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PM VISITS CYBERJAYA AHEAD OF APEC SUMMIT

CYBERJAYA, Nov 7 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad took time off from his busy schedule today to visit the Cyberview Lodge here to ensure everything is set to greet world leaders for their customary retreat after the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) Summit on Nov 18.

He spent more than an hour touring the lodge and was briefed on the preparations by Cyberview Lodge Sdn Bhd general manager Maleia Marsden.

Also present was International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz.

Apec currently has 18 members -- Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and the United States.

Three more members -- Russia, Peru and Vietnam -- are to join the forum at the Kuala Lumpur meeting.

Among those whose confirmed attendance has been reported in the press are President Bill Clinton of the United States, Prime Minister John Howard of Australia, Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai of Thailand, President B.J.Habibie of Indonesia, President Joseph Estrada of the Philippines and Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada.

The Apec summit kicks off with an informal senior officials meeting on Nov 12-13, followed by the informal ministerial meeting on Nov 14-15. The actual summit of leaders will be on Nov 17-18.

All these meetings will be held at the Palace of the Golden Horses Hotel in Sungai Besi.

Cyberview Lodge is located in the heart of Cyberjaya, some 40km south of Kuala Lumpur.

Cyberjaya, a core component of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC), is located on a 2,800-ha site. The city, which is being developed using the environment-friendly concept, is situated five kilometres north of Dengkil at the road towards Puchong.

Next to it is Putrajaya, the federal government's new administrative centre, on a 7,000-ha site.

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