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FROM K.C. LEONG:

BANGKOK, AUG. 23 (BERNAMA) — THE PRIME MINISTER SAID TONIGHT THAT THE **VARIOUS COOPERATIVE PROJECTS BY MALAYSIA AND THAILAND HAD BEEN UNDERTAKEN WITH THE FULL REALISATION THAT EACH COUNTRY'S INTERESTS WERE ALWAYS RESPECTED AND PROTECTED.**

THERE WAS ALSO THE **REALISATION THAT WHATEVER PROBLEM THAT MIGHT ARISE WOULD BE AMICABLY RESOLVED THROUGH FRIENDLY CONSULTATIONS.** HE ADDED AT A DINNER AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE GIVEN IN HIS HONOUR BY **THAI PRIME MINISTER GEN. PREM TINSULANOND,**

**(DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR)** WHO ARRIVED HERE TODAY FOR A TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT, SAID IT WAS HIS INTENTION TO MAINTAIN THE **TRADITIONAL GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND TO WORK TOWARDS STRENGTHENING THOSE TIES.**

THESE TIES WERE FURTHER STRENGTHENED BY **COOPERATION THROUGH ASEAN WHICH HAD BEEN PROVED TO BE A VIABLE REGIONAL GROUPING CAPABLE OF PLAYING A POSITIVE ROLE IN CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE PROSPERITY, PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE REGION.**

THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA CONTINUED TO BE A MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE COUNTRIES IN THE REGION AND **MALAYSIA WOULD DO WHATEVER IT COULD TO ASSIST THE ADHOC COMMITTEE ON THE KAMPUCHEAN PROBLEM.** - - BERNAMA MORE 2138/ZCM

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HE HOPED THAT ALL THE **PARTIES CONCERNED WOULD ADOPT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE SO THAT PEACE COULD BE RESTORED IN KAMPUCHEA AND IN THE REGION.**

HE ALSO **EXPRESSED THE HOPE OF HAVING REGULAR MEETINGS WITH GEN. PREM AND ADDED THAT MALAYSIAN MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO MEET AND DISCUSS WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THAILAND.**

**EARLIER, GEN. PREM SAID THE VISIT REFLECTED THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO THE DEEP-ROOTED FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND TO THE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED CONCEPT OF ASEAN SOLIDARITY.**

HE **ADDED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD CONTINUE TO REMAIN GOOD FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS. THE CLOSE RELATIONS WERE DERIVED FROM A SIMILAR WAY OF LIFE AND POLITICAL OUTLOOK AND ALSO FROM THE FRIENDSHIP AND KINSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND THEIR LEADERS.**

**IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN THE EXISTING CLOSE COOPERATION TO COORDINATE POLICIES ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND CONCERN.**

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**THAILAND WAS ALWAYS GRATEFUL FOR AND APPRECIATIVE OF MALAYSIA'S SUPPORT FOR THAILAND AS A FRONTLINE STATE, GEN. PREM ADDED.**

WE ALSO SAID IT WAS IN **THAILAND'S INTEREST TO SEE MALAYSIA CONTINUING TO MAKE FURTHER ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AS IT WOULD BE A STABILISING FACTOR FOR EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION.**

**+IT IS MY SINCERE BELIEF THAT THE CLOSE THAI-MALAYSIAN COOPERATION WOULD ALSO LEAD TO THE REALISATION OF OUR COMMON GOALS OF PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING FOR OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, + HE ADDED.**-BERNAMA 2200/HM