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LID-Cleanliness

LANGKAWI STEPS UP CLEANLINESS TO USHER IN LID 2002 DELEGATES

LANGKAWI, July 31 (Bernama) -- Cleanliness in this resort island has been stepped up to enhance its tourism charm as heads of state and government as well as senior officials of participating countries in the Langkawi International Dialogue 2002 (LID 2002) start arriving today.

The four-day dialogue beginning tomorrow will be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Tourist attractions, especially the beaches, are the focus of attention of the Langkawi Tourism City Municipal Council.

Its Deputy President Bakar Din said the areas include Pantai Chenang, Telaga Tujuh and Pantai Kok.

About 400 participants are expected to attend the dialogue at Pelangi Beach Resort in Pantai Chenang.

Langkawi Taxi Association Chairman, Yusof Abdullah, said visitors and tourists alike could look forward to an efficient taxi service.

He said more than 400 taxis were operating on the island to cater for the increased demand for taxi services.

Chalet operator, Din Latif, was pleased with the hosting of the dialogue as it would mean more business for him.

He said all 26 of his chalets in Pantai Tengah have been booked from yesterday till Aug 5.

Mahamas Travel and Tour Sdn Bhd Managing Director, Rosmi Haji Siru, said his company had made available 90 vehicles, including cars, buses and vans, to be used for the dialogue.

The vehicles would be used from today till Aug 5.

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