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MAHATHIR HOLDS MEETING WITH VISITING SRI LANKAN PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Sri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga led a delegation meeting between Malaysia and Sri Lanka at the Prime Minister's Department here today.

The 16-member Malaysian delegation comprised top government officials including Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

The 15-member Sri Lankan side featured, among others, its Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar and Sri Lanka Board of Investment chairman Tilan Wijesinghe.

Earlier, Kumaratunga who arrived yesterday for a four-day visit to Malaysia, called on Dr Mahathir at his office.

Both leaders will witness the signing of government-to-government agreements on Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation, the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to taxes on income.

Four memorandums of understanding will also be signed between the Malaysian private sector and the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka. They are for the proposed development of an industrial township, industrial zone, science park and Colombo's airport expansion and the promotion of multimedia enterprise. -- BERNAMA

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