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CHINA-ASEAN BUSINESS CARAVAN VISITS MALAYSIA

The China-ASEAN Business Caravan, a convoy of 56 vehicles from Kunming, China, is traveling through Malaysia from 1 May to 5 May 2004.

The visit is part of an 18-day tour beginning from 23 April 2004 organised by the Bangkok-based Asia Pacific Economic and Trade Association (APETA) in cooperation with the Yunnan Province government and the Malaysia-China Chamber of Commerce to promote bilateral relations, economic and commercial activities between China and ASEAN countries.

The event celebrates the 30th anniversary of Sino-Malaysia diplomatic relations and commemorates the 600th anniversary of Admiral Cheng Ho's expeditions to South East Asia.

The Caravan is headed by Mr. Su Zhenguang, Vice Chairman of the People's Political Consultative Conference of Yunnan Province, and Mr. Ma Junkun, a top Chinese rally motorist. They are leading some 180 participants who are mostly high ranking civil servants and leading businessmen from the provinces of Yunnan, Sichuan, Chongqing and Thailand.

The Caravan leaves China on 23 April and pass through several cities in Thailand from 24 April to 30 April. On 1 May, the Menteri Besar of Perlis Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim will welcome the Caravan at the Malaysia-Thai border in Bukit Kayu Hitam after which the convoy will leave for Kuala Lumpur.

In Kuala Lumpur, the Caravan participants will attend a business forum on 2 May and depart for Singapore the following day. The Caravan will return to Malaysia to visit Genting Highlands on 4 May and depart the next day for China via Thailand.

For more information on the Caravan, please contact the Malaysia-China Chamber of Commerce at 03-2141 1278 or e-mail inquiry@malaysia-china.com.my

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