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MALAYSIA-NAMIBIA SIGN SIX MOUS TO ENHANCE SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 10<sup>93</sup> (Bernama) -- Malaysia and Namibia today signed six Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) seen as further strengthening South-South cooperation.

The MOUs were for technical cooperation, construction of a cement plant, water resources study, mining, loan for housing project and housing and infrastructural works.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad witnessed the signing ceremony after receiving the visiting Namibian Trade and Industry Minister Hidipo Hamutenya at his office here.

Works Minister Datuk Leo Moggie and International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz were also present.

Hamutenya signed four of the agreements, including the MOU on Technical Cooperation in which Malaysia was represented by the Director-General of the Economic Planning Unit Tan Sri Ali Abul Hassan. The other MOUs were signed with Malaysian consortiums. -- more

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Ali said the technical cooperation involved such fields as planning, finance, banking and agriculture.

"The areas will depend on Namibia's requirements... we will assist them like providing places in institutions and giving short-term training," he told reporters.

Fresh Ventures Sdn.Bhd. chairman Datuk Mohamed Hussaini Jamil said the cement plant would be built in Namibia in a joint venture between a Malaysian consortium and the Namibian government.

"The plant may cost anything from US\$80 million to US\$120 million with an annual output of between 250,000 to 300,000 tonnes," he said after signing the MOU for the Malaysian side.

Production by the plant, to be built as soon as possible, would be targetted for the Namibian market and, possibly, its neighbouring countries.

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It is the first time Malaysia was venturing into the construction of a cement plant on the basis of South-South cooperation, he added.

"This is a direct result of the Prime Minister's visit to Namibia," he said. Dr Mahathir made a five-day official visit to Namibia in November last year after Namibian President Sam Nujoma visited Malaysia two months earlier.

Hussaini said Namibia, which became independent in March 1990, needed cement to intensify its development.

"We're ready to help them...the country is stable, it has the infrastructure, it wants to use Malaysian technology and encourages Malaysian investments," he added.

Namibia's Development Brigade Corporation Deputy Chairman Rehabeam Kamehozu signed the other two MOUs on the loan for housing project and on housing and infrastructure works.

The agreement for the loan was signed with Bank Industri represented by its chairman Tan Sri Abdul Rahman Arshad and the other was with a consortium of four Malaysian companies -- Country Heights, MK Associates Sdn.Bhd., Pilecon Engineering Bhd. and IJM Corporation Bhd.

No details of the MOUs were immediately available. -- Bernama  
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