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KAZAKHSTAN TO STUDY MALAYSIAN PARLIAMENTARY EXPERIENCES

KUALA LUMPUR, March 27 (Bernama) -- A delegation of five Kazakhstan parliamentarians headed by its chairman, Zharmakhan Tuyakbay, today visited parliament house here to take a closer look at the Malaysian law-making process.

Tuyakbay said: "The main task of the delegation of Kazakhstan parliament is to study the Malaysian experiences of parliamentary activities and to establish relationship between both parliaments."

Tuyakbay and members of his delegation spent about one hour each in discussions with Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tun Dr Mohamed Zahir Ismail and Dewan Negara President Datuk Michael Chen Wing Sum.

Chen told reporters after the meeting that the Kazakhstan parliamentarians were interested in Malaysia's law-making experiences as they thought Malaysia has a very good constitutional system.

"That is why they particularly like to see our know-how and our (parliament) house operations," he said.

Tuyakbay said that both countries have good diplomatic relations since Kazakhstan gained independence in 1991 and the Central Asian country wants to enhance bilateral ties.

Among areas that Kazakhstan was interested to develop further was in trade and economic relations besides cultural activities, he said.

He said that Kazakhstan has good investment potential and the country welcomes Malaysian entrepreneurs to invest, while at the same time wants to study potential areas for mutual economic cooperation.

The Kazakhstan delegation arrived here yesterday and will call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz.

The leave here on Monday.

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