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KUALA LUMPUR, JAN. 24 (BERNAMA)—DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID LAST NIGHT INDIAN INDUSTRIALISTS HAD EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST TO INVEST IN MALAYSIA DESPITE THE FAILURE OF A FEW INDIA-MALAYSIA JOINT-VENTURES IN THIS COUNTRY.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THIS INTEREST WAS SEEN DURING HIS FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO INDIA. HE RETURNED LAST NIGHT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER, SAID IT WAS WORTHWHILE FOR MALAYSIA TO STUDY AND EMULATE THE INDIAN APPROACH TO SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRIES FOR APPLICATION IN THIS COUNTRY.

HE SAID THE INDIANS HAD INNOVATIVE IDEAS IN THIS FIELD.

HE ALSO SAID THAT HIS VISIT HELPED TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES.

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MET WITH THE INDIAN PRIME MINISTER, PUAN INDIRA GANDHI, AND THE INDIAN MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY, ENCIK P. MUKHERJEE.

HE ADDRESSED THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE THIRD GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION (UNIDO).

ON HIS MEETING WITH PUAN GANDHI, HE SAID HE DISCUSSED CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING THE KAMPUCHEAN AND THE AFGHANISTAN ISSUES.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE DEMONSTRATION BY PADI PLANTERS IN ALOR STAR YESTERDAY, HE SAID THAT HOLDING DEMONSTRATIONS WAS NOT THE WAY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS.

+IF THIS IS THE WAY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS, WE ALL CAN HAVE DEMONSTRATIONS, + HE ADDED. —BERNAMA 0205/AH