

PPC to upgrade cargo facility

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Full support: Liow (front, in grey suit) flanked by Wu (right) and Tan with Dr Hou (fourth left), as well as Barisan Nasional leaders and guests after the launch of Mbrace at Vistana Hotel in Bukit Jambul.



Move part of govt plan to make M'sia a regional logistics hub

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GEORGE TOWN: The Penang Port Commission (PPC) plans to transform the cargo facility of Penang Port into a place of attraction among industry players.

The move is in line with the Government's plan to turn Malaysia into a logistics hub for the Asean region, said Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai.

"I have told PPC chairman Datuk Tan Teik Cheng to draft a development plan and policy to echo the Government's effort.

"We are in the midst of upgrading the Penang Port, and we intend to transform our cargo facility at the port into a place of attraction for cargo, especially those from south-

ern Thailand," said Liow, who is also the National Logistics Task Force chairman.

He said after launching the Penang MCA's Belt and Road Centre (Mbrace) at Vistana Hotel in Bukit Jambul yesterday.

Liow, who is also MCA president, congratulated Penang MCA for its initiative in setting up Penang Mbrace.

"I believe the centre would bring stronger economic growth to Penang and the country," he said.

Present were MCA vice-president Datuk Dr Hou Kok Chung, deputy treasurer-general Datuk Alex Chuah Poh Khiang, Tan (also the Penang MCA chairman) and Wu Jun, the People's Republic of China consul-general to Penang.

"It was reported that Mbrace is

set up to promote trade and investment, tourism, shipping, logistics and other business opportunities.

On another matter, MCA slammed the Opposition for practising double standards on issues regarding foreign support and investments.

Liow said some of them even went to the extent of saying that the country would be colonised by China and that the Government was selling the country.

"These are false accusations. The Opposition try to run us down, but what happens when Penang is obtaining a loan from China?" he asked during a press conference after launching Mbrace.

It is reported that the Penang government plans to borrow money from China Exim Bank to fund investment and implementation of

physical development, economic and social programmes including the Penang Transport Master Plan.

Liow also said that Malaysia enjoys huge investments from other countries because of the stability of the country and its Government.

"Malaysia obtained vast investments from Saudi Arabia, India and China. Why do they invest and gave their support to us?"

"They do so because they have faith in our country's stability, the Government under the leadership of Barisan Nasional, and that our country has a good future," he added.

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