

DEVELOPMENT OF STATE OF PERAK: MOVING FORWARD TO A DEVELOPED STATE STATUS

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Perak aspires to catch up and join the ranks of developed states. As such, the Institute of Darul Ridzuan (IDR) in collaboration with University Malaya Centre of Regulatory Studies (UMCoRS) undertakes a study to map the overall economic development of the Perak state. The objective of the study is to assess the development of Perak in terms of macroeconomic achievements, sectorial development and the enablers of growth using secondary data. The emphasis is on industrial development due to the fact that evidence has suggested the importance of the manufacturing sectors as a catalyst that has a larger impact in moving the economy at a greater pace. In doing so, the study identifies the sources of growth as well as the strengths and weaknesses of the Perak economy at large. Based on this analysis, broad recommendations are made to the IDR for further deliberations at agency and organisational levels for detailed strategic and action plans.

Recommendations

Overall, some of the current weaknesses in terms of providing an enabling environment for investment need to be reinvestigated. Among them include:

1. Improving the participation of training institutions and universities in industrial training by specifically improving the quality and providing industrial relevant trainings. Penang Skill Development Corporation can be a good model to benchmark.
2. Establishing incentives and appropriate mechanism to promote brain gain as well as to deter brain drain.
3. Devising labour productivity development projects through the National Productivity Corporation.
4. Investing significantly in industrial zone infrastructures and reactivating the passive zones.

5. Encouraging innovation and technological upgrading.
6. Improving connectivity – ICT as well as air transport.

As a whole, in this study, the overall progress of Perak state was assessed. The performance of the industries as well as the improvement in the enabling environment is vital for Perak to achieve its target of becoming developed state.

Tindakan

- Telah dibentangkan di Seminar Penyelidikan Tahunan IDR Pertama (ke-1) yang telah diadakan pada tahun 2014.