

Kong: PM's visit to China next month will strengthen ties
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KOTA KINABALU: Sino-Malaysia relations will be further strengthened with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's visit to China next month, said Transport Minister Datuk Seri Kong Cho Ha.

He said Najib would be visiting Nanning, the capital of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in southern China and meet his Chinese counterpart Wen Jiabao.

Speaking at the installation dinner of the Sabah Foo Chow Association dinner here on Saturday, Kong said the frequent exchange of visits between Malaysian and Chinese leaders was understandable due to the close trade relations between both nations.

He noted that China remained Malaysia's largest trading partner while Malaysia had become China's third largest trading partner.

He said all this was possible due Malaysia's economic growth that stood at 5% last year on the back of the country's solid fundamentals.

Meanwhile, Kong said he was continually impressed with the rapid pace of Sabah's development in recent years.

"I am also always impressed with the diversity of the communities in Sabah, including the various Chinese groups," he added.

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