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eVISA PORTAL AND eVCOMM

E-VISA APPLICATION FOR 10 NATIONS

Positive tourist experience starts with Immigration Dept, says Najib

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MALAYSIA is ramping up efforts for tourists to have more positive experiences when they visit the country, starting from the first contact with those in the Immigration Department.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said tourists would have a good impression of Malaysia if they had pleasant experiences with those manning the country's entry points.

"Our efforts should start even

before the tourists arrive.

"By making it a hassle-free experience to get a visa, they will have a good impression of this country," he said at the launch of Electronic Visa (eVisa) and Visa Communication Centre (eVCOMM) yesterday.

Present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa.

The eVisa is a web-based visa application portal that offers tourists a quick, convenient and secure way to apply for a Malaysian visa.

Najib lauded the Home Ministry's efforts to ease the process of visa application, especially for those of 10 chosen countries: China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Serbia and Montenegro.

Visitors from these countries



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak at the launch of Electronic Visa (eVisa) and Visa Communication Centre (eVCOMM) in Putrajaya yesterday. With him is Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi. PIC BY AHMAD IRHAM MOHD NOOR

will be allowed to apply for visas online.

"The eVisa programme is a user-friendly online facility that will allow tourists, international students and expatriates to get their visas within 48 hours without

having to go to the one-stop centre or embassies like in the past," he said, adding that applicants could save on transport costs.

The eVisa facility, Najib said, could tap into some 100 million diaspora from the 10 chosen

countries, who were spread across the globe.

He said Malaysia expected to welcome 32 million visitors with an expected revenue of RM118 billion to be generated this year.

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