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MAHATHIR TO HOLD TALKS WITH HUN SEN

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HANOI, Dec 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will hold talks with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on the sidelines of the Sixth Asean Summit here beginning Tuesday, a senior Malaysian official said.

Hun Sen will be here on an official visit on Dec 13 at the invitation of the Vietnamese government.

Cambodia is looking forward to being admitted into Asean on Saturday at the meeting of the regional grouping's foreign and economic ministers meeting here.

Should Cambodia be admitted, Hun Sen will participate in the two-day summit. Cambodia has had an observer status in Asean since July 1995.

Dr Mahathir, who is scheduled to arrive here on Monday, is also expected to hold talks with Chinese vice-president Su Jintau as part of dialogues between Asean leaders and their counterparts from China, Japan and South Korea.

Dr Mahathir is also scheduled to hold a meeting with his Vietnamese counterpart Phan Van Khai, the official added.

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