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JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVES FOR TALKS WITH MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, May 2 (Bernama) -- Japanese Foreign Minister Keizo Obuchi arrived here tonight for talks with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Japan's role in tackling the Asian financial crisis.

Obuchi flew in from Bangkok for his first ever visit to Malaysia since assuming the post last September.

Apart from Dr Mahathir, the Japanese minister is also scheduled to meet Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and his Malaysian counterpart Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

He was accompanied by a 26-member delegation comprising officials from the foreign affairs, trade, agriculture, forestry and fisheries and finance ministries. He leaves for Singapore on Wednesday.

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