

**Mustapa To Lead Trade & Investment Mission To Thailand, Myanmar**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 20 (Bernama) -- International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed will be leading a 40-strong delegation for two back-to-back trade and investment missions in Thailand and Myanmar, beginning on Wednesday.

The missions, aimed at strengthening Malaysia's trade, investment and economic cooperation with these two countries, will be held in Bangkok on Feb 22-23 and in Myanmar on Feb 23-24.

"The missions will also attempt to identify business collaboration opportunities in sectors such as the construction industry, infrastructure development, tourism, agriculture, healthcare, and oil and gas," the ministry said in a statement Monday.

Total bilateral trade between Malaysia and Thailand stood at RM70.2 billion in 2011, with Malaysia's exports totalling RM35.7 billion and imports at RM24.5 billion.

For the 1980-2011 period, 133 projects involving Thailand's equity participation were approved with a total investment value of RM1.459 billion (US\$1 = RM3.02), with only 78 projects having been implemented.

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