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FRENCH SPECIAL ENVOY CALLS ON MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 6 (Bernama) -- French Special Envoy for Franco-Malaysian Relations Jean-Claude Paye called on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at his office here today.

Paye, former Secretary-General of the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), arrived here this morning for a two-day visit.

He was recently appointed by President Jacques Chirac as a special envoy to enhance relations between France and Malaysia. A graduate in law and political science, he joined the Foreign Service as a First Secretary in Algiers in 1962.

A senior official of the French embassy here, Jacques Lardet, said Paye's appointment was in line with the appointment by Dr Mahathir of his Malaysian counterpart, Tan Sri Ahmad Kamil Jaafar.

Lardet said the two special envoys met at Wisma Putra this morning to discuss ways and means to further develop the existing good and cordial bilateral relations between the two countries.

Paye will meet economic advisor to the government Tun Daim Zainuddin tomorrow. -- BERNAMA

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