

# Kedahans propose ideas on modernising state by 2010

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Following calls by the Kedah government for Kedahans to give ideas on how it can achieve developed state status by 2010, delegates of a just-concluded seminar here submitted proposals on seven key areas of development.

Their thoughts were compiled into a report that was submitted to Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain at the "Wacana Kedah Maju 2010" seminar here on Friday.

The areas of concern voiced by some 250 participants of the seminar were tourism, human resources development, infor-

mation and communications technology, agriculture, education and religion, the media, and economic and infrastructure development.

Addressing the delegates at the JW Marriot here, Syed Razak invited Kedahans living and working in the Klang Valley to contribute their ideas.

He said people from the state who were now living and working outside Kedah could play an important role by giving their support and assistance to help develop the state.

He said that besides the anak Kedah (subjects of Kedah), the rakan-rakan

Kedah (friends of Kedah) would also benefit from the development of the state.

Kedah Maju 2010 is a blueprint to transform it into a developed state within the next seven years.

The plan was launched on Sept 29, 2001 by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Besides turning Kedah into a self-reliant and economically independent state, the plan also involves the elevation of its capital Alor Star to city status.

Wacana Kedah Maju 2010 was organised by the Persatuan Anak Kedah Wilayah Persekutuan dan Selangor (Adam).