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#### Fact-finding mission in Penang by envoys

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PENANG, Tues. - Six ambassadors and a deputy ambassador from seven Latin American countries, based in Malaysia, arrived here today on a day-long fact-finding mission to explore investment opportunities.

Peruvian Ambassador Javier Gonzales Terrones said they were keen to hold joint ventures with Penang in various fields, especially in the electronics, information technology and tourism sectors.

The others in the delegation were ambassadors Roberto Ibarra Garcia of Chile, Pedro Monzon Barata (Cuba), Marco Tulio (Ecuador), Alfredo Raul Morelli (Argentina) and Fernando Marin Valencia (Columbia) and deputy ambassador Edgard Telles Ribeiro (Brazil).

"We are very interested to learn Penang's robust economic growth," he said after paying a courtesy call on Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Dr Hilmi Yahaya at the Penang Development Corporation office in Bayan Baru here.

"We are also keen to learn more on Penang's booming tourism industry."

Terrones said Latin American governments could also learn from the many socio-economic programmes carried out by the Malaysian Government.

"Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has visited our countries on many occasions and we are impressed with his leadership which has introduced many socio-economic programmes for the people," he said.

"Your country and ours have a lot of things in common and we would like to emulate some of your successful socio-economic programmes."