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KIM DAE-JUNG ARRIVES FOR HIS FIRST APEC SUMMIT

SEPANG, Nov 15 (Bernama) -- President Kim Dae-jung of South Korea arrived on a special aircraft at the KL International Airport (KLIA) here this evening to attend the Apec Leaders' Summit beginning Tuesday.

Kim, who was accompanied by his wife Lee Thee-ho, was met on arrival by Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Seri Sabbaruddin Chik.

This is the first Apec summit for Kim since becoming president in December last year.

Kim will deliver a keynote address at a special session of the Apec Business Summit tomorrow, said Yoo Ihlhan, an official with the South Korean Overseas Culture and Tourism Ministry.

He will highlight the current reform measures taken by his government to enhance confidence in the the South Korean economy, he told reporters when met at the KLIA Bunga Raya VVIP Complex.

He is also expected to call for regional and global cooperation to overcome the current financial and economic crisis.

Yoo said Kim would also hold a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow morning and with New Zealand Prime Minister Jenny Shipley and Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong later in the day.

On Wednesday, Kim will meet his Chilean counterpart Eduardo Frei, Australian Prime Minister John Howard and Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

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