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DR MAHATHIR RECOVERING FROM FLU BUT NEEDS MORE REST

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 20 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is recovering well from a bout of influenza but needs more rest, his office said today.

As such Dr Mahathir has had to cancel a two-day visit to London from tomorrow where he was originally scheduled to address several conferences, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement.

However, as scheduled, Dr Mahathir will attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) from Oct 24 to 27 in Edinburgh, it said.

"The prime minister is also touched by the turnout of thousands of people to welcome him in Kuantan and attend a gathering organised by the DRB-HICOM Group in Pekan last Saturday," the statement said.

Among other things, the prime minister was scheduled to launch the national truck designed and built by a DRB-HICOM subsidiary in Pekan.

The company has postponed the launching to a later date.

"He is disappointed that he could not attend the functions and thanked the people for the welcome and their support," the statement said.

Last Saturday, the Prime Minister's Office issued a statement that Dr Mahathir could not officiate at all official functions on that day, Sunday and today as he was indisposed with influenza and needed rest.

Following is the statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office:

"It is hereby announced that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has recovered from influenza. But he still needs to rest. As such his working visit to London on Oct 21 and 22, where he is scheduled to deliver keynote addresses at several conferences, has been cancelled. He is however scheduled to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) from Oct 24 to 27, 1997 in Edinburgh, Scotland.

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