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MALAYSIA WILLING TO EXTEND TRAINING TO GHANA

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 5 (Bernama) -- Malaysia, which has expertise in tropical resource-based industries, will be able to provide technical and management training to Ghana to prepare for possible future investments in that area, Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said today.

He said that while there was a slowdown in Malaysian investment overseas now, Malaysia could provide technical cooperation to Ghana in the industry when the economic situation improved.

"If things come back to normal, we can prepare through our technical cooperation programme to train researchers and managers in the various resource-based industries that they (Ghana) would want," he told reporters after calling on Ghana President Jerry J. Rawlings, here.

He said Rawlings, in their hour-long meeting, had invited Malaysian the private sector to invest in developing Ghana's resource-based industries.

Dr Lim said Malaysia and Ghana could form part of a consortium for ventures in tropical resource-based industries such as timber, cocoa, rubber and palm oil where Malaysia could provide the expertise and Ghana, the land and human resources.

A third country could then provide the market and finances for any given project, he said.

With the tripartite concept, countries like France, China and Egypt, by serving as a third country, would not only help in developing the economies of developing countries but also in absorbing the products produced in these countries, he said.

Rawlings arrived here yesterday for a two-day working visit. He will be in Langkawi tomorrow to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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