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MAHATHIR-SUHARTO TALKS IN PROGRESS

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 7 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today held discussions with president Suharto of Indonesia on bilateral, regional and international issues at the Prime Minister's Department.

The talks would focus on trade and diplomatic matters as well as their stand on Asean and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec).

Suharto, who arrived here yesterday for a two-day working visit, was accompanied by Indonesia's Foreign Minister Ali Alatas and Minister of State Moerdiono.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat, who is minister-in-attendance, were also present.

The Indonesian president's visit here was part of regular bilateral meetings between the two leaders held alternately in Malaysia and Indonesia. The two last met in Bogor, Indonesia, after attending the Apec summit in 1994. Suharto's last visit to Malaysia was in 1993.

Suharto will 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 later in the afternoon.

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