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QUEEN ELIZABETH II TO VISIT MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 14 (Bernama) -- Queen Elizabeth II will make a state visit to Malaysia from Sept 20 to 23.

She will be accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh and the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Robin Cook, a statement from the British High Commission here says.

This will be the Queen's first visit to Malaysia since 1989 when Kuala Lumpur hosted the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

The statement says the visit reflects the close and friendly relationship between Britain and Malaysia.

"It is also a reflection of Britain's commitment to Malaysia, especially at this time of economic adversity," it adds.

While here, the Queen will attend the 16th Commonwealth Games in her capacity as Head of the Commonwealth.

She will watch some of the events and meet athletes and volunteers whose hard work has made the Games possible.

The Queen will officially close the Games on Sept 21 at the invitation of Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar who will also host a state banquet in her honour.

She will also meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The statement says she will open an exhibition in the grounds of the Twin Towers highlighting the creativity of the British industry and visit several places including Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC), a British/Malaysian educational establishment, a centre for disadvantaged children and a centre for blind people.

The Duke of Edinburgh will have separate engagements including a meeting with key players in Malaysia's financial services sector and a visit to Cyberjaya for a briefing on the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC).

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