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MAHATHIR IN HONG KONG FOR IMF WORLD BANK SEMINAR

HONG KONG, Sept 20 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today to give a keynote address at the World Bank Seminar later this evening.

He was met on arrival by Malaysian Consul-General in Hong Kong Zakaria Sulong, World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) officials and Deputy Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority Andrew Sheng, who is a Malaysian.

Shortly after arrival, he was driven to Island Shangri-La Hotel where he will be staying for his overnight trip, here.

Dr Mahathir will deliver the keynote address on "Asia As Opportunity".

A Conference official said many requests had been received from journalists to interview the prime minister during his stay here.

About 2,000 journalists and 14,000 participants are attending the 10-day meeting which will begin on Monday.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will arrive here tomorrow to attend the IMF meeting. -- BERNAMA

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