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DR MAHATHIR TO VISIT HUNGARY

KUALA LUMPUR, June 18 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrives in Budapest on Monday for a two-day working visit at the invitation of his Hungarian counterpart.

A Wisma Putra statement issued here today said that the Prime Minister's wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, and a delegation of ministers, senior government officials as well as a group of Malaysian businessmen will be accompanying Dr Mahathir on the visit.

His delegation includes Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik, Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding, Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Dr Leo Michael Toyad and Deputy International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Kerk Choo Ting.

Dr Mahathir will also hold discussions on bilateral, regional and international affairs with his counterpart, Gyula Horn.

During Gyula Horn's visit to Malaysia on April, both countries signed an agreement on scientific and technological cooperation as well a memorandum of understanding on trade promotions cooperation.

Dr Mahathir will also address a group of Hungarian businessmen on Malaysia's Multimedia Super Corridor and visit a number of industrial sites in Budapest.

MSC is a 750 sq km zone south of here devoted to multimedia products and services which incorporates the world first intelligent city, Cyberjaya.

Hungary, a nation of 10 million population is now striving for free market economy after decades of centralised economy. -- BERNAMA

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