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BAHRAIN WANTS TO LEARN FROM MALAYSIA'S SUCCESS- KHALIFA

PUTRAJAYA, Jan 29 (Bernama) -- Bahrain's Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa said his country is keen to learn and benefit from the successful Malaysian experience.

He said, "Malaysia has tremendous achievements in various fields in such a short time which has enabled it to reach an advanced level of development and civilisation."

"Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who has an outstanding reputation and standing on the world stage is greatly respected by Bahrain."

"His vision and international outlook can only result in a furthering of the firm cooperation and relations among developing countries," he said in a statement issued at the start of his three-day official visit beginning today.

He said maintaining the momentum of such a policy was vital as the new millennium unfolded.

Shaikh Khalifa, who is accompanied by a 55-member delegation including four ministers, is in Malaysia at the invitation of Dr Mahathir who visited Bahrain in 1997.

He said the visit provided an opportunity for him to meet Dr Mahathir and exchange views on different regional and international issues of mutual concern.

"We also hope that this visit will contribute to the promotion and enhancement of the relations between the two countries and invigorate cooperation in different fields for the benefit of both their friendly peoples," he said.

He said his visit was to enable Manama and Kuala Lumpur to contribute together towards enhancing security, stability and international cooperation.

Shaikh Khalifa also conveyed greetings from the Amir of Bahrain Shaikh Hamad bin Essa Al-Khalifa to Malaysia's leadership and its people.

"In this context, it is our pleasure that during this visit the two countries are to sign an agreement establishing a joint high committee whose efforts, we believe, will enable the two countries to achieve their aim of developing and invigorating their bilateral cooperation in different fields to reflect the strong relations between them," he said.

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