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Duc Luong due for three-day visit

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Vietnamese President Tran Duc Luong who begins a three-day State visit here tomorrow will meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Wisma Putra said Dr Mahathir will call on Duc Luong at the Hilton Hotel, but before that, the President will be accorded a ceremonial welcome at Parliament Square.

Later in the evening, Duc Luong will have an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah.

The King will host a State banquet in honour of the Vietnamese President at Istana Negara.

On Tuesday, the President will visit the Petronas Twin Towers, the Art and Handicraft Complex at Jalan Conlay and the Golden Hope Refinery in Sepang.

He is scheduled to address Malaysian businessmen at a luncheon organised by the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Golden Hope chairman Tun Ismail Mohamed Ali will host a dinner for the President.

Duc Luong's programme on Wednesday includes a visit to the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia in Kepong and the Vietnamese Embassy.

He will have a farewell audience with Tuanku Ja'afar before departing for Singapore on the same day.

His visit, the first by a Vietnamese Head of State to Malaysia, is to reciprocate Tuanku Ja'afar's visit to Vietnam in 1995.

Duc Luong will be accompanied by a 35-member delegation comprising several ministers, deputy ministers, senior Government officials and business representatives.

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