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Pakistan Invites Malaysian Petroleum Companies to Invest in Petroleum Sector

Malaysian petroleum companies are invited to take full advantage of mutually beneficial investment opportunities for setting up of oil and gas exploration projects in Pakistan .

This was stated by Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources of Pakistan, Syed Naveed Qamar while talking to High Commissioner of Malaysia, Mr. Ahmad Shahizan Abd Samad, in Islamabad on Friday last.

The Minister assured full support and cooperation of Pakistan government for Malaysian companies to help Pakistan in exploiting the vast opportunities available in Pakistan in energy sector.

Syed Naveed Qamar said that Pakistan was endowed with vast hydrocarbon and mineral deposits and the government was taking concrete steps to accelerate the pace of exploration activities in the country.

The High Commissioner of Malaysia who was accompanied by the senior management of Petroleum Nasional Berhad, the leading oil and gas multinational owned by the Malaysian government, apprised the Minister the keenness of Malaysia to assist Pakistan in further improvement in the existing cooperation in the energy sector

During the meeting, views on matters pertaining to mutual cooperation in the energy sector between the two countries were also exchanged.

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