



# IMT-GT ARES Met Its Target

**After** successfully organizing the 11th IMT-GT Varsity Carnival last March involving sports and cultural activities for students, UniMAP felt that a similar event should also be extended to involve academic staff and researchers from universities that come under the Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle or IMT-GT. Thus the idea to organize the 'IMTGT – Academic & Research Exposition' (IMTGT-AREX 2009) was mooted.

The expo, which took place from 16-17 June 2009, was held in conjunction with the Raja of Perlis' 66th birthday celebration. The event which took place at Dewan 2020 in Kangar garnered the latest research products from universities under the IMT-GT region. 'Strengthening Agricultural Entrepreneurship through Engineering' was the theme for the expo and most of the research products displayed were based on the theme. Several research institutions and selected agencies from all over the country were invited to participate in the expo.

Among local institutions of higher learning involved were Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Utara Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi MARA Perak Campus, Universiti Teknologi MARA Shah Alam Campus, Universiti Perguruan Sultan Idris, Universiti Tun Hussien Onn Malaysia, Politeknik Arau, Kolej Matrikulasi Perlis and Kolej Komuniti Arau. International participants were from Hatyai University, Walailak University, Prince Of Songkla University, Thaksin University, Universitas Sumatera Utara, Universitas Negeri Medan, Universitas Muhammadiyah Sumatera Utara and Institut Teknologi Medan, Indonesia.

The expo was officiated by HRH the Chancellor of UniMAP. The first day of the event was witnessed by the Menteri Besar of Perlis, Chairman of the University Board of Directors, Vice Chancellor of UniMAP and other distinguished guests from within and outside the country. HRH the Chancellor also consented to presenting mementos to all exhibitors and visited the display booths.