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Quality human capital from Unimas: Prof

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SAMARAHAN: Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) shoulders a heavy responsibility as the university is directly involved with the various government's development programmes, said its acting vice chancellor Prof Dr Khairuddin Ab Hamid.

Khairuddin however said that they would continue to carry out the duty and responsibility of providing quality human capital to meet the employment market and development in the state.

Citing the development of Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE) as one case, he pointed out that Unimas was involved directly in research and development (R&D), and provide training for quality human capital.

"Having been directly involved in the development of Score, we (Unimas) have a heavy responsibility to shoulder, which we will do to our best.

"For the purpose of SCORE development, Unimas has been entrusted to act as co-coordinator for all institutions of higher learning in the state," Khairuddin said at the

launching of Unimas Career Expo 2008 at the new campus here yesterday.

Thirty-five agencies — 26 from the government and nine from the private sector — are taking part in the two-day expo, to provide job opportunities and related information to the students.

He noted that the development of SCORE would provide at least 500,000 job opportunities by 2030.

Within the next couple of years, 20,000 to 50,000 job would arise from SCORE, he said.

He also said that Unimas would continuously work hard to ensure



JOB SEEKERS: Students enrol for courses at one of the booths where open interviews are conducted.

that the courses the university offered would suit the job market, and producing quality graduates.

By offering quality courses and producing quality graduates, Unimas hoped to assist the government in overcoming the problem of jobless graduates, he added.

On the expo, which is held for two consecutive years, he said that similar

event would be held in a grand scale in future, where government agencies and private sector from Sabah would be invited to participate. He added that such a programme would normally be held to coincide with the final year semester to enable the eventual graduates to know the various job opportunities and other related information.

At yesterday's event, open

interviews were also conducted after the launching ceremony.

Meanwhile, the expo organising chairman Dr Othman Bojo, who is also Dean of Student Development Centre said the event could provide networking for the private and public sectors. He hoped that students would make full use of the event to look for jobs upon graduation from the university.