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Welcoming President Nelson Mandela's five-day visit to Malaysia, the daily says prospect for regional co-operation will be brighter if new developing markets in southern Africa could further enhance their co-operation with fast developing economies in Southeast Asia.

In fact, relations between Malaysia and South Africa has been close, since Mandela assume the office of presidency.

Ties between both countries reached its peak when Dr Mahathir Mohamad visited South Africa in 1995, and with Mandela's reciprocal visit now.

The daily feels it is time both parties seek a new framework to further improve bilateral ties.

Malaysia, on its part, could provide training for South Africa in business management and public administration. This will be of great help to rebuild that nation, following transition of power to the Blacks from the Whites in that country.

South Africa has become a major investment attraction under its existing open door policy. In fact, Malaysia is now the fourth largest investor in that country.

The paper believes closer links could be forged between corporate sector of both countries through direct investment or joint ventures.

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