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Mustapa: Reopening of borders will revive economy, enhance Malaysia-Thailand ties



Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed (Photo by Kenny Yap)

JELI (March 20): The reopening of the country's borders will revive the economic sectors of Malaysia and Thailand as well as enhance bilateral relations between the two countries, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy) Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed.

He said the government's decision to reopen the borders on April 1 has been eagerly awaited by all parties, especially those affected by the pandemic.

"We (Malaysia) have good relations with Thailand in terms of economy and tourism. The decision to open the border has been highly anticipated.

"Kelantan has three main official gateway points to enter and exit Thailand, namely in Rantau Panjang, Pengkalan Kubor, and Bukit Bunga, so when the border is reopened, it will revive business and tourism sectors in the towns and nearby ones," he told

reporters at the opening of the Kemahang Fire and Rescue station in Tanah Merah here on Sunday.

Elaborating further, the Jeli member of parliament said the business and tourism sectors are expected to take six months to a year to recover once the country's borders are opened.