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AL-FAYED'S TOUR AGENCY TO BRING TOURISTS TO MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 5 (Bernama) -- A tour agency owned by Egyptian businessman Mohamed Al-Fayed will help bring tourists to Malaysia and also help in the country's tourist promotion efforts.

Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik said today that Al-Fayed had informed him that his tour agency in London would divert its customers to Malaysia.

"We very much welcome this move," Sabbaruddin said at his Hari Raya open house here.

Sabbaruddin said this when asked to comment on the statement by Al-Fayed, owner of famed London store, Harrods, that Malaysia had much untapped tourism potential.

Al-Fayed is in Malaysia on a three-day visit at the invitation of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Sabbaruddin said his ministry would also take up Al-Fayed's proposal that his ministry write to a well-known filming company asking it to do its filming in this country to promote Malaysia to the rest of world. --

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