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20TH SEA GAMES - M'SIA LENDS BRUNEI A HELPING HAND

KUALA LUMPUR, March 8 (Bernama) -- Malaysia has agreed to lend Brunei a helping hand in organising the 20th Sea Games in August, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today.

He said the cooperation would cover all aspects of the organisation of the Games scheduled from Aug 7 to 15.

"I was informed that towards this end a coordinating committee has been set up," Abdullah told reporters after talks with the Brunei Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah Ibni Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah here today.

Abdullah said they also discussed educational matters and the possibility of more Brunei students pursuing further education in Malaysia.

"According his highness, Malaysia has always been a popular destination among Brunei students," said Abdullah.

Abdullah and Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah also discussed in general economic ties between Kuala Lumpur and Bandar Seri Begawan.

The Brunei Crown Prince, who arrived for a visit to Malaysia last Saturday, today called on the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar at Istana Negara here.

He also visited the Economic Planning Unit in the Prime Minister's Department and the world's tallest building, the Petronas Twin Towers here.

The Crown Prince's visit, at the invitation of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, ends on Wednesday.

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