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MALAYSIA TO INTRODUCE MIXED FARMING

EDINBURGH, Oct 27 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he has plans to reform agriculture in Malaysia by introducing a mixed farming method over a large tract of land and which would break from the traditional thinking about agriculture.

"I had time to look into this when I was holidaying here for two months earlier this year in the Cotswolds where I also had access to advice from an agriculture college."

This idea of mixed farming would not be labour-intensive and would be tried out in Kedah if sufficient land was available, he said before leaving for Slovenia after attending the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting here.

The model mixed farming area would incorporate areas for padi cultivation, a new settlement with shops and other facilities and also areas for growing 'ulam' (herbs) on a large scale, the Prime Minister said.

"It will be different from our traditional idea of a Malay village," Dr Mahathir added. -- BERNAMA

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