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Melaka-Tourists

MELAKA TO RECEIVE 20,000 TOURISTS UNDER HOLIDAY PACKAGE

MELAKA, 20 Nov (Bernama) -- Melaka expects to attract 20,000 foreign tourists per month through the Melaka-MAS Golden Holiday package launched in London last week.

Chief Minister Datuk Wira Mohamed Ali Rustam said today the bulk of the tourists were expected to be from Britain.

They would be interested in Melaka's rich history and cultural heritage, he told reporters after opening a conference and exhibition on the environment, workers' safety and quality.

"The State Government will further improve the facilities at several places along the coast and promote new areas like the beaches in Padang Kemunting, Pengkalan Balak, Pantai Klebang and Tanjung Bidara," he said.

Mohamed Ali said the Melaka Government would also ensure that the Sungai Melaka cleaning up and beautifying programme proceeded smoothly in line with the plan to make the river a tourist product in two years.

Tourists could then take a boat ride in the eight km long river or a stroll in the walkway along the river, he said.

The Chief Minister said the State Government had applied for a federal grant to finance the RM100 million programme.

"I am confident the Federal Government will approve the application as the proposal paper received the attention of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin," he added.

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