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MAHATHIR-CHONGQING

DR MAHATHIR WELL-RESPECTED BY PEOPLE OF CHINA

CHONGQING, Sept 25 (Bemama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad is regarded as a good friend of the Chinese people and is well-respected by the people of China, said He Guoqiang, secretary of CPC (Communist Party of China) Chongqing Commission.

In his meeting with Minister of International Trade and Industry, Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz who is leading a trade and investment mission to Chongqing, Guoqiang said China enjoyed a good relationship with Malaysia and there was great interest in business opportunities with Malaysia.

As such, he gave his commitment to fully support all Chongqing businessmen who planned to do business with their Malaysian counterparts.

He was impressed to see overwhelming response to the Malaysia-China Business Opportunities seminar as well as individual business meetings.

Rafidah said she was also equally surprised at the rapid development in Chongqing and western part of China.

She strongly believed that Malaysian automotive companies could operate here.

Chongqing ranked first as the biggest producer of motorcycles in China and third for automotive parts and components. The Three Gorges Dam is also located within its municipality. -- BERNAMA

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