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Press Release

Pakistan And Malaysia for Strategic Ties in Agriculture, Veterinary Services

A High Level Delegation of Ministry of Agriculture and Agro Based Industry and Department of Veterinary Services of Malaysia is currently in Pakistan to ascertain prospects for forging Strategic cooperation in the Filed of Agriculture and Veterinary Services.

According to Commercial Counselor for Pakistan High Commission, Mr. Wajihullah Kundi, the team comprising Dr. Ainul Yuzairi Bin Mohd Yusof, Veterinary Officer, Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia and Mrs. Azura Azreen Binti Yusof, Diplomatic and Administrative Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry are currently in Pakistan since 7th of this month to hold extensive meeting with their Pakistani counterparts, visit and ascertain the research facilities and examine Halal infrastructure in Pakistan, with the objective to established linkages between the Private and Public Sector organizations dealing in Halal Food sector of both the countries.

The delegation is expected to join and share their findings with the Ministerial level delegation of Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry of Malaysia to Pakistan , from 14th to 17th of this month..

According to Mr. Kundi, the delegation after their arrival in Islamabad on 7th December, 2009 is holding meetings with representatives of Ministry of Live Stock and Dairy Development and Agriculture Ministry of Pakistan, and is also visiting various research establishment of Pakistan, including University of Veterinary and Animal Science, Artificial Insemination Centre, Veterinary Research Institute, Lahore.

Mr. Kundi said that the delegation will also visit world class Halal Food Infrastructure, established by the private sector in Pakistan and will also visit Live Stock Production Research Institute, Okara, Lahore Pakistan and Buffalo Research Institute, Pattoki in Punjab, besides, meeting with the Punjab Board of Investment & Trade and Commerce.

According to Mr. Kundi, the visit is in line with the vision of the Malaysian External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) 's target to increase the bilateral trade between Pakistan and Malaysia from existing level of over US\$ one(1) billion to US\$ ten (10) billion by 2015 and Pakistan's look east policy. .

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