

Malaysia-Philippines Common Interests to be Maximised

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KUALA LUMPUR, June 12 (Bernama) -- Malaysia and the Philippines have numerous common interests and limitless opportunities that have potential to be fully maximised.

Philippines Ambassador to Malaysia, J Eduardo Malaya said the two countries partnership had been boosted by vibrant trade and economic exchanges and was fortunate to witness a renaissance in Philippines-Malaysian relations.

"Certainly there remain few challenges, but this is not unusual among neighbours," he said in his speech at the 116th anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippines Independence celebration at the Kompleks Kraf here, tonight.

Also present were Home Minister Datuk Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi (representing the Malaysian government) and Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS) president, Tunku Zain Al-Abidin ibni Tunku Muhriz.

He added ties between the two countries and people had improved, particularly with the recent exchanges of visit between President Benigno S. Aquino III who came to Malaysia in February, while the following month saw Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak visitng Manila.

In his speech, Malaya noted the successful conclusion of the Mindanao Peace Process with the signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro, which was done under Malaysian facilitation.

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