

Vietnam-Malaysia bilateral ties will be further deepened - Envoy

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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 27 (Bernama) -- The Vietnamese Ambassador to Malaysia, Le Quy Quynh said the bilateral relations between Vietnam and Malaysia have developed and prospered over the last 45 years.

"I believe that under the leadership of Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the strategic partnership and cooperation between Vietnam and Malaysia will be further deepened," he said at a reception tonight at the Vietnamese Embassy here, to mark the country's 73rd National Day, which will be observed on Sept 2.

Vietnam-Malaysia bilateral trade in 2017 is valued at about US\$11 billion, a year-on-year increase of 19.06 per cent, and both are striving to increase trade value to US\$15 billion by 2020 under the Vietnam-Malaysia Action Plan (2017-2019).

"Vietnam is an open and dynamic economy. Vietnam's economic momentum remains robust due to broad macroeconomic stability," he said adding Vietnam's economy is expected to further improve with gross domestic product (GDP) projected to expand by 6.8 per cent this year.

Quynh said the Vietnamese government looks forward to welcome Dr Mahathir to his country next month for the World Economic Forum on ASEAN 2018 (WEF ASEAN 2018) in Hanoi from Sept 11 to 13.

Hosted by Vietnam, the forum themed "ASEAN 4.0: Entrepreneurship and the Fourth Industrial Revolution", will focus on entrepreneurship and Industry 4.0 to meet the

common interests of ASEAN nations.

Tonight's event was graced by Communications and Multimedia Minister Gobind Singh Deo. Officials of the local administration, ambassadors, business sector and representatives of the Vietnamese community here, also attended.

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