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NUR MISUARI TO MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 14 (Bernama) -- Nur Misuari, the Governor of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao, will arrive here tomorrow for a week-long official visit to Malaysia.

A statement issued by Wisma Putra today said Misuari, who is also Chairman of the Southern Philippines Council for Peace and Development, would be accompanied by a delegation of 20 officials.

The purpose of his visit is to invite Malaysian companies to invest in economic and joint-venture projects in the southern Philippines, which is one of the five territories within the East Asean Growth Area.

The other territories are Brunei, Sabah, Sarawak and Indonesian Kalimantan.

The statement said Misuari will pay a courtesy call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim on Monday and hold talks with Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

On the same day, he will give a talk at an investment promotion luncheon hosted by Malaysian South-South Association at the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations.

Misuari will attend briefings at the Economic Planning Unit, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Pilgrimage Management and Fund Board, Bank Islam, Permodalan Nasional Berhad, International Islamic University and Federal Land Development Authority.

He will visit the Perodua plant, the Malaysian Technology Park and Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia.

Misuari will also visit Selangor, Pahang and Terengganu for talks with the respective state officials on ways to enhance economic cooperation between these states and southern Philippines.

While in the three states, Misuari will tour housing and tourism-related projects, Felde land schemes, the Petronas oil complex at Kerteh and some cottage industries. -- BERNAMA

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