

# PM GETS WARM WELCOME IN VIETNAM

Ismail Sabri, Vietnamese PM witness exchange of documents on cooperation

## HANOI

**V** IETNAM yesterday rolled out the red carpet to welcome Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, who is on a two-day official visit to the Asean member state.

Ismail Sabri was accorded an official welcoming ceremony at the Presidential Palace here where he was greeted on arrival by his Vietnamese counterpart, Pham Minh Chinh.

The national anthems of both countries, Malaysia's *Negaraku*, and Vietnam's *Tien Quan Ca* were played before he was accompanied by Chinh to inspect a guard of honour.

Both leaders then proceeded to the Prime Minister's Office for a photo session at the lobby of the Government Office.

After the session, they proceeded to a meeting room to witness an exchange of documents.

The documents are memorandum of understanding on legal



*Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob receiving a souvenir from Vietnam Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh at the Vietnam Prime Minister's Office in Hanoi yesterday.* BERNAMA PIC

cooperation activities, and recruitment, employment and repatriation of workers, a letter of intent on cooperation in diplomatic training, as well as an agreement on professional coop-

eration between Malaysian National News Agency (Bernama) and Vietnam News Agency.

In the evening, Ismail Sabri was scheduled to hold separate meetings with Vietnam President

Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Communist Party of Vietnam secretary-general Nguyen Phu Trong and National Assembly chairman Vuong Dinh Hue.

Ismail Sabri's maiden official

visit to Vietnam is at the invitation of Chinh.

He will leave for Kuala Lumpur today after holding a press conference with the Malaysian media. **Bernama**