AS part of its efforts to reshape tourism and hospitality education in Malacca, the Malaysian Centre of Tourism and Hospitality Education (MyCenTHE) has appointed Politeknik Merlimau (PMM) as its fifth cluster leader.

The launch of PMM as the cluster leader in Malacca was officiated by Deputy Education Minister P. Kamalanathan.

He said that MyCenTHE is the chosen one-stop centre to prepare work-based learning programmes through strategic collaborations with the main players in the local tourism industry.

MyCenTHE is an institution that aims to improve the quality of tourism and hospitality education besides promoting work-based learning through strategic partnerships with renowned industry players on the local front.

Currently, there are five MyCenTHE clusters based in Penang, Sabah, Sarawak, Negri Sembilan and Malacca.

Kamalanathan also pointed out that more clusters will be launched in other states within the next two years.

UCSI University founder Datuk Peter Ng said that the launch was significant in terms of the development of institutes of higher education and academic institutions in the country.

"PMM is the first public institution to join MyCenTHE and it is hoped that this will be a starting point for more institutes of higher education, both public and private, to work together," he said.

MyCenTHE president Dr Lu Huong Ying and Malacca exco for Education, Higher Education, Science And Technology, Green Technology and Innovation Datuk Yunos Husin were also present.

Official launch: Kamalanathan (left) officiating at the launch while Ng (right) and Yunos look on.