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MAHATHIR TO MEET US CONGRESSMEN IN WASHINGTON

KUALA LUMPUR, May 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will meet several US congressmen at a congressional luncheon in Washington on May 21 during his visit to the United States.

Among the Congressmen expected to attend the luncheon jointly organised by the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (Asli) and the Washington-based US-Asean Council are Senators Christopher Bond, John Chaffee, William Cohen, John Glenn, Sam Nunn, Chuck Robb and Joe Lieberman.

The Prime Minister will also attend a high-tea reception on the same day with a select group of US and Malaysian chief executive officers to discuss Malaysian-US business relationship, said Asli Executive Vice-President Michael Yeoh in a statement here today.

He said the discussion will focus on the future of US-Malaysia relations and the role the private sector should play.

Dr Mahathir is also scheduled to open the "Malaysia-US Business and Technology Partnership: San Francisco Dialogue" in San Francisco on May 20. It is expected to be attended by about 200 senior-level participants.

Among the 90 Malaysian corporate leaders who will accompany Dr Mahathir to the dialogue are Renong Berhad Executive Chairman Tan Sri Halim Saad, Arab-Malaysian Merchant Bank Chairman Tan Sri Azman Hashim, Malaysia Airlines and Technology Resources Industries Berhad Chairman Tan Sri Tajudin Ramli and Tenaga Nasional Berhad Executive Chairman Tan Sri Ani Arope.

The Prime Minister, who is now on a working visit to Japan, is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco from Tokyo on May 18 and will attend a tea reception organised by the Asia Foundation and hosted by the former President of the World Bank Tom Clausen the following day.

Yeoh said Dr Mahathir will also witness the signing of several memoranda of understanding between American and Malaysian companies.

Asli and the US-Asean Council will also be holding a business roundtable on "The US-Malaysia Partnership: Strengthening Economic and Commercial Ties: Issues and Opportunities" in Washington on May 21.

Yeoh said the roundtable, to be opened by International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz, would deepen and broaden the private sector dialogue between the two countries. -- BERNAMA

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