**FOCUS ON GAMBANG**

**GAMBANG SCIENCE PARK**
A Science Park had been drawn up for Gambang, an area of 621.51 acres. The components of the Park include:

- administrative complex,
- high technology industrial estate,
- research complex,
- knowledge corridor,
- agrobiotechnology and SME zone.

**ECER**
When the Prime Minister announced a RM 6 billion allocation for the opening phase of ECER on October 31 2007, he noted in Kuantan, "We want to ensure that no Malaysian, including the people in Pahang, is left behind in the national development mainstream, we want the prosperity achieved by "Pahang Darul Makmur" to be clearly and fairly reflected."

**EAST COAST ECONOMIC REGION**
The Knowledge Corridor of Gambang-Pekan-Kuantan, will serve to drive urban and regional transformation within ECER.

The Prime Minister also highlighted the importance of recognizing UMP as the Center of Excellence for Biofuels and Biodegradable Products within ECER has meant straight endorsements for UMP's R&D in technology and engineering.

**PAHANG BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER**
The Pahang Biotechnology Center is to become a One-Stop-Centre for coordinating and monitoring biotechnology for wealth creation activities in the State. As a catalyst for biotechnology initiatives, the Center will identify and promote natural resources of the State, develop biotechnology-based industries through business matching, technology transfer, help acquire funds, facilitate incubators and assist companies seeking to fulfill the BioNexus status.

**HALAL FOOD HUB**
The Halal Food Hub is one of the objectives in the Third National Agricultural Policy (1998 - 2010), to establish incubator centers to commercialize research and promote halal foods. Malaysia aims to become a global benchmark for quality, hygiene and best practices in halal foods and halal certifications as it holds a distinctive share of the market for 1.8 billion Muslims worldwide. A Halal Food Hub location has been identified for Gambang within its agrobiotechnology and SME zone.