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SANTIAGO, June 24th (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has expressed full satisfaction at the outcome of his first official visit to Chile which ended here Sunday.

A Malaysia-Chile joint communique issued shortly before his departure here for Rio de Janeiro said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir thanked his host, President Patricio Aylwin, for the warm welcome, friendship and hospitality extended to him and members of his delegation.

The Prime Minister, accompanied by his wife Datuk Seri Datin Paduka Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, several Cabinet Ministers, Chief Minister of Melaka Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Thamby Chik, Menteri Besar of Perlis Dr Hamid Pawanteh, senior government officials and 70 Malaysian businessmen, is scheduled to fly to the Brazilian city at 8 pm Monday (Malaysian time) for the second leg of his South American tour which will also take him to Argentina.

During his five-day stay here at the invitation of the Chilean President, the Prime Minister had discussions with President Aylwin on bilateral and international issues of common interest. -- more

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The communique said the two leaders noted the similarity of views of both countries on most issues, including their common commitment to democracy .

They expressed their mutual desire to further enhance the growing bilateral relation between the two countries, especially in the field of trade .

They also recognised the big potentials that exist in each other's country for closer economic ties and cooperation, including investment and the role each could play in the promotion of trade in each other's region.

The communique said both the Prime Minister and the President agreed to examine ways and means of establishing direct air and sea links between the two countries to facilitate trade and people-to-people contact.

The two leaders also reaffirmed their commitment to the system of open economy .

They agreed on the need for both countries to cooperate at all international forums to ensure the maintenance of the system which they felt is important for global economic growth. -- more

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Noting the importance of cooperation among developing countries, both leaders pledged to support efforts towards greater South-South cooperation as a means of promoting economic growth in developing countries,

On international issues, the two leaders had a useful exchange of views on the latest development in different parts of the world.

They share the view that given the dramatic changes that have taken place recently, there is a need for the Non-Aligned Movement to take stock of the changes and reorientate itself to the new reality.

They agreed that both countries should work together within the movement to ensure its effectiveness and relevance.

The communique said the Malaysian cultural troupe which Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir brought along during his visit staged several performances here and in Valparaiso, about 130 km from the capital.

They were warmly received and had contributed to the promotion of Malaysian culture in Chile.

President Aylwin accepted the Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir's invitation to visit Malaysia. -- Bernama

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