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FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVES FOR THREE-DAY VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, March 3 (Bernama) -- French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette arrived here today for a three-day visit.

He was met on arrival at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Subang near here by Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Dr Leo Michael Toyad and his wife.

De Charette is accompanied by his wife, Michele, and a delegation which includes representatives of three leading French companies -- Alcatel, Lyonnaise des Eaux and Alsthom.

He is expected to call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and several Cabinet members, including Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz.

He will make a brief visit to Pulau Pinang on Tuesday before returning home.

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