

Malaysia, Pakistan leaders discuss matters of mutual concern

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PUTRAJAYA, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- The prime ministers of Malaysia and Pakistan met here today and discussed matters of mutual concern, including foreign direct investment; defence cooperation; turning around companies; privatisation and tourism.

Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said after the meeting with visiting Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan that they discussed "a lot of things that are common to us".

"We will continue to have dialogue in order to benefit from each other's experience," he told reporters after the meeting at Perdana Putra.

Imran Khan arrived in Malaysia yesterday for a two-day maiden visit to Malaysia. He is a retired cricketer, indisputably the greatest cricketer to emerge from Pakistan.

Dr Mahathir said Imran Khan has invited him to visit Pakistan in March next year in conjunction with Pakistan Day.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysia will take up the matter of Pakistan's desire to be an ASEAN dialogue partner.

Malaysia and Pakistan enjoy substantive and longstanding bilateral relations in the fields of education, tourism, defence cooperation and technical assistance.

In 2017, total bilateral trade was recorded at RM5.76 billion, an increase of 3.5 per cent compared to 2016.

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