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ANNAN MEETS UN MALAYSIA ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 15 (Bernama) -- UN Secretary General Kofi Annan met members of the United Nations Malaysia Association (UNMA) over lunch here today, the second day of his four-day visit to Malaysia.

Present were UNMA president Tengku Ahmad Rithauddeen, deputy president Tan Sri Khir Johari, council members and advisors including former Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Musa Hitam.

Annan, who was accompanied by his wife, Nana, said he was happy to meet members of UNMA. The association, he said, was important to the UN.

He is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and other Asean leaders later today. The Asean leaders are here for the Second Asean Informal Summit which begins today.

UN spokesman Juan Carlos Brandt said in a telephone interview with Bernama last week that Annan's visit here was important as it affirmed Malaysia's important contributions to the UN.

Annan is scheduled to hold a news conference at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport at the end of his visit on Wednesday. -- BERNAMA

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