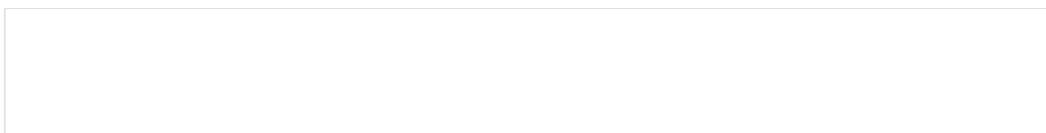




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The recognition underscores the island's increasing popularity as an essential stop for

State Tourism and Creative Economy Committee chairman Wong Hon Wai announced that Penang achieved the seventh position on this notable list.

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Kuala Lumpur and Sabah also featured prominently, securing the eighth and tenth places respectively.

Wong shared the news on his Facebook page, congratulating Penang on its achievement.

He detailed that Bangkok in Thailand claimed the top spot, with Tokyo and Bali tying for second place.



Other Asian destinations celebrated in the ranking include Chiang Mai in third position.

Seoul and Luang Prabang were joint fourth, while Hong Kong, Phuket, and Rajasthan shared fifth place.

The accolades for Penang extended beyond the destination award to include two of its hotels.

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These awards collectively emphasise Penang's growing reputation for high-quality tc

The dual honours position Penang as a leading choice for both romantic getaways and family vacations.

This positive recognition is expected to provide a substantial boost to the state's tourism industry. – Bernama

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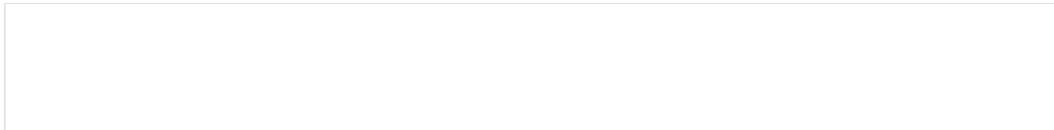
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