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JUNEJO-MAHATHIR (REPEATING, CORRECTING FOURTH PARA)

KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 5³⁾ (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR GREATER COOPERATION AMONG SOUTH-SOUTH COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY IN THE EDUCATIONAL FIELD WHERE HE SAID ENORMOUS FUNDS FROM THE SOUTH +ARE FLOWING+ TO THE NORTH.

THE PRIME MINISTER SUGGESTED THAT COUNTRIES IN THE SOUTH SHOULD CONSIDER CREATING MORE INSTITUTES OF HIGHER LEARNING TO ENHANCE THE EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS AMONG THEMSELVES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR RAISED THESE POINTS DURING A 30-MINUTE EYE-TO-EYE MEETING HERE WITH HIS PAKISTANI COUNTERPART, ENCIK MOHAMAD KHAN JUNEJO, SOON AFTER THE LATTER'S ARRIVAL FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT.

BRIEFING NEWSMEN ON THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS, FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY SECRETARY-GENERAL TAN SRI ZAINAL ABIDIN SULONG SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE SOUTH COMMISSION LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF CARRYING MORE PROGRAMMES OF THIS KIND.

ON EFFORTS TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE LEADERS AGREED THAT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THE MATTER BE CONDUCTED AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL. -- MORE
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THE FIRST OF SUCH MEETINGS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW BETWEEN THE TWO PAKISTAN MINISTERS IN THE DELEGATION, ENCIK NISAR MUHAMMAD KHAN (CULTURE, SPORTS AND TOURISM) AND ENCIK SHUJAAT HUSSAIN (INDUSTRIES), AND THEIR MALAYSIAN COUNTERPARTS, DATUK SABBARUDDIN CHIK (CULTURE AND TOURISM) AND DATIN PADUKA RAFIDAH AZIZ (TRADE AND INDUSTRY).

MATTERS THAT NEEDED IN-DEPTH AND DETAILED STUDIES WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETINGS.

THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS ALSO AGREED ON THE NEED FOR CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN ASEAN AND THE SOUTH ASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION (SAARC).

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND ENCIK JUNEJO AGREED THAT SUCH COOPERATION WOULD ENABLE BOTH SIDES TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER'S EXPERIENCE.

THE PAKISTANI LEADER, WHO HAS JUST ATTENDED THE SAARC MEETING IN KATHMANDU, BRIEFED DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ON SOME OF THE DECISIONS REACHED AT THAT MEETING. THESE INCLUDED THE CREATION OF A FOOD SECURITY RESERVE FOR MEMBER STATES AND AN AGREEMENT TO COORDINATE ACTION AGAINST TERRORISM. -- MORE
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HE UPDATED DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ON THE AFGHANISTAN PROBLEM AND SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PAST ONE YEAR.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN TO ENCIK JUNEJO WHY THE GOVERNMENT RECENTLY HAD TO ACT AGAINST THOSE PURSUING DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD AFFECT PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE COUNTRY.

ENCIK JUNEJO IS HERE TO RECIPROCATE DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN IN 1984. THIS IS HIS FIRST VISIT HERE SINCE BECOMING PRIME MINISTER IN 1985.

TAN SRI ZAINAL ABIDIN SAID ENCIK JUNEJO ALSO EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR TO VISIT PAKISTAN AGAIN. -- BERNAMA
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