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MELAKA, JULY 7 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS AGREED TO MELAKA BEING MADE A TWIN CITY OF HOORNE IN HOLLAND AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

CHIEF MINISTER DATUK SERI ABDUL RAHIM **TAMBY** CHIK SAID TODAY THAT THE STATE GOVERNMENT WOULD PREPARE A WORKING PAPER ON THE MATTER TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CABINET.

PRESENTLY THE MELAKA HAS BEEN TWINNED WITH LISBON IN PORTUGAL ON JAN 19 1984 AND KUALA LUMPUR ON APRIL 15.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER LAUNCHING THE AIR SERVICES OF SYARIKAT PENERBANGAN PELANGI (PELANGI **AIR**) TO MELAKA HISTORICAL CITY AT THE BATU BERENDAM **AIRPORT**, DATUK SERI ABDUL RAHIM SAID THE TWINNING WITH HOORNE WOULD STEP UP THE TOURISM INDUSTRY IN THE STATE.

THE CHIEF MINISTER ALSO SAID THAT THE STATE GOVERNMENT WOULD INVITE PRESIDENT SUHARTO TO VISIT TWO TRADITIONAL INDONESIAN HOUSES WHICH WERE OF THE **+JOGLO MANGKURAT+** AND **+SULAWESI SELATAN+** TYPES AT THE **TAMAN MINI ASEAN**, WHEN HE VISITS MALAYSIA EARLY NEXT YEAR. -- MORE

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THE \$4.3 MILLION **TAMAN MINI ASEAN** IS LOCATED ON A FIVE HECTARE SITE AND WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER. IT WOULD HAVE TWO TRADITIONAL HOUSES OF EACH **ASEAN** COUNTRY EXCEPT BRUNEI DARUSSALAM WHICH WOULD ONLY HAVE ONE HOUSE.

ON PELANGI **AIR**, THE CHIEF MINISTER SAID THE STATE GOVERNMENT WAS PLANNING TO BUY A PART OF PELANGI AIR SHARES AND NEGOTIATIONS ON IT WOULD START SOON.

PELANGI AIR CHAIRMAN! TAN SRI ABDUL AZIZ ABDUL RAHMAN SAID THE COMPANY WOULD MAKE MELAKA AN ENTRY POINT FOR SINGAPORE TOURISTS COMING TO THIS COUNTRY.

HE SAID PELANGI AIR WAS ALSO PLANNING TO EXTEND SERVICES TO PEKAN **BARU**, INDONESIA AND EFFORTS TOWARDS THIS WERE BEING UNDERTAKEN WITH INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES.

AT THE SAME TIME PELANGI AIR WAS ALSO PLANNING TO HAVE AIR SERVICES BETWEEN MELAKA AND PULAU **PINANG**, SAID TAN SRI ABDUL AZIZ **WHO** IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MALAYSIA AIRLINES (**MAS**). -- MORE  
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PELANGI **AIR**, THE COUNTRY'S SECOND AIRLINE ASSISTING MAS FULLFIL THE DOMESTIC AIR SERVICES **DEMAND**, OPERATES **+TWIN OTTER+** AIRCRAFT WHICH COULD ACCOMMODATE 19 PASSENGERS EACH.

PELANGI AIR STARTED OPERATIONS ON JAN 1 LAST YEAR AND HAS STARTED FLIGHTS TO SEVERAL DOMESTIC DESTINATIONS INCLUDING TO TIOMAN AND PANGKOR **ISLANDS**, **TANJUNG JARA** AND **TAMAN NEGARA**.

THE FLIGHTS FROM KUALA LUMPUR TO MELAKA WERE SCHEDULED THRICE WEEKLY ON **MONDAYS**, WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS. PELANGI AIR ALSO HAS FLIGHTS TO SELETAR AIRPORT IN SINGAPORE AND IPOH. -- BERNAMA  
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