

Malaysia, Brunei reaffirm commitment for further cooperation
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Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam today reaffirmed their commitment to enhance cooperation in areas of common interest for the benefit of the two countries.

Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and the Sultan of Brunei, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, expressed their pleasure at the encouraging developments under the implementation of the Exchange of Letters signed by the leaders of the two countries on March 16, 2009, in a joint statement released after the 19th Annual Leaders' Consultation at Istana Nurul Iman in Bandar Seri Begawan.

During the meeting, both leaders highlighted the important role of the Exchange of Letters in strengthening the warm and special relations between the two countries and in advancing strategic cooperation.

The joint statement also stated that the two leaders also expressed satisfaction over the progress of the joint technical teams on the joint demarcation and survey of the land boundary between Malaysia and Brunei , noting that progress had been made in some of the priority areas.

"The leaders urged both sides to undertake joint survey and demarcation activities expeditiously, particularly in areas of significant interest to the people of both countries," the statement said.

Najib and Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah also urged officials of both countries to intensify their discussions with a view to establishing a memorandum of understanding or other appropriate framework to enable the early operationalisation of the provision of the Exchange of Letters relating to maritime access.

"Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to maritime cooperation and urged the officials of both countries to continue discussions towards increasing collaboration in this area with a view to having a memorandum of understanding in maritime cooperation," it said. – Bernama, August 11, 2015.

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