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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 3 (Bernama) -- Pakistan is looking forward to closer relations with Malaysia after a productive visit by its Prime Minister, Nawaz Sharif, who left for home today.

Nawaz said the visit had reinforced the close relations between the two countries. It was his first trip to an East Asian country since reassuming the post after his Pakistan Muslim League swept to victory in the country's February polls.

He said that besides laying a solid foundation for tangible and mutually beneficial economic interchange, his discussion with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad reaffirmed "the close identity of views between Pakistan and Malaysia on regional and global issues of common interest".

"We have agreed to make concerted efforts for enhancing our bilateral trade and for promoting joint-venture collaboration in Pakistan and in Third countries by utilising the complementarities and comparative advantages of the two countries," he said in a departure statement.

Dr Mahathir made a farewell call on Nawaz before accompanying him to the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah airport for his departure after a four-day visit to Malaysia.

Nawaz said he was happy that the two countries had agreed on a broad framework of multi-dimensional cooperation.

He hoped that Malaysian investors would tap the potential offered by Pakistan in terms of its manpower, natural resources and strategic location as a gateway to the neighbouring regional markets.

He said his delegation was able to look closely at the Malaysian development plan and learn a lot from its experience during the visit. --

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