

Ahmad Zahid Receives Courtesy Call From 10 New Malaysian Envoys

PUTRAJAYA, Feb 28 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi today received a courtesy call from 10 new Malaysian heads of mission at his office in Bangunan Perdana Putra here today.

They were Malaysian Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Syed Md Hasrin Tengku Hussin @ Syed Hussin; Zainal Abidin Bakar (Spain); Datuk Rustam Yahaya (Iran); Cheong Loon Lai (Hungary); Datuk Hidayat Abdul Hamid (India).

Anizan @ Siti Hajjar Adnin (Ireland); Mohd Aini Atan (Laos); Syed Mohamad Bakri Syed Abdul Rahman (Kazakhstan); Datuk Mohd Khalid Abbasi Abdul Razak (Argentina); and, Agus Salim Yusof (Bahrain).

Last Tuesday, the new heads of mission received their credential letters from Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Muhammad V.

Earlier in the 45-minute meeting with the envoys, Ahmad Zahid hoped they would promote Malaysia as the world's most trusted authority in issuing halal certification.

"Halal certificate is not just about food, but also in the financial area and services," he said in a statement here, which was issued in conjunction with the courtesy call.

The deputy prime minister also wanted the envoys to promote Malaysia in the tourism industry, as an outstanding tourist destination, and advocating the country's anti-terrorism efforts through its deradicalisation programmes.

He said Malaysia had moved forward to counter the narratives of terrorists and extremists, especially on cyberspace by establishing a Counter-Messaging Centre, besides a training centre for security exchange programmes.

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