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Pakistan looking to stronger ties

THE Pakistan High Commission celebrated the country's 50th anniversary of its independence with a flag-raising ceremony at the mission ground in Jalan Ampang on Thursday.

Pakistani High Commissioner Musa Javed Chohan hoisted the flag together with Pakistani navy staff Atta Mohammad.

Earlier, Chohan read the Independence Day messages of Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and its president Sardar Farooq Ahmed Khan Leghari to the about 50 embassy personnel, their families and other Pakistani nationals present.

In an interview with the New Straits Times, he said relations between Pakistan and Malaysia were good and set to be enhanced with closer economic and political co-operation.

This, he said, followed the visit of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Malaysia last April and the reciprocal visit of Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif here early this month.

He also spoke of Malaysia's importance in Pakistan's foreign agenda, especially in its quest to improve its economic standing.

"Malaysia has, among others, experienced exceptional economic progress under your Prime Minister's leadership, making it a model country. Pakistan would like to emulate Malaysia's success in order for us to face the 21st Century."

Chohan said the great potentials presented by a closer bilateral co-operation should be taken up especially by Malaysian investors keen on expanding their ventures abroad.

"Pakistan is ready to provide the incentives for Malaysian investors who plan to invest in our country because their presence would help in our effort to revive our economy."

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