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MALAYSIA TO BECOME GATEWAY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF S'AMERICAN GOODS

KUALA LUMPUR, May 25 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will expand cooperation with South American nations with a view to becoming the gateway for the distribution of their goods through ports in this country, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

Several shipping lines including Maersk had established direct contact with Malaysia with a view to bringing in goods from South American nations to this region, he said.

Speaking to reporters after talks with Argentina's Deputy Minister of International Trade Horacia Aldo Chighizda, Dr Ling said, "We discussed from the aspect of trade between Asean and Mercusor (Southern Common Market)...Argentina as the distribution centre for Asean goods and Malaysia as the distribution centre for Mercusor goods."

Dr Ling said this trade-link was in line with the aspiration of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that nations of the south foster greater cooperation among themselves.

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