

Putrajaya may exempt Chinese tourists from visa requirement, says Nazri
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The government is looking into the possibility of abolishing visa for tourists from China in a bid to woo more of them to Malaysia.

Tourism and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Aziz said the move was also aimed at repositioning Malaysia's competitiveness in the tourism sector as Thailand and Indonesia had abolished visa for their Chinese tourists.

He said a proposal on this matter had been submitted to the Cabinet on May 15, adding that he hoped a decision could be made soon.

For the first three months of this year, we only received 350,000 Chinese tourists, whereas Thailand could get two million tourists, he told reporters after launching the RM5 billion Theme Park, Wholesale City and Outlet Mall (TWO) integrated lifestyle and commercial project by DA Land Sdn Bhd.

Malaysia had waived visa application fee of RM30 for all tourists from China from February 15 until end of this year.

A total of 1.4 million tourist arrivals from China were recorded last year, from two million arrivals in 2013. – Bernama, June 1, 2015.

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