

Modi Congratulates Malaysia For Outstanding ASEAN, East Asia Summit

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PUTRAJAYA, Nov 23 (Bernama) -- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi applauded Malaysia for hosting the outstanding 27th ASEAN Summit and East Asia Summit (EAS) as well as the establishment of the ASEAN Community.

He said Malaysia's review of the 10th anniversary of AES had set an excellent course for the most important forum in the Southeast Asian region.

Modi also commended Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's leadership as well as the Malaysian people for their resolve and resilience in the aftermath of the Malaysia Airlines (MAS) flight MH370 and MH17 tragedies last year.

"The two back-to-back airline tragedies could sap the morale of any nation. I commend your leadership and the resolve and resilience of the Malaysian people," he said in his joint press conference with Najib at Perdana Putra, here Monday.

Modi, who is here for a maiden official visit after assuming his post in 2014, arrived in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday to attend the 27th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits.

Meanwhile, Najib said Malaysia was delighted to receive Modi's inaugural visit as both countries had very close and substantive relations based on common heritage and strong people-to-people ties.

He said he was very satisfied with the productive and constructive bilateral meetings held earlier this morning.

"There is a great desire between our two governments to strengthen and bring our bilateral ties to greater heights.

Najib also applauded Modi's leadership, saying that he was a man of action, who wanted things implemented expeditiously.

Thus, he said both governments had agreed to appoint persons on both sides for immediate follow through of all plans.

"He has a proven track record as a Chief Minister and now as Prime Minister. He tells me the construction of roads had been implemented in much faster way from 2km a day to 18km a day," Najib said, adding that he was excited about the new possibilities that both countries could do together.

Earlier, both leaders had witnessed the signing of three memorandums of understanding (MoUs) involving Malaysia and India.

The MoUs were in the area of performance management, project delivery and monitoring related to government programmes and delivery as well as cultural exchange programme agreement for the period of 2012 to 2020.

Also signed was the MoU between the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) Department of Electronics and Information Technology of India and CyberSecurity Malaysia on cooperation in the area of Cyber Security.

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