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IMF HEAD TO GET KL's VIEWS ON ECONOMIC CRISIS, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 15 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will discuss its views on the current financial and economic crisis with International Monetary Fund (IMF) managing director Michel Camdessus, who is scheduled to arrive here later today for a two-day visit.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad told a news conference here after chairing a National Information Technology Council meeting today that the government would explain the Malaysian situation to the IMF head.

"We will give our opinion, our views," he said when asked why the IMF chief is coming to Malaysia when Kuala Lumpur has not sought IMF's help.

Dr Mahathir said Camdessus was in Malaysia last year for talks with Malaysian leaders and had also attended last month's Asean Financial Initiatives Conference and Exhibition here.

Camdessus is scheduled to meet Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at the Treasury today.

He will meet Dr Mahathir tomorrow as well as Bank Negara and Treasury officials.

Camdessus is visiting a number of Asian countries, including South Korea, in efforts to mitigate the economic crisis facing the region. He is currently in Indonesia.

He will leave for Singapore tomorrow. -- BERNAMA

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