

Malaysia, Vietnam enhancing cooperation

HANOI: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob and his Vietnamese counterpart Pham Minh Chinh yesterday witnessed several initiatives aimed at enhancing cooperation between the two countries in various fields.

At a ceremony at the government office here,

the two leaders witnessed exchanges of documents on various types of cooperation which had been signed earlier.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Abdullah exchanged a letter of intent on cooperation in diplomatic training with his

Vietnamese counterpart Bui Thanh Son, while a similar exchange of documents was held with Vietnam's Labour Minister Dao Ngoc Dung on the recruitment and repatriation of workers.

Attorney-General Tan Sri Idrus Harun exchanged documents on cooperation in legal matters with Vietnam's Law Minister Le Thanh Long.

Bernama editor-in-chief Khairdzir Md Yunus and Vietnam News Agency general director Vu Viet Trang also exchanged documents on cooperation relating to news and photo exchange, technical expertise and training.

The two prime ministers had earlier led their delegations in a meeting where they discussed cooperation in trade and economy, regional and international issues as well as efforts to enhance bilateral ties.

Ismail Sabri spoke in Bahasa Melayu throughout the meeting, which lasted almost two hours, and it was translated into English.

The premier, who is on a two-day official visit to Vietnam, was given a red carpet welcome at the Presidential Palace in the morning, where he was greeted on arrival by Pham.

The prime minister is making his maiden visit to Vietnam at the invitation of Pham.

Ismail Sabri, who arrived on Sunday, is scheduled to return to Kuala Lumpur today after holding a media conference for Malaysian journalists. - Bernama



Ismail Sabri receiving a souvenir from Pham in Hanoi yesterday. - *BERNAMAPIX*