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GHANI TO LEAD JOHOR DELEGATION TO AUSTRALIA

JOHOR BAHRU, March 18 (Bernama) -- Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman leaves here tomorrow at the head of a state delegation for a nine-day official visit to Australia.

Among those accompanying him are Housing, Small and Middle-Scale Industry and Local Government Committee chairman Adam Abdul Hamid, Works and Public Works and Utility Committee chairman Datuk Zainalabidin Mohamed Zin and Johor Corporation chief executive Datuk Mohamed Ali Hashim.

The delegation will visit Melbourne, Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Sydney and Hobart.

Abdul Ghani told reporters here today that the visit was to study the various developments in Australia's riverine areas, especially those in Queensland and Victoria as Johor was keen to develop the areas along its rivers, particularly Sungai Tebrau and Sungai Plentong.

He said Queensland had something special in its riverine development, making it a leading tourist attraction, and Johor hoped to benefit from its experience.

He said Johor Corporation officials had been included in the delegation in view of the agency's hotel investment interests in Hobart.

On Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's advice for state governments to set aside projects with short-term profits when attracting investments, he said Johor would offer the opportunity for the private sector to submit their views and ideas. -- BERNAMA

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