



Charles Hay (standing seventh, left) and Dr Fary Akmal (standing fourth, right) during a welcoming ceremony at Labuan International Golf Club.

## British High Commission fosters ties with Labuan

LABUAN: British High Commissioner to Malaysia, Charles Hay, said the High Commission will work closely with the local authority, Labuan Corporation (Labuan Corp), to facilitate potential business activities and local tourism for both British investors and travellers.

"We are always very keen to look for opportunities all over Malaysia, including in Labuan, despite not having much knowledge on whether any British businessmen are operating in the island.

"Of course, the oil and gas industry is very active here, and there are a lot of British companies involved in the oil and gas sector...I'm sure there will be British companies operating here," he said at a press conference after touring the Labuan International Golf Club, here, Wednesday.

Hay said Labuan, with its history of a

number of fallen British soldiers during the World War 2, is known to Britons, and that would greatly help to promote the island's tourism industry to them.

"My team at the High Commission and I are currently providing British travellers in Malaysia the relevant information to help them make decisions on their respective travel plans.

Earlier, Hay and his team visited the Labuan War Cemetery, a Commonwealth World War 2 graveyard in Membedai, which was erected by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Labuan Corp Chief Executive Officer Dr Fary Akmal Osman said a visit by a group of foreign embassies to Labuan, which was planned early this year but was postponed due to the Covid-19, would be rescheduled before year-end. - Bernama