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'Melaka a model of sustainable development'

MELAKA: Melaka is an example of a state that is forward looking when it comes to sustainable development as evident at the 9th World Urban Forum (WUF9) at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC) here last week.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Idris Haron said Melaka was one of the states invited to present a working paper to discuss sustainable city development for the betterment and safety of residents.

"I was given the opportunity to present a working paper at the forum and in meetings, with the assistance of six experts.

"They (the forum panel) recognised the importance of Melaka



Chief Minister Datuk Seri Idris Haron (left) speaking at the get-together session in Melaka yesterday. PIC BY RASUL AZLI SAMAD

in various fields, including green technology and sustainable energy."

He said this at a media briefing at a get-together session with him, held in conjunction with the WUF9 Technical Visit

here yesterday.

The forum, which began last Wednesday, was one of the biggest events organised since 2002, with 25,000 participants comprising local and foreign delegates from 42 countries.

It addressed issues on city development, with more than 500 programmes, including working papers, workshops, plenary meetings, special sessions and roundtable meetings, as well as policy dialogues.