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CHINESE VICE-PREMIER LI LANQING CALLS ON DR MAHATHIR

PUTRAJAYA, Jan 13 (Bernama) -- Visiting Chinese Vice-Premier Li Lanqing called on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at his office here today.

They discussed bilateral and regional issues, especially government-to-government ties, at the meeting, Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Dr Leo Michael Toyad said.

Dr Mahathir and Li exchanged views on how to step up bilateral trade which stood at US\$10 billion in 2001, he told reporters, here.

They also discussed the sale of palm oil to China, investment in the less developed Asean countries and the prospects of Malaysia investing in the automotive industry in China.

Toyad said Li's visit would further strengthen Malaysia-China relations, especially in trade and Asean+3 ties.

Li arrived on Saturday at the head of a 62-member delegation comprising government officials, media representatives and security staff for a five-day official visit to Malaysia.

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