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BAMAKO (MALI), DEC 17 (BERNAMA) -- MALI IS CONFIDENT THAT MALAYSIAN ASSISTANCE IN A NUMBER OF PROJECTS UNDER THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME WILL HELP TO IMPROVE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY.

ITS AGRICULTURE MINISTER, ENCIK SAGNAMAKONE, TOLD BERNAMA AND RTM THAT NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN PUT INTO OPERATION UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

HE SAID MALI WELCOMED SUCH ASSISTANCE AS MALAYSIAN TECHNOLOGY WAS EASY TO ADAPT FOR LOCAL USE AND ALSO INEXPENSIVE.

TALKS AT OFFICIAL LEVEL HAVE BEEN GOING ON BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND UERNAME UNDERSTANDS THAT A JOINT COMMISSION WOULD BE ESTABLISHED SOON TO FACILITATE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

THE JOINT COMMISSION WILL SET UP WORKING GROUPS TO DEAL WITH SPECIFIC SUBJECTS. -- MORE  
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OTHER ASSISTANCE INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF DRILLING EQUIPMENT TO DRILL FOR GROUND WATER AND PROVIDING ELECTRONIC NEWS-GATHERING EQUIPMENT WORTH ABOUT \$250,000.

THE ASSISTANCE IS IN ADDITION TO 10,000 TONNES OF RICE GIVEN IN 1980 AND ANOTHER 10,000 TONNES EARLY THIS YEAR IN VIEW OF THE DROUGHT IN MALI.

THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY BOUNDING THE SAHARA DESERT FACES SEVERE DROUGHT, A FATE SHARED BY OTHER SAHELIAN STATES BECAUSE OF THE ENCROACHMENT OF THE DESERT ON CULTIVATED LAND.

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