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CZECH REPUBLIC DPM CALLS ON MAHATHIR

PUTRAJAYA, Nov 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today received Czech Republic Deputy Prime Minister Pavel Mertlik at his office here.

They discussed bilateral issues relating to enhancement of ties between the two countries, according to a Foreign Ministry official.

Mertlik, who is also Finance Minister, is on a three-day visit to boost trade and economic ties as well as promote greater tourism between both countries.

His visit here is the second by Czech Republic leaders following the one by then prime minister Vaclav Claus in 1996.

Earlier today, Mertlik called on Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi here.

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