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Yemeni president due for visit

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - President Ali Abdullah Saleh of Yemen arrives in Malaysia on Wednesday for a four-day official visit, aimed at strengthening ties between the two countries.

Wisma Putra said today the President would be given a ceremonial welcome at the Parliament Square, attend an audience with the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong and meet with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The Dr Mahathir-Ali meeting will focus on bilateral, regional and international issues of common concern.

The President will also attend a luncheon hosted by the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, visit the Proton automobile plant and attend a briefing on the Multimedia Super Corridor at the Malaysian Technology Park.

Ali will be accompanied by Yemen's Consultative Council chairman Abdulaziz Abdulghani, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Dr Abdulkarim Al-Iryani, Minister of Planning and Free Zone Areas chairman Abdulkader Bajamal as well as Minister of Industry and General Investment Authority chairman Ahmed Sofan.

There will also be a 20-member official delegation and journalists.

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