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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 31 (BERNAMA) -- MALAYSIA TODAY URGED THE UNITED STATES TO GIVE ITS MANUFACTURED AND SEMI-MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS WIDER ACCESS TO US MARKETS.

PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD MADE THE CALL WHEN HE HELD A ONE-HOUR MEETING WITH THE US ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS DR GASTON SIGUR AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT HERE THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN MINISTRY ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL DATUK RAZALI ISMAIL BRIEFED REPORTERS ON THE DETAILS OF THE MEETING AT WISMA PUTRA AFTER DR SIGUR MET FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN THIS AFTERNOON.

DATUK RAZALI SAID THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO TOUCHED ON THE RELOCATION OF INDUSTRIES IN THE US TO MALAYSIA.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE STEEL INDUSTRY BEING RELOCATED IN THIS COUNTRY AS THE MALAYSIAN ALSO HAD THE EXPERTISE IN THIS FIELD. -- MORE
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THIS INDUSTRY COULD BE BETTER OPERATED HERE AS THE AMERICANS WENT INTO MORE HIGHER TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO TOLD THE US ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE THAT MALAYSIA WELCOMED MORE INVESTMENTS FROM THE US.

HE SAID THE INVESTMENTS MUST NOT ONLY BE IN MICRO CHIPS AND CERTAIN OTHER INDUSTRIES.

HE SAID THE AMERICAN TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE MORE BROAD BASED.

MEANWHILE TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN IN A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER MEETING DR SIGUR SAID HE TOLD THE US ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE THAT MALAYSIA WELCOMED THE RECENT COALITION GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA'S (CGDK) EIGHT-POINT PROPOSAL TO SOLVE THE KAMPUCHEAN PROBLEM.

HE SAID THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME, A PROPOSAL WAS MADE TO INCLUDE THE VIETNAMESE-INSTALLED HENG SAMRIN REGIME IN A COALITION GOVERNMENT WITH THE CGDK. -- MORE
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TENGKU RITHAUDDEEN ALSO SAID THE VIETNAMESE MUST BE INCLUDED IN ANY TALKS REGARDING THE KAMPUCHEAN ISSUE AS THEY HAD TO PLAY A PART IN WITHDRAWING THEIR TROOPS FROM KAMPUCHEA.

HE SAID MALAYSIA WOULD ALWAYS BE INTERESTED IN ANY PROPOSAL OR IN PROVIDE HER OWN IDEAS TO SOLVE THE KAMPUCHEAN PROBLEM SO THAT THE KAMPUCHEAN PEOPLE COULD DECIDE THEIR OWN FUTURE.

TENGKU RITHAUDDEEN ALSO TOLD DR SIGUR MALAYSIA WAS SATISFIED WITH WHAT THE US AND OTHER COUNTRIES LIKE CANADA AND AUSTRALIA HAD DONE IN ACCEPTING THE REFUGEES WHO CAME TO MALAYSIA.

BUT HE SAID OTHER COUNTRIES HAD NOT DONE ENOUGH IN ACCEPTING THESE REFUGEES AND URGED THESE COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT MORE OF THE REFUGEES.

TENGKU RITHAUDDEEN SAID THAT CURRENTLY, ABOUT HALF OF THE 9,000 REFUGEES IN MALAYSIA HAD STAYED IN THE COUNTRY FOR AT LEAST FOUR YEARS BECAUSE THEY DID NOT MEET THE CRITERIA SET BY THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. -- BERNAMA
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