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MAHATHIR-ARRIVAL

DR MAHATHIR ARRIVES IN DAVOS TO ATTEND WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

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DAVOS (Switzerland), Jan 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today to attend the World Economic Forum.

He arrived by train at the Davos-Dorf railway station before walking to his hotel nearby under icy weather.

The prime minister earlier arrived at Zurich airport before taking a coach for the 90 minute train ride from Landquart station.

Dr Mahathir has been invited to address the six-day annual forum which begins today and attended by over 1,600 participants comprising statesmen, business leaders and academicians.

The forum entitled "Responsible Globality: Managing the Impact of Globalisation" is aimed at drawing up a global economic agenda.

Observers said the invitation to Dr Mahathir reflected the international community's high esteem for the Prime Minister and his conviction that he would be able to contribute ideas to the creation of a more just and equitable economic world order.

It also reflected the acknowledgement of Malaysia's detractors that the country under Dr Mahathir's leadership had surmounted the tribulations of the economic crisis which began in mid-1997.--BERNAMA

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