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ARGENTINIAN PRESIDENT TO MAKE THREE-DAY STATE VISIT TO MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 14 (Bernama) -- Argentinian President Dr Carlos Saul Menem will arrive here on Aug 22 for a three-day state visit to Malaysia at the invitation of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar.

The President will be accompanied by his daughter, Zulema Maria Eva, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Guido di Tella, seniors government officials and leading representatives of the private sector.

A Wisma Putra statement issued here today said that President Menem's visit is expected to consolidate the close and cordial ties between Malaysia and Argentina and in particular to facilitate the expansion of bilateral trade and economic cooperation.

President Menem will be received in audience by Tuanku Ja'afar and hosted to a state banquet. The President will hold discussions with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on bilateral issues as well as on international matters of mutual concern.

Malaysia and Argentina will sign an air services agreement and a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on cooperation in tourism. A joint-venture agreement and MOU between the private sector of both countries are also expected to be signed.

President Menem will be conferred an honorary Doctorate in Law by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) at a special convocation ceremony.

The President will also officially close a business seminar organised jointly by the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Malaysia (NCCIM), the Malaysia South-South Association (Massa) and the Argentinian embassy.

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