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SARAWAK HOPES TRAVEL REQUIREMENT EASING FOR ALL

KUCHING, July 26 (Bernama) -- Sarawak hopes Malaysia's easing of travel requirements such as the need for visas as indicated by the Prime Minister would cover tourists from all countries.

State Tourism Minister Datuk Dr James Masing said easing travel requirements for visitors from all countries help improve the tourism industry in Malaysia.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday said Malaysia was willing to relax its travel requirements in efforts to promote tourism as the industry was considered essential in helping the economy to recover.

Masing also told reporters here today that five international musical groups would participate in the "Rainforest World Music Festival 99" here on August 28 and 29.

The five musical groups are Regis Gizavo from Madagascar, Shooglenifty from Scotland, Alma Latina from Cuba, Mochica from Peru and the Canada-China group of Randy Raine-Reusch and Mei Han.

He said eight local groups would also participate - four from Sarawak, one from Sabah and three from peninsular Malaysia.

The music festival would be held at the Kampung Budaya Sarawak.

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