

Malaysia's role in

Bahrain plan

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PUTRAJAYA: The Bahrain Government has expressed interest to make Malaysia the hub for Gulf states to familiarise itself with East Asian and South-east Asian countries.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said these were among the issues discussed during a working visit by a delegation from Bahrain, led by its Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa yesterday.

"Bahrain's Prime Minister wants Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to convey this message at the Asean summit in Brunei next week," he said, adding that they hoped to establish various relations with the countries in the region.

The delegation called on Dr Mahathir at his office. Syed Hamid said the other issues agreed upon included building a distribution centre in Bahrain to promote Malaysian products, apart from establishing co-operation in Islamic banking and finance and oil exploration and production-sharing with the gulf country.