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Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof says Malaysia and China have agreed to explore cooperation in the water sector. NSTP FILE PIC

7-DAY CHINA VISIT

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BEIJING: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof said his recent seven-day visit to China reinforced the commitment of both countries to forge closer ties, economic cooperation and sustainable development.

He said the visit was expected to yield tangible benefits, not only to Malaysia and China, but also to the wider Asean region.

"This cooperation is being strengthened through trade, investment, innovation and people-to-people exchanges, which form the pillars of shared prosperity and regional stability," he said after concluding his visit.

Fadillah, who is also energy transition and water transformation minister, said Malaysia-China cooperation in the fields of water, energy and waste management marked an important step towards achieving sustainable development.

"Through pilot projects and innovations, Malaysia aims to reduce costs, enhance efficiency and safeguard the people's well-being, in line with the Malaysia Madani agenda.

"I would like to express my gratitude to the government of the People's Republic of China for the invitation to the 22nd China-Asean Expo (CAEXPO), and for the warm hospitality extended throughout our stay in Nanning, Chongqing and Beijing."

Fadillah began his visit to China in Nanning on Sept 17, where he delivered Malaysia's keynote address at the CAEXPO's opening ceremony, and held talks with Chinese Vice-President Han Zheng.

This was followed by a meeting with the chairman of the People's Government of Guangxi Zhuang

Autonomous Region, Wei Tao, where both sides discussed cooperation in renewable energy and water resources management.

Fadillah said during his visit to Chongqing, he also toured several leading companies in the water resources sector.

"I am very impressed with China's technological advancements in flood mitigation, water treatment and sustainable management systems," he said.

He added that his visit to China concluded in Beijing with a meeting with Vice-Premier Liu Guozhong, followed by an engagement session with major Chinese energy companies, including the State Grid Corporation of China, China General Nuclear Power Corporation and China Energy Engineering Corporation.

"The commitment shown by China's leadership, and the spirit of cooperation throughout this engagement, reflect the closeness, trust and strategic importance of Malaysia-China relations."

He said the visit further strengthened the momentum of bilateral ties at the highest level.

He added that Malaysia and China had agreed to explore cooperation in the water sector, covering river basin management, flood mitigation, the "Sponge City" concept and integrated water systems.

China's leadership in clean energy opens up opportunities for collaboration, to further strengthen Malaysia's National Energy Transition Roadmap, he added.

Among the areas of cooperation identified are solar, hydro and nuclear technologies, battery energy storage and pumped hydro solutions. **Bernama**