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Mahathir-Visit

PM LEAVES FOR WORKING VISIT TO JAPAN AND US

KUALA LUMPUR, May 12 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left tonight for a working visit to Japan and the United States.

He will be in Japan until May 18 before flying to the United States.

The Prime Minister is scheduled to address a gathering of the World Teleport Association (WYA) at the Tokyo International Exhibition Centre tomorrow.

He will also give a speech at the presentation of Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) project, sponsored by Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation.

While in the United States, Dr Mahathir will attend the high-level San Francisco Dialogue and the 29th Pacific Basin Economic Council (PBEC) in Washington DC.

Dr Mahathir was seen off at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Defence Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar, Japanese ambassador Issey Nomura and US ambassador John R. Malott.

He is scheduled to return home on May 24. He will make a stop in Britain on May 22 to meet Malaysian students at Surrey University, London and British Prime Minister John Major the following day. -- BERNAMA

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