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BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SEEKS MALAYSIA'S COOPERATION

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 11 (Bernama) -- Bosnia and Herzegovina is seeking solid cooperation from Malaysian businessmen to help the Balkan state revive its economy.

Co-chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Boro Busic, said tonight that although his country was still facing political and economic problems, it was trying to create an atmosphere of an open market economy by introducing new liberal laws.

"We know the progress which Malaysia has made in technology and economy and we will be satisfied if the Malaysian experience could be implemented in Bosnia and Herzegovina," he said at a dinner hosted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in honour of his visit to Malaysia and that of another co-chairman, Haris Silajdzic.

Also present were the prime minister's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and International Trade and Industry Minister Datin Seri Rafidah Aziz.

Busic said Malaysia had successfully solved similar problems to that in Bosnia and Herzegovina like inter-racial, inter-religious and economic problems and this would be of great help to the Balkan state in reconstructing and reshaping its economy.

Busic said his government was grateful to the Malaysian government for its assistance to the Balkan state.

Busic also expressed gratitude to Dr Mahathir for his suggestions and ideas on the future relationship and cooperation between the Balkan state and Malaysia.

The other co-chairman, Dr Haris Silajdzic, said Bosnia and Herzegovina was glad that Dr Mahathir was a friend, who supported the Dayton Peace Agreement.

"I can see a rainbow for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Malaysia. I hope Malaysia will continue to assist us in reconstructing the country," he added.

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