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Police ensures 24-hour security for venues

FOLLOWING months of preparations and study tours at previous Apec venues, police have ensured round-the-clock security at this year's summit.

Leaving no stone unturned, police implemented the necessary security measures weeks prior to the Apec curtain raiser, the Third Apec International Trade Fair '98, which will be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today.

The fair will be held at the MINES International Exhibition centre while the summit would be held at the Palace of the Golden Horses hotel.

Yesterday, Apec senior government officials took part in closed-door sessions at the hotel.

Senior police officials declined to elaborate on the measures implemented except to say that security would be tight.

"Our efforts not only focus on the respective venues but from the moment the leaders arrive at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport," a Federal police spokesman said.

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