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AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN HOPING ON M'SIA TO CONSIDER THEIR INTEREST

CHICAGO, Sept 2 (Bernama) -- American businessmen have expressed hope that the Malaysian government "will keep considering the interest of American companies in their efforts to expand trade investment linkages with companies in Malaysia".

Motorola Inc's global government relations president, Arnie Brenner said American companies had a good track record in terms of training Malaysians.

"Several (American) companies have mentioned that the Malaysians they have trained in their operations in Malaysia now are training others in the world. Malaysian workers are doing so well in US companies," he told journalists after the US-Asean Business Council meeting, here, Friday.

Also present at the closed-door meeting was Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who arrived here Friday morning for a three-day working visit.

Brenner said US companies regard Malaysia as a technology investment country.

He also said that a group of 10 chief executive officers from small and medium scale industries in the information technology were now in Kuala Lumpur to look for new investments and linkups with Malaysian companies.

Apart from Kuala Lumpur, the group will visit Penang and Kedah.

"I think we (American companies) have so much trust and contacts with Malaysia," he said.

He also said that the next US-Asean Business Council meeting would be held in Malaysia where representatives from 30 American companies would make the trip.

Among the Malaysian corporate heads who attended the meeting were Proton Berhad chief executive officer (CEO) Tengku Tan Sri Mahaleel Tengku Ariff, Permodalan Nasional Berhad CEO Datuk Hamad Kama Piah Che Othman, Southern Bank Berhad CEO Datuk Tan Teong Hean, Perbadanan Usahawan Nasional Berhad CEO Ahmad Zukni Johari, EON Berhad managing director Datuk Adzmi Abdul Wahab and Group CEO of Malaysian Technology Development Corporation (MTDC) Datuk Anuar Mohamed Nor.

The US participants were chairman, president and CEO of Chicago Bridge and Iron Company, Gerald Glenn; senior vice president of Monsanto Corporation (International Development) Nha D.Hoang; chief financial officer of Caterpillar Inc, Lynn Mcpheeters; CEO of Solectron Technology Dr Koichi Nishimura and chairman of Aetna International Michael Stephen.

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