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Deputy CLP Leader promoting the Territory in Malaysia
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Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Dr Richard Lim will be attending a Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Australian-Asian Region meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia next week.

“I will use the conference to renew the Territory's long standing relationship with Malaysia and the neighbouring Commonwealth countries such as Singapore, Brunei, Papua-New Guinea, the South Pacific Islands and in particular, the eastern Malaysian states of Sabah and Sarawak where we previously had long and strong relationships,” Dr Lim said.

“The Conference will provide me with a forum to showcase the Territory and what it has to offer as a conduit for South East Asia into and from Australia ,”

“As Australia 's closest landfall to South East Asia and in particular, Malaysia and Singapore , it is important for the Northern Territory to be represented.

“If the Territory is earnest in maximising the benefits of the Adelaide to Darwin rail link and the Darwin Port , sending a Northern Territory delegate to such a conference will only enhance the opportunities.

Dr Lim said as a former Malaysian, now in a Parliament in Australia , he will use this to the Territory's advantage at meetings to promote the advantages of the Territory's proximity to the region.

“I have an old and long term connection with Malaysia and my representing the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly will add a different dimension to what other Australian States will bring to the conference,” Dr Lim said

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