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MAHATHIR GOING TO CANADA FOR OFFICIAL VISIT AND APEC MEET

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be in Canada for eight days from Nov 19 for an official visit and to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) Forum conference, a spokesman said today.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to hold bilateral talks with his Canadian counterpart Jean Chretien after the official welcoming ceremony at the Canadian Parliament building on Nov 20 followed by a state dinner.

He is scheduled to deliver a key-note address on the Malaysia's Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) the next day to be followed by a dialogue with the Canadian business community and government officials.

The MSC is a 750-sq km zone south of here devoted to the development of multimedia products and services.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to speak at the dialogue between Canadian and Malaysian businessmen before meeting Malaysian students in Canada, the spokesman said.

On Nov 21, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to speak on the smart partnership concept at a dinner function.

Dr Mahathir's official visit itinerary also include a visit to the Bell Atlantic communication equipment factory.

In Vancouver, a city on the Canadian west coast, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to address the summit meeting of Apec's heads of government on Nov 23 and hold bilateral discussions with several of them.

Dr Mahathir will also attend the dialogue between heads of government and the Apec Business Advisory Council (ABAC) the following day, the spokesman said.

The next day the prime minister is scheduled to join other Apec leaders for a visit to the Museum of Anthropology at British Columbia University.

Dr Mahathir leaves Canada on Nov 26 and will make a two-day stop-over in Tokyo enroute home, the spokesman added. -- BERNAMA

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