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CANADIAN PM ARRIVES FOR VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 17 (Bernama) -- Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien arrived here today for a two-day visit for talks to enhance bilateral economic cooperation and trade between Malaysia and Canada.

He was met on arrival at Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Subang near here by acting Foreign Minister Datuk Abu Hassan Omar and senior Wisma Putra officials. His visit is at the invitation of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Chretien was accompanied by his wife, Aline, Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren, Secretary of State for Asia Pacific Raymond Chan and 'Team Canada' comprising premiers of several Canadian provinces, senior government officials and corporate leaders.

Chretien is expected to hold discussions with Dr Mahathir on the promotion of bilateral relations and to have an audience with Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah.

Malaysia and Canada are also scheduled to sign several agreements and memorandums of understanding covering specific areas of bilateral cooperation.

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