

(EMBARGO: FOR RELEASE AT 5 P.M.)
PM-EAST

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SEOUL, AUG. 13 (BERNAMA) -- THE "LOOK EAST" POLICY IS TO BE TAKEN A STEP FURTHER WITH THE PROMOTION OF LINKAGES BETWEEN TRAINING, RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OF MALAYSIA AND SOUTH KOREA.

THIS HAS BEEN AGREED TO BY DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD AND PRESIDENT CHUN DOO HWAN IN A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED TODAY, ON THE EVE OF THE MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTURE HERE AFTER A WEEK-LONG VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA.

THEY FELT THAT THIS WOULD BROADEN THE MUTUALLY-BENEFITING COOPERATION ALREADY BEING IMPLEMENTED UNDER THE POLICY IN INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING, ACADEMIC AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AS WELL AS EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

PRESIDENT CHUN IN EXPRESSING HIS SUPPORT FOR THE POLICY ASSURED MALAYSIA OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S COOPERATION IN MAKING THE POLICY A SUCCESS.

ON ENHANCING BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, THE SOUTH KOREAN LEADER SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN HIS COUNTRY TO PARTICIPATE IN MALAYSIA'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES SUCH AS CONSTRUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND ENERGY RESOURCES EXPLORATION.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, IN EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THIS AND THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE KOREAN PRIVATE SECTOR IN MALAYSIA, WELCOMED SUCH CONTINUED PARTICIPATION.

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ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT, BOTH MALAYSIA AND SOUTH KOREA CALLED FOR TALKS TO BE HELD EARLY ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT.

BOTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT CALLED ON THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO AGREE ON THIS ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL INTERDEPENDENCE AND COMPLEMENTARITY BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THEY STRESSED THE NEED TO REVERSE THE TIDE OF PROTECTIONISM, PARTICULARLY ON THE PART OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AS A PREREQUISITE FOR THE REVITALISATION OF THE WORLD ECONOMY.

ON PALESTINE, BOTH LEADERS HOPED THAT THE PLAN OF ACTION, DRAWN UP BY THE ASIAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE IN KUALA LUMPUR IN MAY, WOULD ENABLE THE INTERNATIONAL-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON THE QUESTION, DUE TO BE HELD IN GENEVA FROM AUG. 29 TO SEPT 7, TO FIND A JUST AND DURABLE SOLUTION.

ON THE SITUATION IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA, PRESIDENT CHUN EXPLAINED HIS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY AND EFFORTS TO REDUCE TENSION AND CONSOLIDATE

PEACE WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR REAFFIRMED MALAYSIA'S STAND THAT THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA, AS DESIRED BY THE KOREAN PEOPLE, SHOULD BE RESOLVED BY PEACEFUL MEANS THROUGH DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH.

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HE ALSO SUPPORTED EFFORTS FOR THE ADMISSION OF BOTH INTO THE UNITED NATIONS IN LINE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY IN THE UN CHARTER.

ON ASEAN, PRESIDENT CHUN SPOKE OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE SOUTH KOREA PLACED ON ITS TIES WITH THE GROUPING AND BOTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AGREED TO EXPLORE FURTHER WAYS OF INCREASING MUTUALLY-BENEFICIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN ASEAN AND SOUTH KOREA.

DURING THEIR TALKS, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR EXPLAINED TO THE KOREAN LEADER MALAYSIA'S INITIATIVE TO HAVE THE ANTARCTICA REGARDED AS A HERITAGE OF MANKIND WITH ITS POTENTIAL RESOURCES BEING EXPLOITED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL, AND PRESIDENT CHUN FELT THIS DESERVED FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

SOUTH KOREA FEELS THAT, IN THE LIGHT OF THE RAPID SOCIO-ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INCREASED INTERDEPENDENCE AMONG THESE NATIONS, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE SUCH A SUMMIT 'FOR COMMON PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY'.

BOTH LEADERS ALSO AGREED THAT PEACE AND SECURITY IN NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA WERE CLOSELY RELATED AND INDISPENSABLE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN ASIA AND THE WORLD.

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ON KAMPUCHEA, BOTH COUNTRIES REITERATED THEIR GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE CONTINUED FOREIGN MILITARY OCCUPATION OF THAT COUNTRY AND THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED IN LINE WITH THE DECLARATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON KAMPUCHEA AND OTHER RELEVANT U.N. RESOLUTIONS.

ON AFGHANISTAN, THEY REITERATED THEIR CALL FOR AN EARLY SOLUTION TO THE ISSUE IN LINE WITH THE RELEVANT UN RESOLUTIONS.

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT INVITATIONS TO PRESIDENT CHUN AND PRIME MINISTER KIM SANG-HYUP TO VISIT MALAYSIA WERE ACCEPTED.

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