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PM WITNESSES SIGNINGS OF EIGHT MoUs AND STRATEGIC PACTS

LANGKAWI, Oct 2 (Bernama) -- The maritime segment of Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA) exhibition 2003 today saw several Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) and strategic collaborations signed between local companies and their foreign partners.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who had earlier officiated the Langkawi International Yacht Registry, witnessed the signing ceremony.

The first MoU was between Business Focus' PSC Defence Technologies Sdn Bhd and Sweden's Bofors Defence AB for the cooperation to jointly produce weapons spare parts for Bofors.

Another Business Focus subsidiary, PSC Marine Technology Academy Sdn Bhd, also signed an MoU to cooperate and optimise resources for the Royal Malaysian Navy's training with Drastech Corporation Sdn Bhd.

Dr Mahathir also witnessed a strategic collaboration agreement signed between Malaysian Heavy Industry Group Sdn Bhd and South Korea's Daewoo Heavy Industries and Machinery to locally manufacture Malaysian-made diesel engines for maritime and industrial sector.

The ceremony was also attended by Business Focus executive chairman, Tan Sri Amin Shah Omar Shah; Navy chief, Admiral Datuk Mohd Anwar Mohd Noor; and HW Lima Sdn Bhd's Vice-Admiral (rtd) Tan Sri Abdul Wahab Nawi.

A strategic collaboration and partnership agreement to construct 1,000 offshore fishing vessels was also inked between Penang Shipbuilding and Construction Sdn Bhd, Bonafile Shipbuilders and Repairs Sdn Bhd, Kay Marine Sdn Bhd and Sin Matu Shipyard Sdn Bhd.

Malaysia's System Consultancy Services (SCS) and EADS Deutschland GmbH of Germany also signed an MoU to develop an air defence command and control system.

The ceremony also saw the Fire and Rescue Department signing a letter of acceptance for the delivery of five units of 11m Fire Fighting Boats and the Royal Customs Department undertaking delivery of two units of 15.25m Fast Patrol Craft from Destination Marine Services.

Present to accept the vessels were the director-general of Royal Custom Department, Tan Abdul Halil Mutalib, and Fire and Rescue Department director-general, Datuk Sidek Thamby.

The Royal Customs Department and Dawn Enterprise Sdn Bhd also signed a contract for the design, construction, commissioning and delivery of four units of Interceptor Craft.

The contract also called for the delivery of two sets of 20 tonnes boat and lift system, three years of base spares and 1000 engine running hours spare parts. -- BERNAMA

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