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BRUNEI CROWN PRINCE BEGINS MALAYSIA VISIT ON SATURDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, March 4 (Bernama) -- The Crown Prince of Brunei Darussalam, Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah Ibni Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah will make an official five-day visit to Malaysia from Saturday at the invitation of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

This is his first official visit abroad, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement today.

He will be accompanied by his younger brother, Pengiran Muda Haji Abdul Azim and his cousin, Pengiran Muda Abdul Qawi Ibni Pengiran Muda Mohamed Bolkiah.

The entourage will include senior Brunei government officials.

The visit starts in Pulau Pinang where the royal guest will visit a cultural village and the Penang Bridge.

The crown prince would fly to Kuala Lumpur on Sunday.

He is scheduled to call on Dr Mahathir, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He will have an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'far and the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah. Their Majesties will also host a luncheon in honour of the visiting prince.

Highlights of the programme here include a visit to KLCC where he will tour the Petronas Twin Towers which are the world's tallest buildings and Menara Kuala Lumpur.

Al-Muhtadee will visit the Economic Planning Unit at the Prime Minister's Department and the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations.

The crown prince would also play a friendly badminton match with Malaysian national badminton players at the Malaysian Badminton Academy in Cheras.

The visit ends on Wednesday.

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