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CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVES FOR FOUR-DAY VISIT

SEPANG, July 31 (Bernama) -- Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan arrived here today for a four-day official visit to Malaysia.

Tang who flew in from Manila after attending the Asean Post Ministerial Conference is leading a 10-member delegation.

He is here at the invitation of his Malaysian counterpart, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Tang was received at the KL International Airport here by the Foreign Ministry's Undersecretary for East and South Asia Division Datuk Syed Norulzaman Syed Kamarulzaman and Chinese ambassador to Malaysia Qian Jinchang.

He is scheduled to have an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and to call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Tang will also exchange views on regional and international issues of mutual concern with Abdullah.

Malaysia-China trade increased sharply to about RM17.8 bilion last year compared with RM9.45 bilion in 1996.

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