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LING TO VISIT CHINA AND MYANMAR TO DISCUSS RAIL LINK

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 4 (Bernama) -- Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik will leave for China and Myanmar at the end of this month to further discuss the proposed rail link from Singapore to Kunming in southern China.

He will also discuss with China and Myanmar how they can link up to the Trans-Asian Railway, he told reporters at his office here today.

Dr Ling said discussions would also be held with China on how it could cooperate with Myanmar to bring it into the railway route.

At the moment, there are no rail links between China and Myanmar.

"Some new tracks will need to be built (to link the two countries)," he said.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad proposed the rail link at the Asean Summit in Bangkok last December.

The proposal received all-round backing from Asean countries as well as Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar.

Dr Ling said the rail link was discussed in the Cabinet meeting today and Dr Mahathir was keen to see that Laos and Myanmar would not be left out in the project.

He said during his one-week visit, he would also discuss with China the possibility of getting more landing rights for Malaysia Airlines, especially in Shanghai and Kunming.

"We are now flying only to Kwangjung and Beijing," he said. -- BERNAMA

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