



200 INTELLECTUALS CONVERGE ON 'HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT'

For the first time, University Malaysia Pahang (UMP) conducted a gathering of 200 intellectuals in 35 parallel sessions in an International Conference on Human Capital Development (ICONHCD 2009) held at the Swiss Garden Resort & Spa in Kuantan from May 25 to 27 last year.

The conference was officiated by the Deputy Minister from the Ministry of Human Resources, Senator Datuk Maznah Mazlan.

In her keynote address, Datuk Maznah said the international conference, themed *"Enhancing Human Capital Development*

Through Different Roles & Perspectives", was timely held as the world was undergoing a tumultuous global economic crisis.

"This is such an opportune time to get together and find practical solutions to policy restructuring in order to overcome the many weaknesses, as well as to highlight the variety of prospects, of staying competitive in an everchanging economic scenario," said the Deputy Minister.

"Speaking of which, the Ministry of Human Resources has, to date, established 80 more branches of Labor Department and 22 local

service centres to help displaced and retrenched workers find new employment," she added.

On that same note, according to UMP Vice-Chancellor – who also chaired the last day of ICONHCD 2009 – Professor Dato' Dr Daing Nasir Ibrahim, the international conference was the best medium for field experts and intellectuals from various professions, locally and internationally, to table their ideas and share their opinions on human capital development (HCD).

The Vice-Chancellor further shared that UMP has made efforts to emphasize HCD initiatives in its