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NZ DPM ARRIVES FOR THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, June 15 (Bernama) -- New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer (Finance Minister) Winston Peters arrived here tonight for a three-day official visit to Malaysia.

Peters and his 10-member delegation were met on arrival at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang, near here, by Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Leo Michael Toyad and Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister Peter Chin as minister in-attendance.

Peters will meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim tomorrow morning.

In the afternoon, he will address the Malaysia-New Zealand Business seminar which will discuss investment, trade and business opportunities between the two countries.

Peters and Anwar are also expected to witness the signing of the Malaysia-New Zealand Open Skies Agreement during this visit.

New Zealand exports about RM1 billion worth of goods to Malaysia while its imports from Malaysia amount to RM800 million. Malaysia is New Zealand's 10th largest trading partner.

Peter was accompanied, among others, by former New Zealand prime minister Mike More, Governor of the Reserve Bank Of New Zealand Dr Don Brash, chairman of the New Zealand Dairy Board Sir Dryden Spring and a Maori community leader, Sir Tipene O'Regan.

He will also visit Pulau Pinang where he is scheduled to meet Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon.

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