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Generating new ideas on Perak development



(From left) Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah, Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir, Morinosuke Kawaguchi and Institute Darul Ridzuan CEO Dr Mazalan Kamis. Pic by Muhaizan Yahya

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LUMUT: The inaugural Pangkor International Development Dialogue (PIDD) recently was a major success as socio-economic leaders and educators gathered to deliberate on the subjects of good governance and inclusive wealth.

Held at the Swiss Garden Golf Resort and Spa here, the dialogue was opened by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir.

In his opening address, Zambry said the dialogue had a vital role to play in generating ideas not only for the state but also for Malaysia and the world at large.

"With the singular purpose of bringing together a number of experts in various fields, it serves as an intellectual platform to exchange information and share experiences," he said.

Zambry later told reporters that PIDD was part of the effort by Perak to promote the state.

"It is to discuss new ideas in terms of development for Perak and Malaysia," he said.

Zambry added that experienced presenters who are captains of their field had been invited to give their presentation.

Singling out the event's keynote speaker Morinosuke Kawaguchi as an example, Zambry said the former was an adviser to the Japanese government.

"He is a strategist and innovation expert," he said.

Zambry noted that Kawaguchi also saw the potential of Malaysia.

"We hope to take the views of all speakers to help us plan and develop Perak and Malaysia," he added.

Organised by the state's think tank Institute Darul Ridzuan, other speakers in the dialogue, which took place on Oct 26 and 27, included Deputy Prime Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, economist Prof Rajah Rasiah, Sunway Group founder

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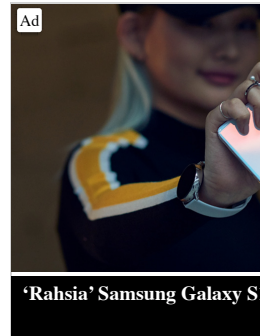
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