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DR MAHATHIR AND WIFE BID FAREWELL TO KEATINGS

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah today bade farewell to Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating and his wife Anita at the Regent Hotel here.

The Australian leader ends his three-day official visit to Malaysia today and flies to Singapore.

Keating held bilateral talks with Dr Mahathir and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Australian leader also witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Education between the two governments and addressed the Malaysia-Australia Business Forum.

The Keatings were also granted an audience by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah. -- BERNAMA