

# University looks forward to developing human capital with state

**KUCHING:** Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) is looking forward to greater cooperation with the state government in developing human capital, especially in the fields of technical and engineering.

Its vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Noh Dalimin believed the cooperation would produce skilled young Sarawakians.

"I also believe that this would support the rapid development effort that is currently being carried out by the Chief Minister," he said at the launch of the Soft Soil Engineering International Conference (SEIC) here yesterday.

Noh said as a university, whose core areas are in the two fields, UTHM had produced more than 20,000 graduates with most becoming engineers in their own respective fields.

He said at the moment, UTHM was in the process of strengthening itself in the engineering technology field to fulfil the demands of various developing sectors locally and abroad.

The SEIC's objectives are to create a platform for knowledge sharing between universities, government agencies and industries in relation to construction in soft soil areas, and to organise academic programmes that would create awareness among participants about the challenges and achievements in the field of soft soil engineering.

Noh said the conference had attracted some 220 participants from nine countries, including Japan, China, Nigeria, Yemen, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Singapore.

He said it covered various comprehensive aspects, including soft soil properties, geo-technical modelling and soft soil improvement.