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HUN SEN ENDS VISIT TO M'SIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 6 (Bernama) -- Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen left for home after ending his three-day official visit to Malaysia aimed at boosting ties between Phnom Penh and Kuala Lumpur.

Present at the KL International Airport in Sepang to see him off were Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Dr Leo Michael Toyad and Deputy Home Minister Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir.

While here, Hun Sen had talks with his Malaysian counterpart Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during which Malaysia agreed to look into various requests by Cambodia to assist its development process.

Malaysia and Cambodia also signed a trade agreement to further expand their trade, economic and industrial ties.

In the course of his visit, the Cambodian leader gave a lecture on the future direction of his country at a function organised by the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations.

At a dinner hosted by the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia, Hun Sen told the Malaysian business community to take advantage of the various investment opportunities in Cambodia.

He visited, among others, the world's tallest buildings, the Petronas Twin Towers, and the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia.

He also had an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar.

Hun Sen became prime minister following the formation of a new coalition government in Phnom Penh which was approved by the Cambodian National Assembly in November last year.

This marked the end of a political feud between Hun Sen and former co-premier Prince Norodom Ranariddh who was ousted in a bloody power struggle in July 1997, prompting Asean to postpone Cambodia's entry into the grouping.

Under the new coalition pact, Ranariddh now holds the presidency of the assembly.

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