His Royal Highness Tengku Mahkota of Pahang Tengku Abdullah Al-Haj Ibni Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta’in Billah officially launched Kuala Pahang Mahkota Empower ECER - a human resource development programme tailored especially for the community in Kuala Pahang, Pekan.

The idea was mooted by Tengku Abdullah himself who wanted to see youths in the area attained success in their studies as well as improving their skills. He said they should use the opportunity wisely so they could change their lives for the better and become better persons for their families, the nation and religion.

“In fact, commitment from CENFED and UMP Women Association (MATARAH) have successfully realised the strategic consensus between UMP and ECERDC,” he said.

Seven people were also presented with letters of appointment and they would be involved with the programme in Kuala Pahang.

They were Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Indera Shahbandar Principal, Hajah Umi Kalsom Ab Aziz, Senior Assistant Teacher (Administration), Rahayu Shaharuddin, Sekolah Kebangsaan Lepar teacher, Abd Razak Jaafar, Sekolah Kebangsaan Runchang Headmaster, Izmail Md Yassin, Sekolah Kebangsaan Indera Shahbandar headmistress Zaiton Awang, Sekolah Kebangsaan Serandu Headmaster, Mohd Sufian Mohd Ali and Social ECER-UMP Project Manager, Zainal Bahari.

Two participants, Zaini Jusoh and Amran Zakaria, received offer letters to take part in 1Malaysia cooking course and mobile telephone repair course, respectively.

They were among 50 participants comprising homemakers, single mothers and youths selected to participate in various free skill training courses for six months.

In the same event, Tengku Abdullah took the opportunity to mingle with students from schools in Kuala Pahang during a story book reading session and visited exhibition displaying activities relating to ECER, automotive and several government agencies.

Also present were UMP Board Of Directors’ Chairman, Dato’ Mohd Hilmy Mohd Taib, Pekan District Officer, Dato’ Mohd Fadzli Mohd Kenali and the university’s senior officials.