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HANGZHOU, ZHEJIANG PROVINCE, NOV 25/ (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER
DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY CALLED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
DIRECT TRADE LINKS BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND CHINA'S FOREMOST
AGRICULTURAL PROVINCE OF ZHEJIANG.

HE SAID THIS AT A LUNCH GIVEN HIM BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE
PROVINCE, XU JU, TO START OFF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN MALAYSIAN
BUSINESSMEN AND THOSE FROM THE PROVINCE.

HE SAID THERE WERE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION,
ADDING THAT THE HANGZHOU HOTEL, BUILT BY THE KUOK BROTHERS GROUP AND
MANAGED BY SHANGRI-LA INTERNATIONAL HOTELS, WAS TESTIMONY FOR SUCH
COOPERATION.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT BESIDES BEING KNOWN AS ONE OF
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND SCENIC CITIES IN CHINA, HANGZHOU ALSO SERVED
AS THE HUB OF AN INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PROVINCE OF CHINA. --
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HE SAID MALAYSIA IMPORTED MANY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM CHINA
BUT THERE HAD BEEN A LACK OF DIRECT TRADE.

THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS ON THE FIFTH DAY OF HIS NINE-DAY
OFFICIAL VISIT TO CHINA WITH AN ENTOURAGE OF 200, MAINLY
BUSINESSMEN, EARLIER TOOK A CRUISE ON THE WEST LAKE.

DESCRIBED BY MARCO POLO AS "THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND MAGNIFICENT
CITY OF PARADISE IN THE WORLD", THE PROVINCE'S MAJOR ATTRACTION IS
THE 5.6 SQ KM LAKE, WHICH IS DOTTED WITH A MYRIAD OF PAVILIONS,
WILLOW TREES, OLD STONE BRIDGES AND HUNDREDS OF LOTUS PLANTS. --

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