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MAHATHIR TO MAKE FIVE-DAY WORKING VISIT TO JAPAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will leave for Tokyo tomorrow for a five-day working visit to Japan.

He will be accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

While in Tokyo, he is scheduled to have a luncheon meeting with corporate leaders, bankers, journalists and academia, according a statement from the Prime Minister's Office.

His programme includes a meeting with the Japan Federation of Economic Organisation or Keidanren.

The prime minister is also expected to attend two receptions hosted by Emperor Akihito and Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi on Monday.

Dr Mahathir will join the Japanese Diet members for a breakfast meeting on Tuesday after which he will address a seminar organised by Mainichi Shimbun and Jetro.

The statement says a series of interviews have also been lined-up for the prime minister including a joint interview by the chief editors of Asahi Shimbun, Mainichi, Yomiuri, Nikkei and NHK.

Dr Mahathir will also take the opportunity to meet Malaysian students and embassy staff.

The prime minister is expected to return home on Tuesday.

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