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KUALA LUMPUR, July 12 (Bernama) -- Boro Botic, co-chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, said he is now convinced of Malaysia's good formula in solving political and economic problems.

Speaking through an interpreter, Botic said a country that planned and created its future well in advance was certain to be successful.

"We are very impressed with the vision of the Malaysian government and the way Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad creates the future for the country," he said.

Botic, who represented the Serb community in the council, was speaking at a luncheon hosted by the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) at Carsosa Seri Negara here today.

Botic said most importantly, he and the other members of the Bosnian delegation, had found out that wealth-sharing among the people, among other things, had ensured Malaysia's political stability.

"We also have the chance to see for ourselves that Malaysia is a very dynamic country. There is a lot of construction going on in Kuala Lumpur and we have the reason to believe that it is so in the entire country,"

Botic said the visit had not only given them the opportunity to be acquainted with Malaysia's development planning but also the country's achievements so far.

"The Vision 2020 and the Multimedia Super Corridor, the brain-child of Dr Mahathir, clearly indicated the country's able leadership in shaping and envisaging the future of Malaysia," he said.

The other co-chairman, Dr Haris Siladjic, who represented the Bosniacs, said he was confident that the visit would bring about more agreements between the business communities of both countries to the reconstruction of war-ravaged Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Earlier, Botic and Siladjic, attended a briefing at the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) at the Prime Minister's Department during which they were given an insight into Malaysia's development planning machinery.

EPU director of distribution section, Dr Fadil Azim Abbas briefed the Bosnian leaders on Malaysia's poverty eradication, restructuring of society and goal to attain developed nation status by year 2020 as envisaged in Vision 2020.

On the country's privatisation programme, Fadil said it was aimed at reducing the government's financial and administrative burden.

Up to date, a total of 400 projects had been successfully privatised resulting in savings of RM175 billion, he said. -- BERNAMA

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