

FIRE DRILL GUIDELINES

'Tahfiz schools must adhere to handbook'

BAGAN DATUK: Tahfiz schools nationwide must conduct fire drills at least once a year.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said the drills must be carried out according to guidelines in the Occupational Safety and Health Management (KKP) handbook, with cooperation from the Fire and Rescue Department.

"This is not merely a guidebook but it must be adhered to during fire drills. Don't simply put this book on the bookshelf... It is too late to read when the blaze starts."

Zahid said this at the launch of the KKP handbook for Tahfiz schools at SA Irshadiyah Addiniah here yesterday.

The KKP handbook was published by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health.



Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi holding the Occupational Safety and Health Management handbook at SA Irshadiyah Addiniah in Bagan Datuk yesterday. With him are National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health chairman Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye (second from right) and Deputy Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Abdul Muttalib (left). PIC BY MUHAIZAN YAHYA

It contains illustrations that are easy to understand, and safety tips that can be easily implemented in all tahfiz schools.

Zahid said he also did not want the book launch to be merely an

official event with no follow-up.

"This is not a ceremonial event, but our commitment to show that religious institutions need to be in line with the National Blue Ocean Strategy."

Zahid, who is Bagan Datuk member of parliament, said the government was concerned about religious schools and didn't want the students to be left behind.

He said the government's commitment to develop the schools was reflected in the allocations disbursed, from a mere RM30 million last year to RM50 million this year.