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MAHATHIR BIDS NAWAZ FAREWELL

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 Ogos (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad made a farewell call on his Pakistani counterpart, Nawaz Sharif, today before accompanying him to the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah airport for his departure after a four-day visit to Malaysia.

Also present was Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

During the visit, Malaysia and Pakistan signed a memorandum of understanding on defence cooperation.

At a bilateral meeting between the two leaders, Nawaz expressed Pakistan's interest in joining the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) and the Asia-Europe Meeting (Asem).

Dr Mahathir and Nawaz also witnessed an agreement between Inno-Enhance Sdn Bhd, the Punjab government and Punjab Industrial Board for the setting up of an export-processing zone in Pakistan.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysia and Pakistan could also co-operate to seek opportunities in third countries especially in the newly-independent central Asian republics where there were market potential. -- BERNAMA

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