



Tan (fourth left) presents a ACCCIS Handbook to Yonny during the visit.

ACCCIS, KCGCCI pay courtesy visit to Indonesian consul-general

KUCHING: The Commerce Committee of The Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sarawak (ACCCIS) and the Industry Committee of the Kuching Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCGCCI) paid a courtesy visit to the Consul-General of the Republic of Indonesia in Kuching Yonny Tri Prayitno here recently.

ACCCIS deputy president cum KCGCCI President Dato Tan Jit Kee led the visit to explore and promote mutual cooperation with in-depth understanding of business opportunities and investment when Indonesia's capital relocates, said Tan in a press statement yesterday.

"We were given to understand that the construction of the new capital would commence in the second half of this year in part of North Penajam Paser regency and part of Kutai Kertanegara regency in East Kalimantan on Borneo to eventually become home to 6-7 million people."

The new capital of Indonesia will be a smart green metropolis costing Rp466 trillion (US\$34 billion). The Indonesian government will provide 19 per cent of the funds and the remaining funds will come from the 'public and private partnership' (PPP) model and private investors.

Tan said that Indonesia and Malaysia, especially Kalimantan

and Sarawak, have always been good neighbours with bilateral trade. KCGCCI had organised a trade mission to Kalimantan a few years back with fruitful result and Sarawak, as a neighbour of the new capital will definitely benefit from the relocation.

"Once the bill on new capital is approved by the Indonesian parliament, its government will set up a special work task committee. Further information and related rules and regulations will only be available then. ACCCIS will keep close contact with the Consulate General of Indonesia and look forward to further cooperation in the future," said Tan.