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JOHOR SIGNS PACT WITH CUBA NEXT MONTH

JOHOR BA HARU, Feb 21 (Bernama) -- A delegation comprising representatives of the Johor Education Foundation and several companies leaves for Havana next month to seal a cooperation deal with the Cuban government.

Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman told reporters today the delegation, set to depart on March 3, will be led by the foundation's adviser Azlan Abbas.

It would, among other things, survey and identify suitable Cuban medical products that could be manufactured in Malaysia.

Johor also looked forward to establishing links with Cuba for joint research and development in tropical medicine and biochemistry, he said.

The state government's objective was to make Johor a potential investment destination in R&D on local tropical medicine, he said after a Gongxi-Raya celebration here.

Abdul Ghani said Cuba was chosen because it has the expertise in tropical medicine and biochemistry.

Earlier, he received a Cuban delegation led by Cuban ambassador Ricardo Danza Sigas at his office.

The Cubans' visit was to reciprocate Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's visit to Havana last year. -- BERNAMA

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