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DR MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR DUBAI FOR INTERNATIONAL FORUM

KUALA LUMPUR, March 18 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has left for Dubai to attend the Emirates International Forum where he is scheduled to deliver a keynote address later today.

He is accompanied by wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali.

They were seen off at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang by Deputy Home Minister Datuk Tajol Rosli Ghazali and Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Wira Mohamad Ali Rustam, among others.

The annual three-day forum, which began yesterday, gathers prominent world government and corporate leaders for exchange of views on issues like economic globalisation, world trade, information age, banking and finance, trade and industry and tourism and services.

After attending the forum Dr Mahathir leaves for Germany tomorrow for a three-day working visit.

Dr Mahathir's itinerary in Germany include addressing a Malaysian-German Business Forum in Hannover on "Southeast Asia After the Economic Crisis - Challenges and Opportunities" followed by a dialogue.

Malaysian Securities Commission chairman Datuk Dr Munir Abdul Majid and executive chairman of MESDAQ Bhd, Khairil Anuar Abdullah are also scheduled to speak at a separate session of the forum on financial and capital markets.

Among the Malaysian business leaders scheduled to attend the forum are Malaysia Airlines chairman Tan Sri Tajudin Ramli, Konsortium Perkapalan Bhd group executive chairman Mirzan Mahathir and Sapura Group president Shahril Shamsuddin.-- BERNAMA

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