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DR MAHATHIR TO ATTEND SIXTH ASEAN SUMMIT IN HANOI NEXT WEEK

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 12 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will attend the Sixth Asean Summit in Hanoi on Tuesday and Wednesday, the Foreign Ministry said today.

It is a meeting of all Asean heads of state/government held at three years interval.

Issues expected to be discussed at the meeting include financial and economic matters besides consolidation of Asean unity and cooperation, it said in a statement today.

The leaders are also expected to sign the 1998 Hanoi Declaration and adopt the Hanoi Plan of Action, it said.

Two Asean framework agreements and an Asean Protocol will be signed by the Asean economic ministers; Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Goods in Transit, Framework Agreement on Mutual Recognition Arrangements and the Protocol to Implement the Second Package of Commitments under the Asean Framework Agreement on Services.

The summit will also consider and adopt the Report of the Asean Foreign and Economic Ministers to the Heads of State and Government.

The report contains the progress in political, security, economy and external relations since the last Asean Summit in Bangkok in 1995.

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