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REPS FROM THREE IDB COUNTRIES TO VISIT MALAYSIA

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ALMATY (Kazakhstan), Sept 3 (Bernama) -- At least three Islamic Development Bank (IDB) members will send their representatives to Malaysia on a study tour after the Organisation of the Islamic Conference Summit in Putrajaya next month.

Deputy Finance Minister Minister Datuk Dr Shafie Mohamed Salleh said here today that representatives from a consortium of scientific banks and Kazakhstan's national bank with links to agriculture and administration would visit Malaysia on Oct 21-22.

Their visit was arranged by the Foreign Ministry and funded by the Asian Development Bank, he told Bernama here.

He said a team of government officers from Burkina Faso funded by the IDB would also be visiting Malaysia to seek aid in skills training and scholarship and they might be joined by officers from several Islamic countries with the same mission.

The third group would comprise officers from Azerbaijan but the date of their visit had yet to be finalised, he said.

Dr Shafie said Malaysia would likely offer interested countries aid under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP).

He thanked IDB president Dr Ahmad Mohamed Ali for the bank's support of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's proposal on the use of the gold Dinar as an alternative currency to the US dollar.

Bank Negara Malaysia will table the details of the proposal at a meeting of experts in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on Sept 7-11.

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