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MALAYSIA, CZECH REPUBLIC IDENTIFY AREAS OF COOPERATION

KUALA LUMPUR, 9 Sept (Bernama) -- Malaysia and the Czech Republic have identified several areas of cooperation including tourism and banking.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said they have also agreed to promote crystal manufacturing on a joint-venture basis in Malaysia as it was currently not carried out in this country.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also suggested that a "Czech Week" be held in Malaysia to promote the East European country among Malaysians, Abdullah told reporters after a meeting here between Dr Mahathir and his Czech counterpart, Czech Vaclav Klaus.

Abdullah said the two countries had agreed to introduce an exchange of television films.

The two Prime Ministers also exchanged ideas on international issues including on reforms for the United Nations, he added.

Abdullah said a bilateral agreement to boost and protect investments between the two countries was also signed. -- BERNAMA

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