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"I wish well done and congratulate the people of JKDM Sabah Zone on the successful collection of revenue for the year 2022. I hope that the amount of revenue collection can be increased further for the year 2023.

"Although 2023 is a challenging year for civil servants especially in terms of economy, but as the

country's main revenue collector, it is certain that JKDM will overcome these various obstacles and challenges," he said at a charity dinner organised by the Sabah Senior Customs Officers Association, here on Wednesday.

Hajiji's speech was read by State Finance Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Masidi Manjun.

He added JKDM deserved to be called the National Economic Hero for its commitment to improve the national economy, besides having played an important role in providing facilities to attract foreign investors, especially to Sabah.

According to him, the black economy that exists from rampant smuggling activities needs to be eliminated immediately because it has a negative impact on the country.

He said that the Customs must

always be alert and prepared in its effort to eliminate smuggling activities in this era of borderless world, which uses the latest communication and information technology.

"Therefore efforts must be multiplied to eradicate every form of smuggling activities in this state.

"I believe Customs has enough strength in terms of manpower, logistics and systems to deal with smuggling activities in this state. It is the responsibility of this department to ensure that the country's revenue does not fall into the wrong hands," he stressed.

Hajiji hopes that JKDM will practise strong and intact integrity in carrying out their duties and reject the culture of corruption so that it does not become a practice in this country.



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