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MALAYSIA SEEKING TO CULTIVATE OIL PALM IN SUDAN

KUALA LUMPUR, May 18 (Bernama) -- Malaysia and Sudan are studying the possibility of cultivating oil palm in the African country, Deputy Primary Industries Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein said today.

The study was being undertaken by Tabung Haji Plantations, the Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia (Porim) and Sudan's International University of Africa, he said in a statement.

Hishammuddin said he discussed the matter with Sudan's Industry Minister Badr-eddin Sulaiman when he was in that country last week as part of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's delegation.

The Primary Industries Ministry has agreed to the sending of oil palm seedlings to Sudan for research by the National Oil Production Research Institute and University of Gezira

It was considering sending Porim experts to help in the research, Hishammuddin said.

He said Sudan agreed to continue buying palm oil from Malaysia after importing 44,913 tonnes in the 1996/97 year.

Sudan, which has a population of 28 million people, imports 73,100 tonnes of palm oil and olein every year, he added.

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