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Declaration-Partnership

M'SIA-THAILAND SIGN JOINT DECLARATION ON BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

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LANGKAWI, July 27 (Bernama) -- Malaysia and Thailand today signed a joint declaration to boost two-way cooperation through greater public-private sector initiatives during the inaugural Malaysia-Thailand Technology Business Partnership Dialogue.

The joint declaration was signed between the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment (MOSTE) and the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) of Thailand.

It was witnessed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his Thai counterpart, Thaksin Shinawatra.

Representing Malaysia at the signing was Datuk Seri Law Hieng Ding while Thailand was represented by its Minister of Science and Technology, Phinji Jarusombat.

The declaration, among others, is expected to pave the way for further understanding and greater initiatives to improve the technology-driven competitiveness of both nations by collectively combining and leveraging on shared information, skills, technology and resources between the two countries.

Among the areas to be promoted are automotive, electrical and electronics, agro-biotechnology, information technology as well as eco-tourism and sustainable development.

Earlier, both Dr Mahathir and Thaksin addressed at the opening plenary session which attracted more than 300 key players in various industries from both countries.

The dialogue on July 27-28 is being held in conjunction with the annual bilateral talks between key cabinet ministers of the two countries.

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