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KELANTAN SEEKS FEDERAL HELP FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

KOTA BAHARU, Aug 14 (Bernama) -- The PAS-led Kelantan government has sought cooperation and help from the federal government to implement several important infrastructure projects under the Seventh Malaysia Plan.

Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today that the request covered key projects like the building of highways and upgrading of the Sultan Ismail Petra Airport to international standard.

"I conveyed this request to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during our meeting in Kuala Lumpur yesterday," he told reporters after chairing the state Exco meeting here.

Nik Aziz said he had asked that the Besut-Kota Baharu, Gua Musang-Jelawang and Lojing-Kuala Berang highway projects be implemented fast.

"The federal government was also urged to build the Dabong Bridge because of the pressing need for it," he said.

Asked on the federal government's response to the request, he said: "I forwarded the proposal and it is up to the federal government...but the response (of Dr Mahathir) looked good, Alhamdulillah."

Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu announced last March that the government planned to build a second highway from Port Klang to Terengganu to encourage more industrialists to use the port.

Nik Aziz said the airport needed to be upgraded to pave the way for direct flights between Kelantan and overseas destinations.

Asked whether he discussed Kelantan politics with Dr Mahathir, he said: "Not much, only a bit, but I think he knows better." -- BERNAMA

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