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SUHARTO ARRIVES TO TRADITIONAL WELCOME FOR TWO-DAY VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 6 (Bernama) -- Indonesia's President Suharto was accorded a traditional welcome on arrival here today for two-day working visit to strengthen bilateral relations and to enhance trade and economic cooperation.

On hand to receive him at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah International Airport in Subang were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

Also present were Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat.

The Indonesian President was accompanied by Minister of State Moerdiono and 48 government officials. Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas is already here.

The visit, at the invitation of Dr Mahathir, is part of the regular bilateral meetings between the two leaders held alternately in Malaysia and Indonesia.

Tonight, Suharto will attend a dinner hosted by Dr Mahathir at his residence, Sri Perdana.

The Indonesian leader is scheduled to hold discussions with Dr Mahathir on bilateral, regional and international issues at the Prime Minister's Department tomorrow morning.

Suharto will then attend a luncheon hosted by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar at Istana Negara.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is scheduled to call on Suharto who will leave for Jakarta in the afternoon.

Dr Mahathir and Suharto last met in Bogor, Indonesia, after attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit in November 1994.

Suharto's previous visit to Malaysia was in 1993. -- BERNAMA

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