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UAE PRAISES MAHATHIR FOR ROLE IN DEALING WITH GLOBALISATION

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ABU DHABI, Nov 22 (Bernama) -- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) acknowledges the role played by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in guiding Malaysia to face the increasing challenges of globalisation, Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said today.

Ghani said UAE Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Sultan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan was also impressed with the leadership capability of Dr Mahathir in developing Malaysia into a well known country.

"Sheikh Sultan respects the role played by Dr Mahathir not only in Malaysia but also at the international level," he told Bernama after calling on Sheikh Sultan at his office here.

Abdul Ghani, who is on a six-day working visit to Dubai and Abu Dhabi, said UAE leaders hoped to see the ties between Malaysia and UAE further strengthened.

UAE was seeking greater cooperation in the economic, tourism and cultural fields, he said.

Abdul Ghani said he also handed over a letter from Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi to Sheikh Sultan inviting him to visit Malaysia.

"Sheikh Sultan has agreed to visit Kuala Lumpur in the near future," he said.

While here, Abdul Ghani also called on the president of the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce, Dr Sheikh Sultan Bin Khalifah Al-Nahyan.

In the meeting, Dr Sheikh Sultan expressed the hope that more Malaysian companies would invest in Abu Dhabi in various sectors, and also called for increased Abu Dhabi investments in Malaysia.

H2O Sports Sdn Bhd chairman Tengku Panglima Diraja Selangor Tengku Sulaiman Shah Al-Haj, Malaysian ambassador to UAE Datuk Syed Hussein Al Habshee and Johor state executive councillors Ahmad Zahri Jamil and Datuk Dr Chua Soi Lek were present at both meetings.

Also present were Johor state secretary Datuk Dr Shahir Nasir, state financial officer Datuk Ayub Mion, Johor Baharu mayor Datuk Johari Suratman, Johor Economic Planning Unit director Datuk Baderi Dasuki and IBEX Corporation Amalgamated Sdn Bhd executive chairman Datuk Yahya Jalil.

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