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PENANG CM AND LEADING BUSINESSMEN TO VISIT JAPAN

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TOKYO, Oct 26 (Bernama) -- Pulau Pinang Yang Dipertua Tun Dr Hamdan Sheikh Tahir, accompanied by Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon, will lead an investment promotion mission to Japan from Oct 31.

The four-day high powered mission would include businessmen and Pulau Pinang state councillors, as well as a cultural troupe which aims to foster close cultural ties with Kanagawa Prefecture, Georgetown's twin city.

The Penang State Development Corporation (PDC) in a statement here today said the theme of the mission was "Friendship Through Business & Leisure."

Among the highlights of the investment drive include a panel discussion on Oct 31. The panel members are Mokhzani Mahathir (executive chairman of Tongkah Holdings), Alfred Teh (managing Director of Eng Technologies (M) Sdn Bhd, Tetsuo Tokita (Sony Electronics managing director) and Hitoshi Ishimori (managing director of Hitachi Semiconductor (M) Sdn Bhd).

The event will be centred in Yokohama, one of Japan's premier ports located west of Tokyo, and would be followed by individual business meeting between Malaysian and Japanese entrepreneurs.

Prior to the panel discussion, Dr Koh together with Penang State Executive Councillors would hold a meeting with Takaaki Soeda, speaker of Kanagawa Prefectural Assembly.

On Nov 1, Dr Koh would visit TDK Corporation, Tokyo while on Nov 2 the chief minister will tour the exhibition at Shin Toshi Plaza in Yokohama which would showcase Penang island's development activities.

The grand finale is the opening of the Pulau Pinang Fair at the Dockyard Garden, Yokohama.

Among the cultural activities lined-up for the fair is a lion dance, silat or local art of self-defense and food stalls promoting Malaysian cuisine.

The entourage is expected to return to Pulau Pinang on Nov 4. --

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