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Yemeni president confident visit will boost relations

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh today expressed confidence that bilateral and trade ties would be enhanced following his four-day official visit here.

He said his delegation of senior officials and businessmen had excellent talks with their Malaysian counterparts and dealt with bilateral ties and international issues.

Speaking after Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad made a farewell call on him, he said the views of both sides on different issues were identical.

Ali Abdullah said a number of agreements were signed, including one on the exchange of expertise in the fields of petroleum and gas, and on increasing trade.

Agreements signed were on economic, scientific, technical and cultural cooperation, investment guarantee and trade and also a memorandum of understanding on trade promotion.

Ali Abdullah later had a farewell audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar at Istana Negara.

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