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ERITREAN PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR HOME AFTER TWO-DAY VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, July 17 (Bernama) -- Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki left for home tonight after a two-day visit aimed at strengthening ties between Asmara and Kuala Lumpur.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Othman, Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Dr Leo Michael Toyad and several senior government officials were at the KL International Airport in Sepang to see him off.

Prior to that, Afwerki had a farewell audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Ja'afar, at Istana Negara.

This morning the president and his delegation had talks with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during which an economic, scientific, technical and cultural agreement was signed between the two countries.

In a news conference at the end of his visit, Afwerki said opportunities for collaboration existed in several sectors like the service industry, transportation, communication, fishing, agriculture, tourism and manufacturing as well as textile and leather industry.

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