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Call for closer ties between civil servants

KOTA BARU, Sun. - Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali wants relations between Federal and Kelantan Government officers to be enhanced.

He said it was important to have a close rapport between the officers to ensure smooth progress in the State.

"Though relations between the Federal and State Government officers have been good, there is a need to improve ties," he told reporters after a courtesy call on Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat at his office in Kota Darulnaim today.

Asked on his meeting with Nik Aziz, Abdul Halim said they discussed, among others, the State's development and the effects of the economic problems on Kelantan.

Abdul Halim later attended a briefing on Kelantan's development by State Secretary Datuk Wan Hashim Wan Daud.

Meanwhile Nik Aziz said he hoped the occasion would lead to better co-operation between the Federal and State Governments.

"Relations between the State and Federal Government have improved since Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed's visit to Kelantan in April last year.

"And with Abdul Halim's visit today, it is an assurance of better relations ahead between the Governments."

During Dr Mahathir's visit to Kelantan last year, he witnessed the signing of an agreement between KUB Malaysia Bhd and Keloil Sdn Bhd for the development of a petrochemical township in Pantai Senok, Bachok.

Keloil is a subsidiary of the State Economic Development Corporation.

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