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MAHATHIR TO HOLD TALKS WITH FOUR APEC LEADERS TODAY

MANILA, Nov 24 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to hold bilateral talks with leaders from four Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) economies today, ahead of the Apec summit at Subic Bay tomorrow.

This morning, he is expected to meet Chinese President Jiang Zemin, New Zealand's Prime Minister Jim Bolger, to be followed in the afternoon by Prime Minister Dr Goh Chok Tong of Singapore and Taiwan's representative Dr Khoo Chen-Fu.

Dr Mahathir held discussions with his Australian counterpart John Howard and Philippine President Fidel Ramos on his arrival in Manila yesterday.

The Prime Minister will also attend the presentation ceremony of the Manila Action Plan for Apec 1996 at the Philippine International Convention Centre later in the day.

He is among Apec leaders who is expected to hold a dialogue with the Apec Business Advisory Council, the body whose function is to provide the leaders with advice on the implementation of the various Apec action agendas and specific business sector priorities.

Tonight, Dr Mahathir will attend a dinner hosted by Ramos for the 17 leaders. -- BERNAMA

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