

## PM to discuss reopening of borders with Thai counterpart

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob is set to discuss the reopening of Malaysia-Thailand border with his counterpart Prayuth Chan o-cha.

In a Facebook post, Ismail Sabri said in a meeting with Prayuth today, Malaysia will propose the reopening of Malaysia-Thailand border, along with a discussion on the recognition of vaccination certificates, as well as cooperation in vaccine research and development.

"The meeting will also touch on strengthening our economic cooperation and regional issues," he said, adding that the meeting will be held at the Government House of Thailand.

Ismail Sabri arrived in Thailand yesterday (Feb 24) for his maiden visit to the country as the prime minister, at the invitation of Prayuth.

He was greeted upon arrival by Deputy Prime Minister Don Pramudwinai, who is also Thailand's foreign minister.

The visit was part of his familiarisation tour of Southeast Asia after he was appointed as prime minister in August last year.

Meanwhile, in another post, Ismail Sabri described his inaugural visit to Cambodia as very successful.

He also thanked his Cambodian counterpart Samdech Techo Hun Sen for the invitation and kind hospitality to the Malaysian delegation.

"Malaysian and Cambodian investors are encouraged to collaborate in potential new sectors such as the halal industry, information and communications technology (ICT), cyber security and fintech among others.

"Malaysian investors are invited to be directly involved in the rice processing industry in the country.

"Discussions with PM (prime minister) Hun Sen also touched on human resource issues, especially involving the demand for Muslim domestic workers in Malaysia.

"Such job opportunities can be filled by the Champa Muslim community because of similarities in religion, language, customs and culture as well as the food."

Ismail Sabri said matters involving the community, who are a minority in the country, were also discussed with Cambodia's Senior Minister of Special Duties of Islamic Affairs Datuk Dr Othman Hassan.

"Various forms of assistance have been rendered by the Malaysian government and the people. The assistance will continue for the community, especially in terms of education and employment."

Ismail arrived in Cambodia on Feb 23, for a two-day official visit to further strengthen 65 years of bilateral ties as well as trade and investment opportunities among others.