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Press Release

**Malaysian Agriculture Minister to Visit Pakistan to Bolster Cooperation in Agriculture,
Live Stock Sectors.**

The Malaysian Minister for Agriculture and Agro Based Industry, Datuk Seri Nor Bin Haji Omar is heading a ten (10) member high level delegation to Pakistan from 14th to 17th of Dec, 2009 to forge strategic ties with Pakistan's Agriculture and live stock sectors with focus on import of rice, live Cattles, Oranges, Milk and Milk based produces and above all world famous Pakistan Mangoes, besides forging lasting ties between the Research and Development Institutions of both the countries in livestock and agriculture sectors.

The High Commissioner for Pakistan Lt. General (Retd) Tahir Mahmud Qazi who is accompanying the delegation, while commenting on the ongoing visit, said that this is a land mark trip which will open a window for the Public and Private sectors to seize enormous opportunities that exist between the two countries in the Agriculture and Live Stock Sectors and to benefit from each other strengths and to overcome weaknesses, if any.

He said that during the visit, import of Rice, Live animals, Mangoes, Oranges, and Milk and Milk based products by Malaysia from Pakistan is likely to be top on the agenda, besides, meaningful discourse is likely to be held to forge strategic cooperation between Research and Development institutes of the both countries to benefit from each others expertise and competencies besides, discussing ways and means for building a conducive environment for the private sectors of both the countries for enhanced bilateral trade and investment in the Agriculture and Live Stock Sector.

He said that at least two MoU will be signed during the visit between the private sectors of both the countries including the MoU Between Shezan of Pakisan and Car N Co SDN BHD of Malaysia and the second between Zenith Associates of Pakistan and Jekak Bakat SDN BHD of Malaysia for supply of Halal products from Pakistan and their distribution in Malaysia.

The High Commissioner said that the Minister during his stay will hold extensive meetings with the stakeholders in Agriculture and Live Stock Sectors, both in the public and private sectors.

Mr. Tahir Qazi said the Minister will be briefed by the Secretary Live Stock and Dairy Development of Province of Punjab, Chief Executive Officer, Pakistan Horticulture Development and Export Board, Secretary Live Stock and Dairy Development, Government of Pakistan, besides holding meetings with Rice Exporter Association of Pakistan, Punjab Agriculture Marketing Company and relevant business entities to identify areas for mutual cooperation with the objectives to bring about quantum jump in the existing level of trade and investment and to forge lasting ties between the two countries in the identified sectors.

The High Commissioner said that the Minister will also visit the State of the Art research facilities in Pakistan including University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Lahore, Artificial Insemination Centre, Lahore, Buffalo Research Institute, Lahore and Agriculture Research Council, Islamabad.

Mr. Tahir Qazi said that the Minister will also be visiting World class Halal sector facilities in the private sector including his visit to Shezan Fruit Factory and Zenith Abattoir in Lahore and will also meet with the Malaysian High Commissioner in Pakistan, Malaysian Students and Business person to obtain their feed back on their experiences in Pakistan in the education and Business Sectors. **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 14th December, 2009**