

CHINA PRESIDENT'S VISIT

KL, BEIJING INK 31 MOUs IN KEY FIELDS

Cooperation in AI, digital economy, tourism and education

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Malaysia and China have inked 31 memoranda of understanding (MoUs) in various areas of cooperation for both countries, including in artificial intelligence (AI), digital economy and tourism.

The exchange of MoUs was witnessed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Chinese President Xi Jinping yesterday.

Under the Foreign Ministry, three documents were exchanged between minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan and China's Foreign Affairs Minister Wang Yi.

These were agreements on jointly promoting cooperation under the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilisation Initiative, as well as strengthening development cooperation and supporting the implementation of the Global Development Initiative.

A mutual visa exemption for holders of public affairs passports and ordinary passports was signed by Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail and Wang.

Another three documents were exchanged on trade, covering trade in services, standardisation

of cooperation and upgrading of the Malaysia-China "Two Countries, Two Parks" initiative.

These were signed by Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz and China's Commerce Minister Wang Wentao.

Meanwhile, an agreement to strengthen cooperation in the rail sector was signed by Transport Minister Anthony Loke and Chinese ambassador to Malaysia Ouyang Yujing.

In the digital sector, two MoUs were exchanged between the Digital Ministry and China's National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) involving cooperation in AI and digital economy.

Also exchanged was an MoU in education, focusing on the translation and publication of classical works, by Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek and China Media Group (CMG) president and editor-in-chief Shen Hai Xiong.

Other MoUs involved cooperation under the Agriculture and Food Security Ministry; Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry; Higher Education Ministry; and the Tourism, Arts and Culture Ministry.

Additionally, MoUs involving cooperation between media organisations and universities were inked.

Page 1 pic: His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim with President Xi Jinping at Istana Negara yesterday morning.