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DR MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR NETHERLANDS

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today left to attend the Global Panel Conference at The Hague ahead of a two-day official visit to the Netherlands.

He was accompanied by his, wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

Among those present at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport to see them off were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, his wife Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to deliver a keynote address at the Global Panel Conference tomorrow which focuses on Malaysia this time.

During his official visit on Wednesday and Thursday, Dr Mahathir will hold talks with his Dutch counterpart, Wim Kok, and have an audience with Queen Beatrix.

The Prime Minister is also scheduled to visit Rotterdam Port, Fokker Space, Arena Stadium and the Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research.

Dr Mahathir is reciprocating a visit to Malaysia in 1988 by the then Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Ruud Lubbers. -- BERNAMA

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