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Syed Hamid-Laos

LAOS SEEKS MALAYSIA'S HELP TO DEVELOP HUMAN RESOURCES

PUTRAJAYA, Oct 29 (Bernama) -- Laos today sought Malaysia's help to develop its human resources.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar this was because Laos regarded Malaysia as being successful in developing its own human resources.

Laos also asked Malaysian businessmen to invest in that country, he told reporters after a delegation meeting in conjunction with Laotian Prime Minister Bounnhang Vorachith's visit here.

He said Malaysia was now the fourth biggest foreign investor in Laos with investments exceedind RM1 billion.

He said Malaysia also acceded to Laos' request to resume the meeting of the joint committees of both countries next year.

The last time the meeting was held was in Vientiane in 1996.

On Bounnhang's meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad earlier today, Syed Hamid said the two leaders discussed various matters to enhance bilateral relations.

He said Dr Mahathir also briefed Bounnhang on the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum meeting which he attended in Shanghai on Oct 16-23. Laos is not an Apec member.

Syed Hamid said Bounnhang also invited Dr Mahathir to visit Laos.

The last time Dr Mahathir visited that country was in 1994.

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