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VISITING CHINESE DELEGATION EAGER TO HAVE FREE INTERACTION WITH LOCALS

PUTRAJAYA, Dec 23 (Bernama) -- A 38-member Chinese delegation representing young entrepreneurs now here on a six-day visit to Malaysia today called on former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad at his office in Perdana Leadership Foundation in Precinct 8 here.

Malaysia-China Business Council (MCBC) co-chairman Tan Sri Lee Kim Yew said the delegation, comprising Beijing-based chief executive officers and chairmen of companies from various industries, was eager to have free-flow interaction with Malaysian businessmen to gain hands-on experience on local business.

MCBC is the organiser of the delegation's trip together with the Office of the Embassy of the Peoples' Republic of China here.

He said he was proud that that the young entrepreneurs had given priority to Malaysia as their first destination.

"We hope that with this kind of interaction, they can learn many things here as we have a lot of markets and we can share with each other technology and cost of investments," he told newsmen after the delegation had called on Tun Dr Mahathir.

Lee added that the delegation comprised outstanding and very high potential Chinese entrepreneurs and they were former students of Business Administration from Tsinghua University, a respected business learning centre in China.

"While being businessmen, the graduates of university's School of Economics and Management have written a lot of essays on businesses in Malaysia," he said.

He added that delegation members were interested to share their knowledge on product inventions and business innovations with the Malaysian counterparts.

"They feel that if a government were to be better, it has to be well formed, while if a company wants to be better, it has to be a creator or an innovator," he said.

Lee said the Chinese delegation would be given more insights on Malaysian businesses when they attend a business forum titled "2004: Malaysia-China Bilateral Cooperation: Prospects and Challenges".

MCBC, he said, would bring budding young Malaysian entrepreneurs to the forum to have eye-to-eye discussions with their visiting counterparts with the hope of striking new businesses or joint ventures. -- BERNAMA

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