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MOVE TO PROVIDE A STANDARD SPELLING FOR MELAKA

MELAKA, Aug 7 (Bernama) -- The Melaka state government is preparing a proposal paper to provide a standard spelling for "Melaka" in all languages to avoid confusion among foreign tourists, said Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam today.

He said that a present "Melaka" is spelt as "Malacca" in English and this is confusing to tourists.

"The state legal adviser is working on the paper which will involve amending both the state and federal constitution to provide only one spelling, that is 'Melaka' in all languages," he told reporters after chairing the weekly meeting of the state executive council here.

He said the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had been informed about the proposal and had no objection to it.

On the issue of water with Singapore, Mohd Ali said Melaka was paying 45 sen per 1,000 gallons of water from Johor.

"If Melaka, a neighbouring state, can buy at that price from Johor, why can't Singapore if not higher at least at the same price?" he said.

He said Singapore is only three sen per 1,000 gallons.

In another development, Mohd Ali said another proposal paper to elevate its status as a city had been submitted to the Housing and Local Government Ministry.

"We hope the declaration of Melaka as a city could be made as soon as possible," he said.

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