

Education ties with China can improve, says Hisham

BEIJING: Malaysia and China can expand their bilateral relations in the education field, including in areas like rural development, said Education Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

His weeklong visit here would be a good opportunity for him to build trust and sow seeds for a stronger and warmer relationship between the two countries, he added.

“We have a warm relationship and this is the time to show China that we are true friends and neighbours,” he said.

Hishammuddin and his entourage arrived in the Chinese capital on Saturday and will visit various schools, including a special education school and an experimental high school today.

He will meet his counterpart on Wednesday before leaving for Shanghai.

“I have a lot of respect for the Chinese leaders,” he said, emphasising his admiration for those who had been able to maintain China’s own identity yet riding the global wave to achieve progress.

Hishammuddin said he was looking forward to meeting his counterparts and to learn from China as well as to assess how Malaysia and China could expand joint exchanges further.

Yesterday, the minister was received by the Malaysian Ambassador to China Datuk Syed Norulzaman Syed Kamarulzaman. He later met the Malaysian community here, including students.