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MALAYSIA-TAIWAN RELATIONS BASED ON INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE, MAHATHIR

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MELAKA, June 13 (Bernama) -- Malaysia's relations with Taiwan are close as allowed under normal international relations, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed said today.

Malaysia could not have official relations as this would not be in line with international practice, he said.

"We follow what has become the norm for all countries which have relations with Taiwan," he said when responding to questions from Taiwan reporters who were covering the opening of the Ornasteel Corporation factory at Air Keroh here.

Dr Mahathir also told them that financial institutions in Taiwan not owned by the government could invest in Malaysia.

He said if such institutions in Taiwan were interested the details could be explained in line with established procedures. -- more

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On the giving of resident status to Taiwan investors in Malaysia, the Prime Minister said Malaysia considered this on a case by case basis and in line with merit.

He said Malaysia supported Taiwan's participation in GATT as Taiwan was involved in big international trade. -- Bernama

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