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MELAKA, DEC 10 (BERNAMA) -- THE PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS AGREED THAT MELAKA AND KUALA LUMPUR BE MADE TWIN CITIES, MELAKA CHIEF MINISTER DATUK SERI, ABDUL RAHIM TANGSY CHIK SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE MELAKA FOUNDATION DINNER AT THE AIR KERUH COUNTRY RESORT HERE LAST NIGHT, HE SAID PREPARATIONS WERE BEING MADE FOR THE EVENT INCLUDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A DATUK BANDAR FOR MELAKA, WHICH WOULD ALSO BE DECLARED A HISTORICAL CITY.

+I HAVE DIRECTED THE STATE LEGAL ADVISOR AND STATE FINANCIAL OFFICER TO PREPARE THE AGREEMENT MAKING THE TWO AS TWIN CITIES AS WELL AS OTHER RELATED MATTERS,+ HE SAID.

THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT MAY TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 15 NEXT YEAR WHEN MELAKA IS DECLARED A HISTORICAL CITY.

HE SAID MAKING MELAKA A TWIN CITY WITH KUALA LUMPUR WOULD ACCELERATE THE GROWTH OF THE TOURISM SECTOR IN THE STATE AND KUALA LUMPUR. -- MORE

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HE SAID TOURISTS VISITING KUALA LUMPUR COULD BE BROUGHT TO MELAKA. MELAKA OFFERS TOURIST ATTRACTIONS NOT AVAILABLE IN KUALA LUMPUR AND FACILITIES NOT FOUND IN THE STATE CAN BE HAD IN KUALA LUMPUR.

DATUK SERI ABDUL RAHIM, WHO IS ALSO MELAKA FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN SAID SO FAR IT HAD SPENT \$6.3 MILLION FOR ITS EDUCATION PROGRAMME.--BERNAMA

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