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Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Najib Razak** with Communist Party of China Central Committee Political Bureau member **Meng Jianzhu** at the Prime Minister's Office in Putrajaya yesterday. **Bernama pic**

Key Chinese leader calls on Najib

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PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday received a courtesy call from a key Chinese leader at Malaysia's administrative capital here to strengthen Malaysia-China relations.

Najib met Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee Political Bureau member Meng Jianzhu and his delegation for an hour at his office here.

Najib and Meng, who is also the secretary of the Committee of Political and Legal Affairs Commission of CPC, discussed various issues to strengthen ties between Malaysia and China, and opportunities for economic cooperation, bilateral

trade, mutual regional stability and defence.

Present were the Prime Minister's Special Envoy to China Tan Sri Ong Ka Ting and Chinese ambassador to Malaysia Huang Huikang.

Ong said Meng conveyed important messages from Chinese President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang to the prime minister on mutual cooperation between the two countries.

"Meng was sent by Xi to re-strengthen all cooperation that has been taking place and update certain developments for the mutual benefit of both countries.

"China also reaffirms its strong

support for and cooperation with Malaysia. It will continue to encourage Chinese investors and tourists to come to Malaysia."

• Ong added that Malaysia and China would work doubly hard to achieve a bilateral trade target of US\$160 billion (RM528 billion) by 2017, despite the challenging global economy.

Ong said Najib reiterated that Malaysia would continue its friendly policy with China, and welcomed investors and tourists to Malaysia.

Last year, Malaysia and China celebrated the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries. **Bernama**