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WOONG MORE THAIS TO KUALA LUMPUR

JITRA, Dec 21 (Bernama) -- The Minister of Culture, Arts and Tourism Datuk Paduka Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir today said he will propose to the government to allow the Thailand border pass holders to travel up to Kuala Lumpur.

He said this flexibility would likely profit local the tourism sector as more Thai people would come over to visit tourist destinations in Malaysia.

He said the regulations at present states that Thai border pass holders would only be allowed to travel up to a limited radius (60km) from the border.

"The Thai government has relaxed the border pass conditions by allowing Malaysians to travel up to Bangkok and on our part we too should allow their border pass holders to travel to Kuala Lumpur," he told reporters when met before the opening of the Dewan Wawasan Jitra by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad here.

Abdul Kadir said he was made to believe that Thai tourists wanting to apply for a passport had to go all the way to Bangkok and that the wait was long, as such, not many Thais were interested in visiting Malaysia.

"Application for border pass is easier and could be obtained immediately," he said.

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