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KOH OFF TO THE UNITED STATES

PENANG, Jan 30 (Bernama) -- Penang Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon left Bayan Lepas International Airport here last night for the United States to participate in the World Economic Forum (WEF) and the Malaysian Investment Summit (MIS) in New York.

The WEF is a high-powered annual gathering of world leaders in politics and business to discuss major economic issues and policies.

Dr Koh will be present especially during the WEF sessions on Feb 3 when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will speak on economic issues, according to a government statement.

On Feb 4 there will be a special one-day WEF workshop on global competitiveness in which Dr Koh will be on a panel discussing "Strategy and Competitiveness: The New Learning Curve".

The MIS beginning on Feb 4 in New York is jointly organised by investment firm of Salomon Smith Barney, the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (Asli) of Malaysia and the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange where Dr Mahathir will be the featured speaker.

Dr Koh will brief US fund managers and senior executives on the state of the Malaysian ICT and electronic industries and the country's continued attractiveness as a global investment centre.

The other speakers are Bank Negara Governor Tan Sri Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz and KLSE Executive Chairman Dato Mohd Azlan Hashim.

Dr Koh and his Penang Development Corporation (PDC) team would also take the opportunity to discuss investment in the state with industrialists attending both the WEF and MIS, the statement said.

The Chief Minister will visit Boston where he plans to visit several IT, biotech companies and the Boston University Photonics Centre.

On Feb 6, he will speak on "Malaysia: Managing diversity and Change" at Princeton University.

Dr Koh will leave for Penang via London and scheduled to be home by Feb 9.

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