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PAPUA NEW GUINEA PM TO VISIT MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, March 28 (Bernama) -- Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Sir Julius Chan, accompanied by his wife Lady Stella will make a six-day official visit to Malaysia from April 1.

His entourage will include Minister of National Planning and Development Moi Ave, Members of Parliament, senior officials and private sector representatives, Wisma Putra said in a statement here today.

Sir Julius and his wife would have an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah.

He is also scheduled hold bilateral discussions with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and attend briefings by the Economic Planning Unit and Petronas.

Sir Julius will also address the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry on "Opportunities in Papua New Guinea" at a luncheon.

Also on his itenary are visits to the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM), the Proton national car plant, Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia (Porim), three-day visit to Sarawak and a day visit to Johor.

Papua New Guinea occupies the eastern half of New Guinea island with West Irian of Indonesia on its West. On its South is Australia. It has a population of about 4.2 million. -- BERNAMA

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