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STEP UP ECONOMIC TIES WITH M'SIA, SOUTH KOREA TOLD

PUTRAJAYA, July 5 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today asked South Korea to step up economic ties with Malaysia and not merely concentrate on the construction sector.

He said Malaysia was aware of South Korean companies' capabilities in the construction sector, the country should also import Malaysian-made goods so that bilateral trade between the two countries could be balanced.

South Korean construction companies were the first to participate in Malaysia's construction sector when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad became Prime Minister in 1981, he said.

"Dr Mahathir had said part of the implementation of the Look East policy involved South Korea. We want South Korea to accept and import goods from Malaysia.

"That's important. It's not only we import their goods and enlist their services in the construction industry," he told reporters after meeting South Korean Construction and Transport Minister Lim In-Taik at his office, here.

Abdullah also said the Look East Policy introduced by Dr Mahathir would be continued.

He said Lim's visit showed South Korea was still keen to be involved in Malaysia's infrastructure related projects and other construction activities.

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