

Malaysia to continue helping Bosnia develop human capital

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia will continue to share its capabilities in the development of human capital with Bosnia and Herzegovina, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

He said Malaysia believed that the key to national development was capacity building of its human resources.

"Through the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), Malaysia has helped train people from Bosnia in various skills, and will continue to offer places for courses under the programme," he said at a dinner he hosted for Bosnia Prime Minister Adnan Terzic yesterday.

Terzic arrived on Sunday for a three-day official visit.

Abdullah said it was gratifying to note that the International Islamic University (IIU) in Malaysia had

attracted a large number of Bosnian students.

Abdullah said the future of Malaysia and Bosnia bilateral relations should focus on the expansion of private sector driven trade.

In this context, he welcomed the establishment of the Malaysian-Bosnia and Herzegovina Business Council at yesterday's business luncheon, and hoped it would provide a framework for greater interaction between the business communities of both countries.

In his speech, Terzic said Bosnia had now opened a new chapter in economic cooperation with Malaysia and some other countries.

He said Bosnia wanted to further strengthen the existing bilateral trade and investment between both countries, which would benefit his country in the long run. - Bernama



BOOSTING TIES: Abdullah gesturing while talking with Terzic at the Prime Minister's Office in Putrajaya yesterday. — *AFPpic*