

Malaysia Tops Asean Tourist Arrivals From 2007 To 2011

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 6 (Bernama) -- Malaysia received more tourists than any other Asean nation between 2007 and 2011, according to a new Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) report.

Over half came from Singapore, helping drive economic growth and Malaysia's foreign exchange earnings.

According to the report, three quarters of the tourists to Malaysia were from within Asean, with over 70 per cent of them coming from Singapore, thanks to close family and business ties.

Meanwhile, between 2007 and 2011, tourist arrivals from outside the region grew by 28.6 per cent, bringing an influx of tourist dollars to countries like Vietnam and Singapore.

Intra-regional travel grew even more for some nations, rising by 34.5 per cent.

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