

## **Missing MH370 Will Not Affect Target Of Drawing 5 Million Tourists To Perak**

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IPOH, April 4 (Bernama) -- The MH370 tragedy will not adversely affect the target of drawing five million tourists to Perak this year in conjunction with Visit Malaysia Year 2014.

State Health, Tourism and Culture Committee chairman Nolee Ashilin Mohammed Radzi said this was because the Perak government had taken the approach of focusing on promotion, marketing, organising of events, development and upgrading of infrastructure, training and the creation of new tourism products.

"The state government has also moved to coordinate tourism development and the provision of new and specific tourism packages according to the existing categories," she said when winding up the debate on the motion of thanks for the royal address at the state assembly sitting, here, today.

Nolee Ashilin said the organising of tourism events was ongoing and the events planned for this year included the Ipoh International Run, Royal Belum International Arts Festival, Pangkor International Dialogue and International Ipoh City Fun Ride.

"Thirty events will be held at the district level with an allocation of RM2 million for these events," she said, adding that the state government would be monitoring and reviewing needs to ensure the success of the state's tourism industry.

On the dengue outbreak, Nolee Ashilin said this year, 556 compound notices were issued to premises owners for allowing Aedes mosquitoes to breed in their premises.

She said to raise public awareness on the dengue menace, the programmes would be ongoing and multi-pronged to inculcate good habits and practices.

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