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FORMER PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT VISITS PAHANG

KUANTAN, Sept 12 (Bernama) -- Former Philippine President Fidel Ramos arrived here today for a one-day visit to the state.

"My visit, upon the invitation of the Pahang state government here, is to push our economic relations, in investment, trade and cooperation and cultural exchange," said Ramos after calling on Menteri Besar Datuk Adnan Yaakob, here.

He said the Pahang Centre for Malay Studies in the Philippines and the Mindanao State University (MSU) were the beneficiaries of such enhanced interaction among the two Southeast Asian educational institutions.

Ramos said in the meeting, they also exchanged views on their respective economic situation, Malaysian-Philippine relations, and regional and global issues.

He said it would be recalled that upon the initiative of the Philippines, the Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines (BIMP) East Asean Growth Area (EAGA) was established in 1993 to open new avenues and opportunities for economic, social and cultural exchanges among the four sponsor countries.

Ramos, who is on a four-day visit to Malaysia, will also pay a courtesy call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the country's new government administrative centre Putrajaya and visit the intelligent city Cyberjaya on Wednesday.

He will call on Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob tomorrow and is expected to deliver a speech on "South East Asian Future in the 21st Century" at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) in Gombak the following day.

Ramos is accompanied by Congressman Benasing Macarambon Jr and other leaders on his visit.

Meanwhile, Adnan hoped that the visit would renew the relationship between Pahang and the Philippines and provide both parties the opportunity to look into fields that Pahang could embark on including setting up new joint ventures.

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