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ETHIOPIAN PM ARRIVES TONIGHT FOR A FIVE-DAY VISIT TO MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 21 (Bernama) -- Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi arrives here tonight for a five-day visit to Malaysia at the invitation of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Zenawi will be accompanied by the republic's Minister of Trade and Industry Kasahaun Ayele, senior government officials and a 43-member private sector delegation.

An official welcoming ceremony will be held at Parliament Square tomorrow, said a statement from Wisma Putra.

Among the highlights of the visit are a delegation meeting at the Prime Minister's Department focussing on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual concern and an audience with Yang Di-Pertuan Agung Tuanku Ja'afar.

Dr Mahathir will host an official dinner in honour of his guest at Seri Perdana.

Zenawi and his delegation will also attend briefings and tour the Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia (Porim), the Standards and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia (Sirim), the Rubber Research Institute of Malaysia (RRI), the Malaysian Industrial Development Authority (Mida) and a visit the FELDA scheme at Serting, in Bahau, Negeri Sembilan. -- BERNAMA

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