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DR MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR U.S. TO PROMOTE MSC

PETALING JAYA, Jan 12 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left for the United States today in his continuous effort to promote Malaysia's Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC).

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali. Among those in the delegation are Chief Secretary to the Government Datuk Abdul Halim Ali and Finance Ministry Secretary-General Tan Sri Clifford Herbert.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and several ministers were at the airport to send off the prime minister.

Dr Mahathir and his high-level delegation are expected to stop over in Los Angeles to attend an industry meeting at the University of California.

They will then proceed to San Francisco where Dr Mahathir will chair the International Advisory Panel for the MSC meeting at Stanford University.

From the U.S., Dr Mahathir will visit Japan before completing the mission on Jan 20. He is scheduled to address Japanese chief executive officers on the MSC and to hold discussions with selected industry players in Tokyo.

The visit marks the first time a workers organisation representative is included in an overseas investment mission. Cuepacs has chosen its secretary-general N.Siva Subramaniam for the trip. -- BERNAMA

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