

# Tourism booster for Kuantan

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**Big layout:** Sultan of Pahang is briefed on the Kuantan Waterfront Resort City project with Adnan while Muhammad Safian (left) and Zailan (right) look on.

KUANTAN: Kuantan, as the gateway to east coast, will have another landmark tourist attraction with the Kuantan Waterfront Resort City in Tanjung Lumpur.

Construction for the RM1.6bil project is expected to kick off next year and is expected to boost not only the tourism sector but provide some 5,000 job opportunities, in addition to economic spill-over activities for locals.

Its developer Newston International Group Sdn Bhd project manager Tan Sri James Foong Cheng Yuen said the project is sited on a reclaimed land off Tanjung Lumpur beach will cover a 202ha land area, some 2.5km from the shore.

Foong said the resort adopts a waterfront concept comprises hotel, residential, commercial and business, medical and health centres.

“The project will have five phases of construction over a period of between 10 years and 15 years.

“Some 25% of the project will have a marina which could attract world class sailors and huge ships to berth.

“Residents including fishermen will benefit from the spill-over of economic activities in the long run,” he said after the signing of an agreement led by its chief executive officer Datuk Zailan Abdul Ghafar and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob, witnessed by Sultan Pahang Sultan Ahmad Shah and state secretary Datuk Seri Muhammad Safian Ismail at Zenith Hotel here.

Foong said among the facilities available include a water theme park, aquaria, shopping outlets, duty free shops, terminal, floating restaurant, convention centre and hotel.

Commenting on the project, Zailan described it as a tourism icon as upon completion, could attract more than 500,000 tourists and boost growth in Kuantan town.

“Kuantan will have a new unique city within its township which the locals can be proud of,” he added.