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GHANA INTERESTED INTO HAVE SMART PARTNERSHIPS WITH MALAYSIA

LANGKAWI, July 28 (Bernama) -- Ghana is interested in establishing smart partnerships with Malaysian and other foreign companies in the area of agriculture, agro-processing and infrastructural development, its Vice-President Prof John Evans Atta Mills said today.

He said Ghana was an agriculture and commodity based country but had yet to fully develop its resources.

"If we can get partnerships in these areas, I believe we can go a long way in solving our problems," he told reporters after attending Session 1 of the Langkawi International Dialogue (LID '97) at the Berjaya Langkawi Beach and SPA Resort here.

On Malaysia-Ghana relations, Prof Atta Mills said that Malaysia's private sector had a strong presence in Malaysia.

"I think the application of the smart partnership concept in the context of Malaysia-Ghana relations will further enhance existing ties between the two countries," he said.

Prof Atta Mills said that one important element of the smart partnership concept which Ghana was keen on was to have a transparent system when dealing with the private sector.

He also expressed Ghana's support for concerted international action against speculators in the currency market.

Commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call to fight currency speculators in the wake of the intense speculative attack against Asean currencies over the past three weeks, Ghana's Vice President said: "Unless we do something about this, many (countries) will be vulnerable to speculative attacks."

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