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Canada-Terrorism

CANADA APPRECIATES MALAYSIA'S ROLE AGAINST TERRORISTS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 20 (Bernama) -- Canada today expressed its deep appreciation to Malaysia for its very helpful role in the fight against international terrorists.

"In my meeting with Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad) yesterday and Foreign Minister (Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar), I conveyed Canada's appreciation for the helpful role Malaysia has played in the campaign against international terrorism," Canada's Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific Affairs David Kilgour said.

He was speaking to reporters after opening the new Canadian High Commission Chancery on the 17th Floor of Menara Tan & Tan here.

Kilgour is on a two-day official visit to Malaysia as part of his tour of Southeast Asia. He was earlier in Singapore and will for Indonesia tomorrow.

He said Dr Mahathir was among the first leaders in the Islamic world to condemn terrorism and Canada was looking forward to Malaysia's continued participation in the war against international terrorism.

Kilgour said Canada was keen to further strengthen its bilateral relationship with Malaysia.

He noted that both countries had been enjoying close relations since Malaysia's independence.

"The messages I received on Malaysia's economy are positive and there should be expanded opportunities for trade and investment as our economies recover from last year's slump," he said.

He also said Syed Hamid Albar would visit Canada on Sept 5 for talks with his Canadian counterpart.

Malaysia is Canada's largest trading partner in ASEAN and presents good opportunities for Canadian businesses looking for trade and investment abroad.

Kilgour also toured the Canadian Education Centre at Wisma MCA here and addressed the Malaysia-Canada Business Council breakfast meeting at Mandarin Oriental Hotel.

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