Lanang Bridge toll, he said the people, especially road users, would be happy and grateful because it would save them money.

Moreover, a lot of development would take place in the next 10 years, he added.

He thanked Shin Yang Group, the concessionaire for the Lanang Bridge, for agreeing to the toll abolishment.

At the campaign, Manyin handed out goodies bags and leaflets on road safety to motorists and motorcyclists. He also gave out approved safety helmets to several motorcyclists.