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Economic recovery impresses Yunnan

Kamarulzaman Salleh in Yunnan

THE Yunnan Provincial Government has commended Malaysia for its economic recovery measures.

Governor Li Jiating conveyed the message during a meeting with members of the Malaysia-China Friendship Association led by its secretary-general Tan Kai Hee in Kunming recently.

Tan said the Governor was impressed with Malaysia's successful handling of the economic problem without having to depend on international aid agencies.

He said Li invited Malaysian companies to participate in various exploration projects in the province especially in energy, tourism and metal industries.

"The Governor was also happy to learn about Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's visit to China next month which will further enhance bilateral ties between both countries," Tan said at the end of the nine-day visit which started on July 5.

Among the MCFA officials present were honorary advisers Tan Sri Ngan Ching Wen and Datuk Lim Guan Teik, deputy secretary-general Jamilah Datuk Ishak and Sino-Malaysia Commerce and Economic Association vice-presidents Bong Hong Liong and Yong Ah Pwi.

During the visit, MCFA members held dialogues with Yunnan Provincial Communist Party committee representatives led by its secretary Linhu An and top officials of the Yunnan Media and Broadcasting Corporation.

They also attended the International Horticulture Exposition and the 60th commemorative ceremony of Nanyang "Chee Kong" or Malayan drivers and mechanics who helped build the Burma-Kunming road when Japan attacked China during World War Two.

Tan, who is Hai-O Enterprise Bhd managing director, said Linhu had agreed to consider a request by the Yunnan Friendship Association of South East Asia Overseas Chinese Mechanical Workers to build a memorial hall.

The association comprises Malaysians, including Singaporeans, who resided in China after the war in 1945.

He also said Linhu had agreed to promote the Admiral Cheng Ho Park in Kunming, popular among Malaysian tourists.

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