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KL fulfilling commitments agreed to at summit, says Muhyiddin

SEOUL: Malaysia has made significant progress in fulfilling commitments agreed to at the inaugural Nuclear Security Summit in Washington in 2010, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

This included strengthening its legislative framework, he said when speaking to Malaysian reporters on the sidelines of the two-day summit, which opened here yesterday.

Muhyiddin added that the Government was in the final stages of revising the Atomic Energy Licensing Act to become a comprehensive nuclear law.

This would allow Malaysia to accede to the Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and its 2005 Protocol, as well as to ratify the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism and the International



Warm reception: Muhyiddin and his wife Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman being welcomed at a hotel in Seoul. On the left is Malaysian Ambassador to South Korea Datuk Ramlan Ibrahim. — Bernama

Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Additional Protocol.

Malaysia would also be able to adopt the various outstanding IAEA

codes of conduct.

At the 2010 summit, which Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and 46 other leaders attended, a

non-binding communique was issued recognising nuclear terrorism as one of the most challenging threats to international security.

Muhyiddin said Malaysia had also endorsed the Statement of Principles to the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism.

In combating illicit trafficking, he said, Malaysia continued to implement the Container Security Initiative and the Megaport Initiative.

Asked about the Lynas issue, he said the Government and independent experts had provided explanations but certain quarters, including opposition political parties, refused to understand the issue.

"This will serve as a lesson for the future when we have to manage matters pertaining to nuclear energy for better understanding and acceptance by the people," he said. — Bernama