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Two-month waiting period for approval

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Foreign film makers wanting to use Malaysia as their shooting location have been advised to submit their applications with their film scripts at least two months before they begin filming, Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry secretary-general Datuk Ismail Adam said today.

Ismail however said they should wait for approval before coming here as not all applications would be approved. The applications will be processed by a panel of officers from the Information Ministry.

Ismail was commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's invitation to Hollywood film makers to come to Malaysia to film during his visit to Hollywood as part of his American tour to introduce the country's Multimedia Super Corridor concept.

Ismail said this after opening the "Dolphin and Animal Show and Dinosaurs Fossils Exhibition" at Plaza Phoenix.

He said some of them handed in their applications individually while others were recommended by the Tourism Board.

He added that film makers who tarnished the country's reputation would be barred from the country.

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