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YONG MEETS MAHATHIR TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

KUALA LUMPUR, May 30 (Bernama) -- Sabah's new Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at his office here today, during which they focussed on economic development of the state.

Yong said Dr Mahathir wanted the Sabah government to step up efforts to attract more investment from both within and outside the country.

The Prime Minister assured him that the federal government will help to further develop the state, he told reporters after the 45-minute meeting.

Yong also said he sought Dr Mahathir's views on ways to implement the Seventh Malaysia Plan efficiently as many projects under the Sixth Plan were not carried out although allocations were available.

Sabah, he said, will continue to focus on the general manufacturing sector and higher value-added products before shifting to electronics and high-technology industries.

He briefed Dr Mahathir on the new state Cabinet and the outcome of its first meeting yesterday.

Yong also informed the Prime Minister that the amendments to five state laws to curtail the powers of the Chief Minister will be tabled in the State Assembly when it meets on June 17 and 18. -- BERNAMA

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