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VISITING COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER OPENS PHOTO EXHIBITION

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 26 (Bernama) -- Visiting Colombian Foreign Minister Dr Maria Emma Mejia Velez opened a photographic exhibition by a renowned Colombian news photographer at the National Library here today.

Dr Velez said the exhibition, by Francisco Carranza, represented a renewed interest by Colombia to project the unique diversity it possessed in social, culture and arts to the whole world.

Francisco Carranza is the national director of photography of the "El Espectador" newspaper agency and has done coverage on the guerilla activities in the Colombian jungle and the Civil War in Nicaragua.

The exhibition, which started a week ago and which will end on Feb 11, shows the everyday life of the multi-ethnic and multi-cultural Colombians throughout the developing South American country.

Meanwhile, Dr Velez, who arrived yesterday, is scheduled to meet Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik and her counterpart, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, today.

She is also scheduled to call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow at the Prime Minister's Department.

Also present at the jointly-organised exhibition by the Colombian embassy and the National Library were Colombia's ambassador here, Dr Arturo Alberto Infante Villarreal, and the National Library's director-general, Datin Mariam Abdul Kadir. -- BERNAMA

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