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MALAYSIA'S ACHIEVEMENTS GAINING SYRIAN ATTENTION, SAYS ENVOY

KUALA LUMPUR, April 18 (Bernama) -- Syrians are now more aware of Malaysia's successes, especially under the able leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, which have been highlighted by the Arab media.

Syrian ambassador to Malaysia Dr Kamal Sharaf said today his countrymen had learnt much about Malaysia's achievements, especially in the economic sector.

"Dr Mahathir's policies in politics and economy have achieved a lot of success. This has made people have a high regard for him and Malaysia in general," he said after meeting Bernama chairman Datuk Abdul Kadir Jasin at Wisma Bernama, here.

And thanks to the interest shown by the Arab media in developments in this country, Malaysia was now better known in West Asia, he said.

Speaking through an interpreter, he said Malaysia was also successful in promoting itself as a tourist destination.

Dr Sharaf said his country was keen to see linkages between Syrian and Malaysian media organisations towards a better dissemination of news between Syria and its surrounding region and this part of the world.

As such, the envoy said, Syria was interested to see how cooperation between the Syrian Arab News Agency (Sana) and Bernama could be developed and proposed that a memorandum of understanding (MoU) be signed between the two parties.

Meanwhile, Abdul Kadir said Bernama would look into the matter.

He said that in recent years, Bernama had established link-ups with a number of news agencies in the Arab world.

"We consider our engagement with Muslim or Arab news organisations, especially news agencies, as very important," he added.

Present were Bernama general manager Syed Jamil Syed Jaafar and editor-in-chief Jaafar Hussin.

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