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Ling-Mahathir

BUSH-MAHATHIR MEETING BENEFICIAL TO THEIR PEOPLES, SAYS DR LING

PUTRAJAYA, May 16 (Bernama) -- MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik has decribed the meeting on Tuesday in Washington between President George W. Bush and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as beneficial to the peoples of both countries.

"As I've said many times before when two leaders can work together, their peoples also benefit," he told reporters on the occasion of the visit of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail to his ministry here today.

Dr Ling, who is also Transport Minister, said the peoples of both countries had looked forward to a fruitful meeting between the two leaders.

In PETALING JAYA, MCA vice-president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting said the meeting has given a boost to Malaysia's image.

"Clearly, it was a successful visit for the Prime Minister and the people are very proud of him," he told reporters after opening a seminar entitled "The Edge in Business - Sun Tzu's Art of War".

Ong who is also Housing and Local Government Minister, congratulated Dr Mahathir for his successful visit to the United States.

"On international relations, Malaysia and the US have achieved a good relationship and Malaysia's recognition from the world superpower," he said.

In PENANG, Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon said Malaysians should be proud with the Dr Mahathir's successful visit.

"Finally, Malaysia received due recognition from the US, although belated," he told reporters after presenting the RosettaNet grant of the International Trade and Industry Ministry to two companies.

Dr Koh hoped that the meeting would translate into greater investment and trade between the two countries.

"My salute to the Prime Minister for his achievement," he said.

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