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Malaysia and Philippines strive to strengthen bilateral agricultural cooperation

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Malaysia's Minister of Agriculture and Food Security (KPKM), Datuk Seri Haji Mohamad bin Sabu received a courtesy visit from the Ambassador Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to Malaysia, PYT Maria Angela Abrera Ponce on July 17 2024 at the Farmers Organization Board Tower (LPP).

This is the first meeting held since PYT Angela started serving in Malaysia at the end of November 2023. Through the courtesy visit PYT Angela informed that Malaysia is the largest trading partner for the sector Philippine agriculture in the ASEAN Region, and he has been given responsibility by The Philippine government to strengthen agricultural cooperation especially in aspects food security with Malaysia.

Trade data for the year 2023 records the value of exports from Malaysia to the Philippines as much as RM5.41 billion compared to the value of imports from the Philippines to Malaysia as much as RM1.28 billion further contributed to a positive trade balance to country.

The two sides have also discussed proposals to improve bilateral relations direction in the field of agriculture between Malaysia and the Republic of the Philippines from an aspect agricultural trade as well as technical cooperation in the sub-sector of crops and livestock and fisheries.

Malaysia to host the Agricultural Exhibition, Horticulture and Agro Tourism (MAHA) 2024 scheduled for 11 to 22 September and the Minister expressed the Philippines' participation in the biennial event. Deputy Secretary General (Policy), Datuk Azah Hanim binti Ahmad, Director General of the Malaysian Department of Agriculture, Dato' Nor Sam binti Alwi and KPKM officers and Departments and Agencies under KPKM were the part of the meeting as well.