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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 30 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER (~~DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD~~) HAS TAKEN OVER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON TOURISM WHICH WAS FORMERLY HEADED BY EX-DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK MUSA HITAM.

DISCLOSING THIS, INFORMATION MINISTER DATUK RAIS YATIM SAID THE CABINET WAS INFORMED OF THIS AT ITS WEEKLY MEETING TODAY.

HE SAID THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE REMAINED UNCHANGED AND INCLUDED TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH, FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN, FINANCE MINISTER DAIM ZAINUDDIN AND HE HIMSELF AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHERS CONNECTED WITH THE TOURIST INDUSTRY.

THE COMMITTEE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IS ENTRUSTED WITH THE TASK OF SEEKING WAYS TO IMPROVE THE TOURIST INDUSTRY TO BOOST THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.

DATUK RAIS SAID THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD CHAIR THE THIRD MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ITS FUTURE PROGRAMMES BUT THE DATE HAD NOT BEEN FIXED.

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