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Press Release

Malaysia will Support Pakistan's request for Full Dialogue Partnership in ASEAN

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This assurance was given by Malaysia Foreign Minister Dato Sri' Hanifah Haji Aman on the request made by the Foreign Minister of Pakistan Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi during a bilateral meeting held at the end of 12th Session of D-8 Council of Ministers' held in Kuala Lumpur today.

During the meeting, the Foreign Minister of Pakistan said that both the countries should capitalized on the existing fraternal relations between the two countries and should move forward to translate this goodwill into meaning full cooperation in economic trade and investment relations.

The Foreign Minister of Pakistan also took up the matter of Pakistani workforce export to Malaysia and offered the services of Pakistani Doctors to overcome the shortage faced by Malaysia.

The Malaysian Foreign Minister said that Malaysia is currently facing shortage of need 14000 doctors and would certainly welcome Pakistani Doctors who are highly sought after in Malaysia.

The foreign Minister was told that Oversees Foundation of Pakistan has already advertise the vacancies of Doctors in Pakistan on behalf of Malaysian Government.

Mr. Shah Mahmood Qureshi also invited his counterpart to Pakistan to attend Pak Malaysia joint Ministerial Conference for forging meaningful cooperation between two countries in various sectors.

Malaysian Foreign Minister while accepting the invitation said that during his stay in Pakistan both the countries will also sign the agreement for visa abolition agreement for official and diplomatic passport holders.

Shah Mahmood Qureshi also invited the Malaysian business delegation in the Public Private Partnership Conference organized by Pakistan and UAE in January 2010 in Dubai wherein friend

of Democratic Pakistan investors have been invited for match making with the public and private sectors of Pakistan .

His Malaysian counterpart assured Malaysian participation in the conference for establishing networking between Pakistani and Malaysian public and private sectors.

Mr. Qureshi informed his counterpart that he is accompanying by a group of business men in the Halal Industry who are meetings with various Malaysian Government Agencies and private sector dealing in Halal food and meat industry.

He said that with Pakistan offers very attractive opportunities for joint ventures in Halal sectors with Malaysia.

The Foreign Minister of Malaysia said that they are closely coordinating the visit of the Pakistan delegation with the Malaysian Public and Private sector organizations.

Mr. Qureshi said that he himself will be meeting with Malaysia Minister for Agriculture and Minister for International Trade and Investment (MITI) to discuss ways and means to promote cooperation and forging joint ventures in Halal Food Sector.

The Malaysian Foreign Minister also identified energy sector as an area for meaningful cooperation between Pakistan and Malaysia.

Mr. Qureshi while welcoming the proposal said that there is a huge potential in Pakistan to explore Hydel, wind and Coal energy and invited the Malaysia companies to help Pakistan to realized the full potential of these opportunities.

Malaysia Foreign Minister reassured his Pakistani counterpart that they will examine Pakistani proposal with the concerned Malaysian Stakes holders.

The two foreign ministers also discussed cultural relations between people of the two countries.

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