

## **Tajikistan Keen to Learn Malaysia's Success in MAHA 2016**

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SERDANG, Dec 9 (Bernama) -- Tajikistan is very keen to learn and seek assistance from Malaysia's success in the 2016 Malaysia Agriculture, Horticulture & Agrotourism (MAHA) International Exhibition.

Tajikistan Ambassador to Malaysia, Muhammadi Muzaffar Munawalzod said the climates in the two countries were similar and, as such, the two countries could explore the areas where bilateral cooperation was possible.

"From MAHA 2016, we saw how Malaysia is really developed and we are keen to learn how Tajikistan can cooperate with Malaysia in the agriculture sector to develop our products," he said.

Muhammadi Muzaffar was speaking to reporters after paying a courtesy call on Minister of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek at D'Lereng at the Malaysia Agro Exposition Park, Serdang (MAEPS) here today.

Tajikistan was also interested to learn about Malaysia's technology to build green houses so that Tajikistan farmers would be able to do the same during the winter season, he said.

Praising MAHA 2016, which were organised on a huge place with beautiful infrastructures, the envoy also showed interest to exchange fruit seeds and programmes which would be beneficial for both countries.

He said these would strengthen Tajikistan-Malaysia's bilateral cooperation in agriculture and, as such, had proposed to Ahmad Shabery to reproduce a third fruit using seeds from a fruit in Tajikistan and Malaysia's persimmon.

"The technology developed in Malaysia is unique, and I have eaten a fruit (persimmon) which is similar in color and texture like in Tajikistan, and I am bringing the seeds to Tajikistan to try to reproduce a new fruit," he said.

Besides Tajikistan, Ahmad Shabery also received courtesy calls by a delegation from Australia, Iran and Bangladesh.

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