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PENANG TO BE INTEGRATED MANUFACTURING CENTRE

PULAU PINANG, May 24 (Bernama) -- The Pulau Pinang Government will work towards transforming the state into an integrated manufacturing centre for giant industries in the region, Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon said.

The government would also develop the state as an economic growth centre under the Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand (IMT-GT) growth triangle, he said on his return here last night after accompanying the Prime Minister on a visit to the United States and Britain.

He said information about Penang and its neighbouring states would also be disseminated through the information network system, PenangNet.

Dr Koh said the international firm of Sun Micro System would set up the PenangNet in collaboration with a local company using American technology.

With the development of all these, more foreign investors would be attracted to Penang particularly those involved in capital and high-technology intensive industries, he said

He also said the Penang Development Corporation staged an exhibition in San Francisco, during Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's visit, highlighting investment opportunities and industrial activities in the state.

On the cholera situation in the state, Dr Koh was relieved to learn that the disease was under control with fewer people suffering from the disease.

However the disease has had an unfavourable impact on the state's tourist industry, at least in the short term, and should serve as a lesson to everyone, the Chief Minister said.

"A check at the Malaysian Tourist Information Office in London revealed that tourists had postponed their trips to Penang because of the cholera fear," he said.

"It should serve as a lesson in particular to the Penang Water Authority, Health Services Department, the City Council and food handlers and it also shows that we need a proper sewerage system," Dr Koh added. --

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