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PADANG BESAR: Malaysia is expected to earn RM3 billion a week from tourism by 2020, said Tourism Deputy Minister Datuk Dr James Dawos Mamit Monday. He said the target was in line with the implementation of the Malaysian Tourism Transformation Plan to boost the local tourism industry.

Speaking at the hand-over of tourism facilities for the recreational and flora education centre at the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia's (FRIM) teak farm here Monday, he said 36 million tourists were targeted to visit Malaysia by 2020.

He said the number would give an income of RM168 billion to the country for a year or RM3 billion a week.

Throughout last year, 24.6 million tourists visited Malaysia and contributed RM56.4 billion to the national income or RM1 billion a week.

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