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EGYPT KEEN ON EDUCATION COOPERATION WITH MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, July 8 (Bernama) -- Egypt wants to foster closer cooperation in education with Malaysia, Egyptian Minister of Education Prof Hussein Kamel Bahaa El-Din said today.

He said both countries could exchange views on upgrading curricula and training of students and teachers.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak would be invited to visit Egypt for further talks on the matter, he told reporters after meeting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad this afternoon.

At the half-hour meeting, Prof Hussein conveyed a message from President Hosni Mubarak expressing hope for enhancing mutual relations between the two countries.

Also present at the meeting were Egyptian Ambassador to Malaysia Mohamad Amin Gabr and the Malaysian Education Ministry's international relations division under-secretary Datuk Talaat Husain.

Prof Hussein, who is the president of the International Tropical Paediatrics Association, arrived here on Saturday to attend the 4th International Congress of Tropical Paediatrics.

The congress was opened today by the Prime Minister's wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali. -- BERNAMA

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