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DR MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR WORKING VISIT TO JAPAN (with pix)

KUALA LUMPUR, June 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has left for a working visit to Japan to speak at two major conferences on East Asian economies and the future of Asia.

He was seen off at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and several Cabinet ministers.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to deliver a keynote address in Tokyo tomorrow at the fifth symposium of the Institute for International Monetary Affairs, which is an affiliate of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

He will speak on "Revitalisation of the Japanese and East Asian Economies".

Participants attending the symposium will comprise ministers and top corporate leaders.

The prime minister is also expected to address the Nikkei Conference on Thursday which is themed "Future of Asia."

The conference is held annually since 1995 and is aimed at deepening understanding between Japan and other Asian nations.

Dr Mahathir will return on Friday.

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