

RM45b hike in domestic tourism

PUTRAJAYA: Domestic tourism experienced a remarkable recovery in 2022 after registering total spending of RM64.1 billion compared with RM18.4 billion in 2021, according to the Domestic Tourism Survey (DTS) 2022 released by the Statistics Department yesterday.

It said the number of domestic visitors surged 160.1% to reach 171.6 million in 2022 compared with 66 million recorded a year before.

“After enduring nearly two years of devastating Covid-19, the resumption of domestic tourism brings a sense of relief to the people and its economy,” read the statement.

DTS 2022 presents the annual statistics on visitor arrivals, tourism expenditure, travel patterns, and social and demographic characteristics of domestic visitors.

On domestic visitor arrivals by state, the department said Selangor emerged as the most visited state in 2022, attracting 22 million domestic visitors followed by Kuala Lumpur Federal Territory and Sarawak, welcoming 16.9 million and 15.5 million domestic visitors respectively. – Bernama