Primary Industry Minister Kon Vatskalis has progressed an agreement of cooperation with the Sabah Government, which will see the continuation of training, and exchange of knowledge with the Northern Territory.

Mr Vatskalis is in Sabah with a delegation to build trade and cooperation opportunities for the Territory’s live cattle and primary industry producers.

He is joined by the Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Territory Cattlemen’s Association, Mr Stuart Kenny, and Mr Patrick Underwood, Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Territory Livestock Exporters Association.

“I met with Sabah Minister for Agriculture, Datuk Haji Abdul Rahim Ismail yesterday morning and invited him to Darwin later this year to sign an agreement of cooperation between our Departments,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“This agreement will ensure the continuation of training to officials from Sabah, as well as a transfer of knowledge and technology between our two regions.

“Minister Ismail also wants to take the opportunity to visit pastoral properties and have a look at the pastoral industry in the Northern Territory as their Government is looking to increase the imports of Territory cattle into Sabah.”

Mr Vatskalis added that he had offered a donation of 10 cattle and 10 buffalo to the Sabah Government for research activities. He said he had also inspected the newly built export-standard abattoir built by Territory company Rural Industries.

From Sabah, the delegation will travel to the Philippines.