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LARGEST EVER US TRADE MISSION TO ARRIVE NEXT WEEK

KUALA LUMPUR, March 5 (Bernama) -- The largest ever US business delegation to Malaysia will arrive at the capital next week to attend the Second Annual US-Malaysia Business Roundtable on March 11.

The 100-member delegation will be headed by US-Asean Business Council chairman George David, who is president and chief executive officer of United Technologies Corporation. It will also visit Singapore and Indonesia.

The roundtable is co-hosted by the Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) and the Malaysian Strategic Research Center (MSRC)

Members of the delegation include former US Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bensen, former Secretary of State Alexander Haig and former National Economic Adviser to President Bill Clinton Dr Laura D'Andrea Tyson.

Some of the notable US business leaders include ARCO Inc president Roger Truitt, Mobil Oil Corporation executive vice president John Simpson, McDonald Corporation managing director Raymond Cesca, Harvest International chief executive officer Harvey Goldstein, Carrier Corporation president John Lord and General Electric Aircraft Engines chairman emeritus Brian Rowe.

ASLI executive vice president Michael Yeoh told reporters today the US delegation will focus on how US companies can participate in the realisation of Malaysia's Vision 2020 and define an agenda that will increase US-Malaysia trade and investment into the next decade.

He said International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz is scheduled to deliver her opening remarks at the roundtable and Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak is slated to present a paper on Education in the Context of Vision 2020.

He also said leaders of the delegation are scheduled to make a courtesy call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Malaysia is the 11th largest trading partner of the US and the US is the largest export market for Malaysian products. -- BERNAMA

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