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CHINA SEEKING BILATERAL COOPERATION IN AEROSAPCE, SAYS RAHIM

MELAKA, May 5 (Bernama) -- China has expressed interest in cooperating with Malaysia in aerospace research especially in developing commercial satellites, former Melaka chief minister Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik said today.

This, Abdul Rahim said in a statement, was conveyed to him by China's Aerospace Minister Liu Ji Yan in their meeting during his recent visit to the republic.

The Chinese government offered two sites, each 1,200ha in size, to the Malaysian government and investors to develop as high technology industrial parks there, Abdul Rahim said.

Abdul Rahim led a 15-member business delegation to China from April 20 to 26 at the invitation of Minmetals, a leading Chinese concern.

He also called on China's Deputy Prime Minister Li Lan Qing to hand over a letter of friendship from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Rahim said his delegation signed a memorandum of understanding with Minmetals which was interested in expanding to Malaysia.

The company, with its headquarters in Beijing, has 73 branch offices in Asia, Africa, North America, Europe and the South Pacific.

Minmetals, whose main activities are engineering, property, insurance, tourism, recorded an annual business turnover of RM15 billion, Abdul Rahim added. -- BERNAMA

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