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NZ DPM TO VISIT MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, June 2 (Bernama) -- New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer (finance minister) Winston Peters will make a three-day official visit to Malaysia from June 15 with a delegation of business leaders and senior government officials.

New Zealand High Commissioner to Malaysia Sarah Dennis said today the visit, at the invitation of Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, underlined the very considerable importance her country attached to relations with Malaysia, its 10th biggest trading partner.

Besides meeting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Anwar, Peters will also speak at a Malaysia-New Zealand business seminar on June 16 and witness the signing of an Open Skies Agreement between the two countries.

She said the seminar would discuss investment, trade and business opportunities between Malaysia and New Zealand.

Peters will be accompanied, among others, by former Prime Minister Mike Moore, Governor of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Dr Don Brash and chairman of New Zealand Dairy Board Sir Dryden Spring.

New Zealand Dairy Board is one of the country's largest export earners with sales of over NS\$6 billion.

Dennis said Malaysia was the largest importer of New Zealand milk powder.

Peters, who is a Maori, will also be accompanied by Sir Tipene O'Regan, a Maori community leader.

He will also visit Pulau Pinang.

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