

KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 10 (BERNAMA)—MALAYSIA TODAY REQUESTED JAPAN TO CARRY OUT FEASIBILITY STUDIES IN THE PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION OF COAL.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THAT MALAYSIA WAS INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING ITS OWN ENERGY RESOURCES, SPECIFICALLY FROM HYDRO, COAL AND SOLAR ENERGY.

MALAYSIA WOULD ALSO SEEK JAPANESE HELP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL HARBOURS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF COAL, HE SAID, AFTER HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE VISITING JAPANESE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY, ENCIK ROKUSUKE TANAKA.

HE ADDED THAT MALAYSIA SHOULD NOT BE COMPLACENT OF THE FACT THAT IT WAS NOW A NET EXPORTER OF OIL.

"OUR OIL RESOURCES ARE LITTLE WHILE OUR CONSUMPTION ARE INCREASING SINGLY." HE SAID.

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR HAD ALSO ASKED JAPAN NOT TO EXPAND ITS ENERGY INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES BECAUSE IF MALAYSIA HAD TO STOP EXPORTING OIL, JAPAN WOULD LOSE ANOTHER SOURCE OF ENERGY.

SINCE MALAYSIA WAS DEVELOPING ITS ENERGY RESOURCES, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PROPOSED THAT JAPAN SHOULD EXPAND ITS INDUSTRIES IN THIS COUNTRY.

HE SAID JAPAN COULD REDUCE ITS ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY PRODUCING STEEL PRODUCTS IN MALAYSIA FOR ITS OWN INDUSTRIES.

HE ADDED THAT HIS TALKS WITH VISITING MINISTER AND HIS DELEGATION COVERED THE FOUR THRUST OF JAPANESE COOPERATION WITH ASEAN AND MALAYSIA IN PARTICULAR.

THE FOUR INCLUDE ENERGY, SMALL SCALE INDUSTRY, EXPORT OF MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS FROM MALAYSIA TO JAPAN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

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MAHATHIR TANAKA 3 KUALA LUMPUR

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID MALAYSIA WAS ALSO LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF TRANSMITTING HYDRO ENERGY FROM SARAWAK TO THE PENINSULAR.

A GERMAN TEAM WAS FINDING OUT HOW MUCH ENERGY WOULD BE LOST IN THE TRANSMISSION.

ON SMALL INDUSTRIES, HE SAID THERE WAS MUCH JAPAN COULD DO TO HELP MALAYSIA DEVELOP ITS SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES.

"WE REALISE THAT JAPAN HAS OVER FIVE MILLION SMALL INDUSTRIES. SO WE WANT TO LEARN HOW THEY DO ABOUT DOING IT."

FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID, MALAYSIA COULD POSSIBLY LEARN FROM THE JAPANESE FOOD PROCESSING AND PACKAGING INDUSTRY.

ON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID THAT MALAYSIA WOULD LIKE TO SEEK JAPANESE HELP IN THE CULTIVATION OF TEMPERATE CLIMATE FRUITS AND OTHER PLANTS IN ITS HIGHLANDS.

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"MALAYSIA WOULD LIKE TO IMPORT NEW TECHNIQUES FROM JAPAN ON THE CULTIVATION OF PLANTS ON GROUNDS THAT ARE OPEN TO EROSION."

HE SAID THE DISCUSSION ALSO LOOKED INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF JAPAN HELPING TO DEVELOP HUMAN RESOURCES IN MALAYSIA.

MALAYSIANS COULD GAIN MUCH EXPERIENCE BY WORKING IN