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AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR ARRIVES FOR FOUR-DAY VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, July 30 (Bernama) -- Austrian Chancellor Dr Franz Vranitzky arrived today for a four-day official visit.

He was received at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah International Airport in Subang by Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Datuk Dr Ibrahim Saad, who is minister-in-attendance.

A 25-member delegation comprising senior ministers, government officials and businessmen is accompanying the Chancellor.

Dr Vranitzky proceeded to Parliament Square where he was accorded an official welcome by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

This afternoon, the Austrian leader will have an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar at Istana Negara.

Dr Vranitzky will also call on Dr Mahathir at the Prime Minister's Department before both leaders attend a meeting between their delegations.

The two leaders last met during the inaugural Asia-Europe Summit in Bangkok in March.

Tonight, Dr Vranitzky will attend a dinner hosted by Dr Mahathir at Sri Perdana. -- BERNAMA

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