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SRI LANKA EXTENDS INVITATION TO DR MAHATHIR

COLOMBO, July 16 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad has been invited to visit Sri Lanka which is pinning hopes on a peace process to revive its war-shattered economy, news reports said.

The invitation was extended by Tertiary Education Minister Kabir Hasheem and Training Minister Senerath Kapukotowa, who is secretary-general of the ruling United National Party (UNP), when the duo met the prime minister during a visit to Kuala Lumpur last month.

They were representing the UNP at the Umno general assembly. The two officials were also promised assistance for Sri Lanka in technical education when they met their Malaysian counterparts, the reports said.

Hasheem thanked Dr Mahathir for Malaysia's contribution to the construction of Sri Lanka's expressways.

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