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CHINA READY TO FURTHER EXPAND COOPERATION WITH M'SIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 11 (Bernama) -- China is ready to further expand mutually beneficial cooperation with Malaysia, its Vice-Premier Li Lanqing said today.

He said such cooperation would bring benefits to the people of the two countries and contribute to closer cooperation among developing nations.

China and Malaysia are friendly countries, he said in a statement issued on his arrival at the KL International Airport in Sepang.

A copy of the speech was faxed to Bernama.

He is on a four-day official visit to Malaysia at the invitation of Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"We've broad common interests. Our exchanges and cooperation in political, economic, trade, scientific and technical, education, cultural and other areas are expanding.

"We've also maintained good coordination and cooperation on international and regional issues," he said.

Malaysia, he noted, was an important member of Asean and China attached great importance to its relations with Kuala Lumpur.

Li will have an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail, meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and hold talks with Abdullah.

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