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SUMMIT: MAHATHIR HOSTS INFORMAL DINNER FOR ASEAN LEADERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad hosted an informal working dinner for heads of state and government and top officials of Asean at the Palace of the Golden Horses Hotel, here, tonight.

The Asean leaders are here to attend their second informal summit starting tomorrow.

The meeting will also involve talks between the Asean leaders and their counterparts from China, Japan and South Korea.

The leaders who attended the dinner tonight were Brunei's Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, Laotian Prime Minister Khamtay Siphandone, Myanmar's Senior General Than Shwe, Philippine President Fidel Ramos, Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong, Thai Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai and Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Vam Khai.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas represented President Suharto, who cancelled his trip here on doctors' advice.

Also present were Asean secretary-general Datuk Ajit Singh and the wives of the leaders, including Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali. --

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