

Five core sectors

PM identifies areas of co-operation with China

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BEIJING: Malaysia has identified five sectors – construction, information technology, education, healthcare services and franchise arrangements – as core business areas of co-operation with China.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said these five sectors could offer possible wider scope for collaboration.

He said that in construction, many Malaysian companies had good track records in the building of roads, highways, high-rise buildings, power, sewerage and treatment plants not only in Malaysia but also in West Asia,

India and Africa.

"Joint ventures can be carried out not only in Malaysia or China but also in third countries," he said at the Malaysia-China Business Dialogue here yesterday.

More than 800 people from both the countries attended the dialogue.

Abdullah, who arrived here on Thursday, is on a five-day visit to commemorate 30 years of diplomatic ties between Malaysia and China.

He also hoped that Chinese businessmen would invest in the information and communications technology sector, adding that the

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