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SPECIAL ENVOY SAYS KUWAIT MAY INVEST IN M'SIAN OIL INDUSTRY

PUTRAJAYA, Nov 29 (Bernama) -- A special envoy of the Emir of Kuwait has expressed his country's keenness in investing in Malaysia's petroleum, gas and refinery industries, a Foreign Ministry official said.

This possibility was raised during today's meeting between the special envoy Al-Ateeqi Abdul Rahman Salim and the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, according to Wisma Putra's Under-Secretary for West Asia and North Africa Datuk Wan Yusof Embong.

The proposed investment would be made under the Kuwait Fund, Wan Yusof said when briefing reporters after the meeting held at the Prime Minister's Office here.

In welcoming the plan, the prime minister said that Malaysia would provide the necessary assistance to facilitate the investment, according to Wan Yusof.

Abdul Rahman and Dr Mahathir also discussed the establishment of a joint commission meant to further enhance bilateral cooperation between the two countries, he said.

According to Wan Yusof, the Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar had agreed on the joint commission holding a meeting in the first half of next year.

Malaysia and Kuwait formalised an economic and technical cooperation agreement in 1975 which provides for the establishment of the joint commission.

Wan Yusof said the possibility of Kuwait Airways flying to Kuala Lumpur as part of efforts to boost tourism between the two countries was also discussed at today's meeting between Dr Mahathir and the Kuwaiti special envoy.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, special envoy Abdul Rahman said he was here to convey to the government the Emir's condolences over death the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Almarhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah on Nov 21.

The Emir also conveyed condolences to the family of the late Sultan Salahuddin.

Abdul Rahman, who is also the adviser to the Emir, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, said he also conveyed similar condolences from Kuwait's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah.

The Kuwaiti ambassador-designate to Malaysia Fahad Hejer Shaowf Al-Metairi also attended the meeting.

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