

**More Japanese Investors Keen On Malaysia - Mukhriz
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JITRA, Dec 16 (Bernama) -- Deputy International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir said more investors from Japan were keen to explore business opportunities, particularly the new sectors in Malaysia.

He said that besides automotive, the Japanese also showed interest to explore other sectors namely the halal, green technology and services industries.

This was discussed during a three-day trade and investment seminar hosted by Bank Of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ (BTMU) in three Japanese cities -- Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya -- early this week, he said.

Mukhriz said the Japanese saw Malaysia as having 40 years experience in the automotive field, quite strong in ICT and most importantly it was politically stable and shielded from big disasters.

"That's why they are confident to invest in Malaysia.

"They are also drawn to the incentives we provide such as the 100 percent tax exemption for five to 10 years," he told reporters at the 1Malaysia cycling programme organised by Jerlun MCA near here today.

Mukhriz said those participated in the seminar in Japan might visit Malaysia to make thorough assessments and make decisions.

He said the Japanese had found out that its just-in-time production strategy was no longer suitable for practice because of natural disasters.

"Now, they use a new approach which is 'just in case' which means what to do to ensure no supply disruption when disaster strikes.

"In this regard, they have to prepare not one but many production lines not only at home but other countries as well so that supply continues as usual when something untoward happens," he said.

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