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JOINT-VENTURE PACTS EXPECTED WITH TWO CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

MELAKA, July 11 (Bernama) -- Malaysian businessmen who will accompany Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on his official visits to the Kyrgyz Republic and Kazakhstan next week are expected to sign agreements for several joint-ventures in the two countries.

The investments will be in the mining and trade sectors, Dr Mahathir told a news conference here today after attending the 173rd meeting of the Conference of Rulers.

The Prime Minister is scheduled to visit the two Central Asian countries from July 15 to 20.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysia will offer to train more people from the two countries in certain fields such as diplomacy, administration, privatisation and planning.

On his proposed visit to Mongolia, he said it could not go ahead because the country had just held a general election and the government had not been formed.

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