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MALAYSIA-RUSSIA AEROSPACE AGREEMENT SEALED THIS YEAR

KUALA LUMPUR, March 27 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will sign an aerospace scientific technical cooperation agreement with Russia this year, Deputy Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Zainal Dahlan told the Dewan Rakyat today.

The agreement that will involve bilateral cooperation will be signed during the visit of Russian Minister of Industry, Science and Technology I.I.Klebanov to Malaysia, he said, without disclosing when this will take place.

Several discussions and negotiations were held during the visit by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Russia recently.

Among the negotiations was the cooperation agreement for the structure, development and training of human resources, technology transfer, the launch of a remote sensing satellite and a ground control station to be jointly built by a Russian aerospace firm NPO Mashinostroenla and a Malaysian company Astronautic Technology Malaysia Sdn Bhd.

He said negotiations were also held between a Russian telecommunications company NPO of Applied Mechanics in Siberia offering to build the Measat 6 satellite for transmission services covering the African continent for Binariang Satelit System Sdn Bhd.