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Djibouti Foreign Minister arrives for four-day visit

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation of the Republic of Djibouti, Mohamed Moussa Chehem, arrived today for a four-day visit.

He was accompanied by the republic's ambassador to Japan, Rachad Farah, and the secretary-general of his ministry, Mohamed Hassan Abdillahi.

On hand to greet the minister was Deputy Foreign Minister, Datuk Leo Michael Toyad and Wisma Putra's deputy chief of the protocol division, Siddiq Firdause.

Mohamed Moussa's visit is to enhance bilateral relations and, in particular, to invite Malaysian investors to participate in the reconstruction of Djibouti's economy.

Speaking on arrival from Jakarta, Mohamed Moussa said, "This part of the world is experiencing rapid development and Djibouti wishes to learn from and strengthen its co-operation with countries in this region.

"We are also here to invite the private sector to invest in Djibouti which serves as the gateway between eastern African and Gulf-Arab countries."

The delegation is on a regional visit to Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and Japan.

Mohamed Moussa will call on Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, to convey an invitation from the President of Djibouti, Hassan Gouled Aptidon to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to attend a round table meeting on Djibouti's economy.

The minister will tour the Genting Resort Complex in Genting Highlands tomorrow, after attending a luncheon hosted by Genting Resort.

Mohamed Moussa is also scheduled to visit the Economic Planning Unit of the Prime Minister's Department and various agencies including Petronas, the Malaysia-South-South Association and the Malaysian International Shipping Corporation.

On Monday, the minister will call on Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Mohamed Moussa and his delegation will leave for Tokyo on Tuesday.

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