

Chinese Premier, Li Keqiang To Visit Melaka On Nov 22

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MELAKA, Nov 11 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China, Li Keqiang will be making an official visit to Melaka on Nov 22.

Melaka Chief Minister Datuk Seri Idris Haron said the maiden visit by Li here would help promote Melaka as a popular destination among Chinese tourists.

"The presence of Li is a landmark in the long, cordial bilateral relations which was further boosted when we signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Guangdong and Melaka.

"This has contributed to buoyant economic and tourism development in the state," he told reporters after chairing a state executive council meeting at Seri Negeri, here, today.

He said for the half-day visit, the state government had arranged several destinations for Li and his delegation to visit, among them, Jonker Walk, Melaka Straits Mosque, Cheng Ho Museum and the Baba and Nyonya Museum.

Melaka and Guangdong Province signed an MoU for the establishment of State and Provincial Friendship and Cooperation, in Putrajaya on Sept 21, this year.

Idris also said that the state government would be developing a tourism project in the Kampung Jawa area, Jalan Kee Ann, in the middle of Melaka City.

He said with the cooperation of the Tourism and Culture Ministry, phase two of the project would involve the reconstruction of old houses in the area.

"The Kampung Jawa area has many old houses, so we will rebuild the houses as an attraction for tourists to see the uniqueness of Melaka," he added.

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