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PAKISTAN WANTS TO CONTINUE BUYING M'SIAN PALM OIL

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 1 (Bernama) -- Deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said Pakistan wants to continue to buy Malaysian palm oil through the palm oil credit agreement.

Pakistan is one of the major buyers of Malaysian palm oil, he told reporters after meeting Pakistan's prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, here.

The purchase of palm oil was among several issues discussed in their meeting, he said.

Last year, Pakistan imported 1.16 million tonnes of Malaysian palm oil and this accounted for 84.9 percent of Malaysia's total exports to Pakistan in terms of value.

Anwar said another issue that was discussed pertained to encourage Malaysian firms to invest and take part in privatisation programmes in Pakistan.

Other issues include getting skilled manpower like engineers and doctors from Pakistan and implementing low cost housing programmes in Pakistan like what Malaysian firms had done in South Africa and Mauritius.

Nawaz, who is on a four-day visit here, met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad this morning and discussed two-way trade.

Nawaz, who is leading a 15-member delegation comprising ministers and businessmen representing various sectors of Pakistan's economy, will return home on Sunday. -- BERNAMA

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