

# ***Law: Malaysia will benefit from convention***

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**PUTRAJAYA:** The seventh World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention (WCEC) next year will help promote Malaysia's image in the international arena as well as attract foreign direct investments, said Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Law Hieng Ding.

"The convention will provide a good opportunity for interaction with the Chinese entrepreneurs worldwide," he told reporters after meeting an eight-member delegation of the WCEC organising committee.

Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCCIM)

president Tan Sri Datuk Lim Guan Teik, who is also the organising committee chairman, and deputy secretary-general Datuk David Chua led the delegation.

About 2,500 Chinese entrepreneurs from 86 countries are expected to attend the convention to be held here between July 27 and 30.

Law said the entrepreneurs participating in the convention would be able to understand the advantages Malaysia had to offer.

He said Malaysia had good infrastructure, people, policies and government and all the ingredients to attract for-

ign investments.

Chua said the convention would be held in English and Mandarin as there were some ethnic businessmen, especially from western countries, who were not good in Mandarin.

"We are expecting a large participation of Malaysian businessmen at this convention where Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver a keynote address and have a dialogue with the participants," he said.

Previous conventions were held in Singapore (1991), Hong Kong (1993), Thailand (1995), Canada (1997), Australia (1999) and China (2001).