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ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS CALL ON MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, July 24 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad received the foreign ministers of the nine Asean member countries before opening the 30th Asean Ministerial Meeting (AMM) here today.

Laos and Myanmar are attending the annual AMM for the first time as full members following their induction into the regional grouping yesterday.

The foreign ministers are Prince Mohamed Bolkiah (Brunei), Ali Alatas (Indonesia), Somsavat Lengsavad (Laos) Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (Malaysia), Ohn Gyaw (Myanmar), Domingo Siazon (Philippines), S.Jayakumar (Singapore), Prachuab Chaiyasan (Thailand) and Nguyen Manh Cam (Vietnam).

The prime minister met them for about half-an-hour before proceeding to open the AMM. -- BERNAMA

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