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M'SIA AND CHINA SIGN 15 JOINT VENTURE PACTS

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BEIJING, Aug 26 (Bernama) -- Malaysia and China today signed 15 agreements and memoranda of understanding (Mou) to undertake joint venture projects ranging from power plants, manufacturing of vehicles, motorcar engines and spareparts, steel mills to the construction of toll highways.

Five of the agreements were signed at the Great Hall witnessed by the visiting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad and his Chinese counterpart Li Peng while the rest were signed at the China World Hotel, the venue of the Beijing Dialogue on China-Malaysia Partnership.

They include an agreement on equity joint venture project for the establishment of a motorcar engine manufacturing company -- Harbin Dong-An Mitsubishi Motors Engine Manufacturing Company --, a joint venture between Harbin Dong An Engine Manufacturing Company of Aviation Industries of China, Harbin Aircraft Manufacturing Corporation of China, Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC) of Japan and MCIC Holding Sdn Bhd of Malaysia.

MMC and MCIC also signed similar agreements with Shengyang Construction Investment Company for the establishment of a similar plant in Shengyang and signed an agreement to manufacture water-cooled diesel engine with Shanxi Diesel engine factory.

DRM-Hicom signed an agreement with its Chinese joint venture partner to upgrade the vehicle assembly plant in Beijing to produce luxury coaches for urban and inter-city bus services.

It also signed another agreement for the production of 100-150 cc motorcycles with initial capacity of 100,000 units per year upgradable to 500,000 per year to meet the growing demand.

Business Focus Group, through its subsidiary Business Focus Engineering Sdn Bhd, signed an agreement with China Aerospace International Holding Ltd (CASIL) for the purchase of 50 percent equity of its Automobile Manufacturing Plant (Huahang Plant) in Guizhou.

YTL Corporation Berhad entered into a joint-venture agreement with China Power Investment Holding Company, Jiangxi Provincial Electric Power Corporation and Jiangxi Provincial Investment Corporation which sets the basis for investing in 600 megawatt of coal general capacity with an estimated investment of US\$500 million.

Amdex Corporation Sdn Bhd signed an agreement with Guilin City Guifa United Engineering Co., an investment arm of the Guilin City Government, to form a joint venture for the construction, operation and management of a 11.44 km of dedicated toll highway, connecting the Guilin City to the new Liang jiang International Airport.

Leader Universal Holding Berhad teamed up with Shanghai Non Ferrous Metal Co Ltd to manufacture copper tubing for air-conditioning and refrigeration purposes.

South Malaysia Industries Berhad signed a pact with Tianajin No. 1 Teaching Medical Hospital to develop a convalescent medical centre providing unique Chinese style treatment using traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture techniques.

Hainan Huang Loon Agriculture Development entered into an agreement with Lingao County of Hainan to develop tropical fruit farm in the area.

TG Groups of Companies signed an agreement with China Satellite Launch and Tracking Control General (CLTC) for the launching Asia Pacific Mobile Telecommunications Satellite (APMT).

Meanwhile, Vibrant Waves Sdn Bhd signed an agreement with Lai Wu Iron

and Steel Company of China to establish an alloy steel production line in Malaysia to produce large cast iron and steel moulds, normal industrial steel alloys and non-rust compounding steel plate products.

The plant will be sited in Gebeng, Kuantan. -- BERNAMA

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