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FRENCH PRESIDENT CHIRAC COMING FOR TALKS WITH DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 11 (Bernama) -- French President Jacques Chirac will arrive in Langkawi on Sunday for talks with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Chirac, who will be accompanied by several ministers including Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine, will hold talk with Dr Mahathir on Monday.

The two leaders are expected to discuss bilateral and international issues including the Asian financial crisis.

They are also expected to raise the issue of the United States probe into their oil companies' (Petronas and Total SA of France) investments in Iran.

Both Chirac and Mahathir will give a joint press conference before the French leader leaves Langkawi.

The President will be in Vietnam from tomorrow to take part in a summit of French-speaking states, the first ever being held in Asia.

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