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MAHATHIR ENDS OFFICIAL VISIT TO SLOVENIA

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LJUBLJANA, Oct 30 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left here for London last night enroute home after ending a three-day official visit to Slovenia and attending the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Edinburgh.

Dr Mahathir, accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, will take a connecting Malaysia Airlines (MAS) flight from London to Kuala Lumpur.

The Slovene foreign minister Dr Bores Frlec was at the Brnik airport here to send off Dr Mahathir and his delegation.

While here Dr Mahathir held talks with his Slovene counterpart Janez Drnovsek and called on President Milan Kucan and the National Assembly president Dr Janez Prodonik.

He also addressed Slovene businessmen and visited the Adriatic port of Koper, a horse farm in Lipica, a forklift manufacturing plant in Litostroj and the resort town of Bled, 60 km from here.

For his official visit here Dr Mahathir led a 44-member delegation including 28 businessmen.

Those in the official delegation include Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, National Unity and Social Development Minister Datin Paduka Zelaha Ismail, Pahang Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob, Deputy Works Minister Datuk Railey Jeffrey and Science, Technology and Environment Deputy Minister Datuk Abu Bakar Daud.-- BERNAMA

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