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PM BIDS FAREWELL TO PASTRANA

KUALA LUMPUR, March 3 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today bid farewell to Colombian President Andres Pastrana Arango who ends his four-day official visit to Malaysia tomorrow.

Dr Mahathir spent about one hour with the Colombian leader at his hotel suite.

Pastrana is schedule to visit Felda Semencu in Kota Tinggi, Johor, tomorrow before leaving for India in the evening.

Among the highlights of his visit to Malaysia was the bilateral meeting held between delegations of both countries, led by their respective leaders, which sought to increase cooperation between Bogota and Kuala Lumpur.

Pastrana had invited Malaysian businessmen and oil palm growers to explore investment opportunities in his country.

He also expressed interest in emulating Malaysia's socio-economic development programmes especially in the field of agriculture.

The Colombian leader was also bestowed the "Darjah Utama Seri Mahkota Negara Kehormat" by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, who, in return, received the "Order of Boyaca Grand Collar of the Republic".

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