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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysians should maintain a positive and proactive attitude to overcome the global economic crisis, said the Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir.

"Some factories have retrenched their workers or reduced their working week to three days, and

there are Malaysians overseas who have lost their jobs and come home.

"Despite these setbacks, the country has escaped the worst and

is doing quite well," he said at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) — Women's Institute of Management (WIM) 20th World Population Day celebration in Taman Tun Dr Ismail here, yesterday.

Present were Tuanku Muhriz's consort Tunku Ampuan Besar Tuanku Aishah Rohani Tengku Besar Mahmud, UNFPA representative to Malaysia Kamal Malhotra, WIM chairman Tan Sri Napsiah Omar and the event's organising chairman Datuk Dr Nellie Tan-Wong.

The event was held concurrently with a three-day training workshop for women who are single parents. The training is on protec-

tion against HIV/AIDS and domestic violence, and how to become self-reliant.

Tuanku Muhriz commended WIM for its good work in helping disadvantaged women throughout the country for the past 16 years.

Napsiah said with the US\$300,000 (RM1.70 million) five-year grant given by the UNFPA, WIM had been actively involved in various research and training programmes to empower disadvantaged women.



(From right) Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir, Tuanku Aishah Rohani Tengku Besar Mahmud, Datuk Dr Nellie Tan-Wong and Tan Sri Napsiah Omar at the WIM 20th World Population Day 2009 event in Taman Tun Dr Ismail yesterday.