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MAINTAIN POLITICAL STABILITY, SAYS RAHMAN

PENANG, July 13 (Bernama) -- The people of Penang have been urged to appreciate peace and harmony by giving solid support to the government.

Penang Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas said the strong support would also enable all development plans for the people to be implemented.

Speaking at the investiture ceremony in conjunction with his 64th birthday here, he said the solidarity and cooperative spirit of the people had helped the government to develop the state.

He said the people should also change their attitude by exploring the various opportunities available at the international level as recommended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Abdul Rahman said the people would certainly face various obstacles in efforts to change their attitude, but they must have a positive outlook in facing the challenges of globalisation.

Earlier in his speech, Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon said the government had taken various efforts to promote the development of the industrial sector in the state despite competition from China.

Dr Koh said the government's efforts had proven to be successful with various high-technology companies continuing to grow and offering job opportunities to the people.

He also said that tour operators should diversify their tourism products to attract more tourists from West Asia, China, India and other Asian countries.

He said efforts to diversify such products should be speeded up especially those pertaining to eco-tourism, heritage tourism, educational tourism and medical tourism.

The Yang Dipertua Negeri entertained more than 1,000 guests at a tea party in conjunction with his birthday celebrations at the Penang International Sports Arena (PISA), here this afternoon.

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