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NEW CANADA-M' SIA BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 18 (Bernama) -- Malaysia and Canada today sealed three new agreements on air transport, forestry and education and training that will strengthen bilateral co-operation between the two countries.

The signing of the agreements was witnessed by Canada's Prime Minister Jean Chretien and six provincial premiers who arrived here today for a two-day visit,

These agreements were signed following a meeting between Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad and Chretien and the Team Canada delegation, said a Team Canada statement issued here.

Canada's first air transport agreement with Malaysia provides traffic rights that allow the Malaysian Airlines System (MAS) to offer twice-weekly service between Kuala Lumpur and Vancouver via Taipei.

The forestry agreement is a subsidiary agreement on forestry under the General Agreement on Development Co-operation whereby the Canadian Forest Service and Malaysia's Ministry of Primary Industries agreed to co-operate in forest-related programmes, including planning, conducting, reviewing and analysing activities related to forest management.

As for education and training, it involves a memorandum of understanding to establish links between colleges and universities in the two countries and encourages the mobility of students. The programme will run for an initial period of three years, beginning 1996. -- BERNAMA