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DR MAHATHIR MAKES FAREWELL CALL ON DJIBOUTI PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 5 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today made a farewell call on Djibouti President Hassan Gouled Aptidon who is here on a nine-day state visit.

The two leaders held bilateral talks on Monday and witnessed the signing of two agreements -- the Promotion and Protection of Investment and an agreement on Economic, Scientific, Technical and Cultural Cooperation.

Djibouti has offered to be a gateway for Malaysian products to the huge east African market of some 130 million people.

Aptidon had conferred Dr Mahathir with Djibouti's second highest award "Commandeur de la Grande Etoile", which was only presented to heads of government.

The President will make a farewell call on the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar tomorrow.

A former French territory, Djibouti is located in the eastern region of the African continent. Its neighbours are Somalia to the south, Ethiopia to the west and Eritrea to the north.

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