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BURKINA FASO PRESIDENT ON FIVE-DAY VISIT TO MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, April 21 (Bernama) -- Burkina Faso President Blaise Compaore will make a five-day state visit to Malaysia beginning tomorrow to enhance bilateral ties.

A Foreign Ministry statement says he will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Ablassé Ouedraogo, Trade, Industry and Handicraft Minister Idrissa Zampalegre, Agriculture and Animal Resources Minister Michel Koutaba and a 23-member delegation.

Compaore's programme includes a ceremonial welcome at Parliament Square and an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Ja'afar.

The African leader is scheduled to attend a delegation meeting to be chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. The meeting will focus on bilateral, regional and international issues of common interest, the statement says.

Compaore is also expected to be briefed at the Malaysia Industrial Development Authority, the Economic Planning Unit in the Prime Minister's Department and the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI) on Malaysia's strategies for investment promotion, economic planning and agro-based production.

He will also visit car manufacturer Perusahaan Automobol Nasional Kedua (Perodua), the statement adds.

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