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CZECHS KEEN TO MANUFACTURE TRUCKS WITH MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 9 (Bernama) -- The Czech Republic is keen to establish joint venture enterprises with Malaysian partners in truck manufacturing, production of car components and traditional Czech industries like vase making.

Speaking at a news conference at Carcosa Sri Negara here this afternoon, visiting Czech Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus said: "We're also looking for viable projects for investments, and we are interested in infrastructure projects too.

"Since there is a boom in construction here, we would like to participate in it."

He said the main purpose of his three-day visit to Malaysia is to open new opportunities and he encouraged his country's businessmen to do business where it was profitable.

"In this field, I always argue that this is what the businessmen know better than the Prime Minister," he added.

Klaus, who arrived yesterday with a delegation of 30 businessmen, said he hoped they were making good contacts with their Malaysian counterparts.

"I hope my visit to this country can give a new dynamic partnership between Czechs and Malaysians and if something like that develops, I have the feeling my trip is worthwhile," he said.

On discussions held with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Klaus described their meeting as very fruitful where they had a serious exchange of information and both leaders took the opportunity to discuss international politics, including their views on issues like the reform of the United Nations.

He said besides talks on bilateral relations, they also discussed issues on trade, and the outcome was very encouraging and a positive signal to the business communities of both countries.

"We discussed various possibilities of further expanding trade between the two countries and Dr Mahathir even suggested that something like a Czech Week be held in Malaysia besides exchanges of TV programmes and tourists," he said.

Klaus said the Czech Republic has undergone radical transformation since the collapse of communist rule in 1989.

At the same time, he was very impressed with the dynamic success and achievements of Malaysia in restructuring its economy.

"I believe the objectives of Vision 2020 will be realised and I wish it every success.

"During my visit, we discovered a new and friendly country which we want to extend relations and to learn something from your experiences besides enjoying the beauty of Malaysia," he said. -- BERNAMA

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