The visit of the indigenous training ship Tribal Warrior to Darwin is an opportunity for all Territorians to share cultures and learn about each other, Community Development Minister John Ah Kit said today.

Mr Ah Kit, who officially welcomed the vessel to Darwin with Larrakia Nation representatives this morning, said the Tribal Warrior is a 100-year-old, 15.4m gaff-rigged ketch crewed by Aboriginal people and run by the non-profit Tribal Warrior Association based in Sydney.

He said the ketch, which may be Australia's oldest working vessel, was built in the Torres Strait as a pearling lugger. She was originally named Mina.

Mr Ah Kit said the Tribal Warrior provides training opportunities for indigenous Australians, as well as to promote cultural exchange between indigenous and overseas cultures and between Aboriginal tribes around Australia.

"The vessel not only trains young indigenous Australians, the crew also give food and other basic essentials to low-income persons, both indigenous and non-indigenous, and to seek support for the national reconciliation process."

Mr Ah Kit said the Tribal Warrior is making its 60th port of call out of 102 identified visiting points around Australia.

"While the ship is in Darwin, local elders will be asked to burn a message or piece of art onto the planking of the ship," Mr Ah Kit said.

"While they are in port, the crew will throw the ship open for inspection and will give free rides to both indigenous and non-indigenous people."