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DR M ENDS THREE-DAY WORKING VISIT TO VIETNAM

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HO CHI MINH CITY, March 9 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left this southern Vietnamese city for home tonight capping his hectic but successful three-day working visit to Vietnam.

Speaking to Malaysian journalists shortly before departure, the Prime Minister said he was very happy with the visit and anticipated a surge in Malaysian business activities in Vietnam.

Dr Mahathir had witnessed the signing of at least 11 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) between Malaysian businessmen and their Vietnamese counterparts here, in Hanoi and Danang.

The Prime Minister, who inspected several of Malaysian joint venture projects, said he was happy with their progress.

He advised Malaysian businessmen in Vietnam to adjust to local conditions and not to be complacent or they would be left behind by others in this competitive market.

Dr Mahathir also held talks with his Vietnamese counterpart Vo Van Kiet in the northern capital city of Hanoi and also met President Le Duc Anh.

He also had a lengthy exchange of views with the Secretary-General of the Communist Party of Vietnam Do Muoi. -- Bernama

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