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Malaysia-China business council

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A MALAYSIA China Joint Business Council will be set up in conjunction with the official visit to Malaysia by the Vice-President of the People's Republic of China, Hu Jintao.

The council will be established between the China Council for Promotion of International Trade and the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (Asli).

"The council will focus on areas which include human resource development, information technology, healthcare, agribusiness and tourism as these are key sectors that have strong potential for joint ventures and smart partnerships," Asli chief executive officer Datuk Michael Yeoh said.

In a statement, Asli said one of the council's objectives will be to discuss and promote cooperation between the two countries.

The Joint Business Council will be headed by a pair of co-chairmen, one each from Malaysia and China. The council will also organise visits of trade delegations and exhibitions to promote each other's products and services.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be the patron of the council while International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz will be its Honorary Adviser.

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