

Malaysia, Myanmar Identify Key Areas For Cooperation
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PUTRAJAYA, March 13 (Bernama) -- Malaysia and Myanmar have identified various areas of cooperation for the two countries to explore for mutual benefit, including trade and investment, human resources, education, tourism as well as technical and capacity building, the Malaysian foreign ministry said Friday.

In a statement, it hailed Myanmar President U Thein Sein's maiden state visit to Malaysia as an important milestone for bilateral relations, and said it would open a new chapter in the ties as well as stimulate greater economic collaboration.

It said Malaysia and Myanmar agreed to foster linkages through exchange of visits at all levels in order to further enhance government-to-government cooperation and people-to-people contacts.

"The close relationship between the two countries would provide a firm foundation in expanding future bilateral cooperation to a closer partnership," it said in the statement, which was released after the talks here between Thein Sein and Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The ministry said the two leaders had fruitful discussions on bilateral issues and exchanged views on ways to bring the bilateral relations forward.

It said Malaysia and Myanmar recognised the need to maintain regular contacts, consultation and close coordination at various levels and promote regular exchange of ideas and opinions on international issues of common interest.

These would be done at the margins of international meetings and conferences involving organisations such as ASEAN, the United Nations and other important international organisational frameworks, it added.

On economic cooperation, the ministry said the two countries agreed that bilateral trade and investments should be further broadened and diversified.

Myanmar is Malaysia's 38th largest trading partner and the seventh biggest among ASEAN nations with total two-way trade of both countries amounting to RM3.18 billion last year.

The ministry said both Najib and Thein Sein also agreed to continue their countries' close cooperation in various regional and international organisations.

Thein Sein was accompanied by his wife Daw Khin Khin Win during the two-day visit to Malaysia at the invitation of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah. They are scheduled to return to Yangon later today.

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