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DON'T DISTORT FACTS ABOUT HFM OUTBREAK, MEDIA TOLD

KANGAR, July 13 (Bernama) -- Health Minister Datuk Chua Jui Meng today took a swipe at the foreign media for sensationalising the outbreak of the Hand, Foot and Mouth disease outbreak and trying to project Malaysia as being helpless in tackling the disease.

They had misreported the actual situation on the outbreak, he told reporters after opening the Perlis MCA delegates meeting here today.

Chua cited a recent incident while attending the six-day medical and health conference in Indonesia when he was besieged by the world press eager to know the situation in the country.

It seemed that they had viewed it too seriously after receiving false information through the Internet, he said.

He said such a distorted picture about the outbreak could hamper the government's efforts to attract tourists to the country.

The noble efforts of the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who is overseas promoting Malaysia to the world, could be in vain, he added.

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