

Cuba-Malaysia Ties Continue To Flourish
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JOHOR BAHRU, Sept 5 (Bernama) -- Cuba-Malaysia relations will continue to flourish in years to come, said Cuban ambassador to Malaysia, Ruben Perez Valdes.

Established over the past 37 years, the ties have increasingly been fruitful and meaningful in many areas, be they politics, economics, trade, medical, education, sports and people-to-people relations.

"We are also giving full scholarships to Malaysian students taking up medical programmes in Cuba," he said after paying respects on the Tanjung Kupang crash victims at the Tanjung Kupang Memorial, Jalan Kebun Teh, here, today.

Four Malaysian students left for Havana last month to study medicine with scholarships sponsored by the Cuban government.

They join another 28 Malaysian students studying at the Latin American School of Medicine (ELAM) in Havana under the scholarship programme which was introduced six years ago.

Valdes said the national oil companies of the two countries, Cubapetroleo and Petronas, were enjoying good cooperation in joint exploration for oil and natural gas in Cuban waters.

Also present at the event were his wife Ileana Garcia de Perez and the embassy's Second Secretary, Nestor Torres.

Among the 93 passengers and seven crew who perished in the Dec 4, 1977 Malaysia Airlines flight 653 crash in Tanjung Kupang were Mario Garcia Inchaustegui, the Cuban ambassador to Japan who was accredited to Malaysia at that time, and his wife Gladys.

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