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KYRGYZ PRESIDENT CALLS FOR M'SIAN INVESTMENTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 6 (Bernama) -- Kyrgyz Prsident Askar Akayev today called on Malaysian businessmen to invest in that country's expanding tourism and related industries.

He said that Kyrgyzstan was improving and had become more investor-friendly.

"We would like more Malaysian businessmen to invest in the country," he told a business luncheon organised by the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia at a hotel, here.

Akayev said the republic also welcomed investments in agriculture and food processing, textile industry and information communication technology (ICT).

He gave an assurance that his government would provide a conducive environment for Malaysian investors and hoped to arrange a free visa policy for Malaysians in the future.

Akayev was full of praise for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad whom he described as an outstanding leader for Malaysia and the developing nations.

He paid tribute to Dr Mahathir for having laid down world-class facilities and infrastructures for Malaysia.

Recalling his first official visit to Malaysia in 1995, the Kyrgyz president expressed admiration at the rapid development achieved by the country in a short time, particularly the administrative city of Putrajaya, the smart city of Cyberjaya and Kuala Lumpur as a commercial centre.

He also hailed the contribution of Malaysia, especially Dr Mahathir, in assisting the republic to carry out its comprehensive 10-year development plan, named after the prime minister.

He noted that the programme had received the support and acknowledgement of international organisations like the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank and other donors

Earlier, Akayev, who is on a two-day visit to Malaysia, spent about two hours touring the Multimedia Development Coorporation (MDC), here.

The Kyrgyz delegation was briefed on the MDC and opportunities for joint development in ICT by the corporation's senior vice-president Narayanan Kanan and senior manager Najat Ahmad.

Akayev also planted a tree at the entrance of Cyberview Lodge to commemorate his visit.

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