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CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER BEGINS MALAYSIAN VISIT TOMORROW

KUALA LUMPUR, Apr 8 (Bernama) -- Cuba's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Roberto Robaina Gonzalez, will arrive here tomorrow for a five-day official visit, the Malaysian foreign ministry said.

Soon after arrival, Robaina, who will be accompanied by a delegation of senior government officials, would visit the Technology Park at Bukit Jalil, the ministry said in a statement today.

On Thursday, Robaina will pay a courtesy call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad after meeting Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Cuban minister would also call on Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat, who had led a delegation of Barisan Nasional leaders on a five-day working visit to Cuba last February.

Robaina would also meet Malaysian businessmen and deliver a talk on "Cuba: The Challenges To Defend The Sovereignty, The Development and The Independence" at the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations.

The Cuban minister, who is on a tour of Asian countries, will call on his counterpart, Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, on Friday before leaving for Brunei on Sunday.

Malaysia and Cuba do not have any diplomatic ties but Mohamed's visit there in his capacity as Barisan Nasional's secretary-general could pave the way for a warm and cordial relation.

Economic Advisor to the Government Tun Daim Zainuddin had also visited Cuba last year. -- BERNAMA

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