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DR MAHATHIR TO ADDRESS UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON WEDNESDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 24 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad leaves for New York tomorrow night to lead the Malaysian delegation to the 54th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) from Sept 26 to 29.

The Prime Minister will address the Plenary Session of the UNGA on Wednesday, the highlight of his visit to New York.

Dr Mahathir will hold talks with UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and call on current General Assembly President Theo-Ben Gurirab, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The Prime Minister will also address the Asia Society Corporate Dinner, the inaugural session of the Malaysia-United States Business Council and the United States Council on Foreign Relations.

He will also meet United States Tourist industry leaders and the Malaysian community in New York.

The Prime Minister's delegation includes Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and Members of Parliament.

Dr Mahathir last addressed the UN General Assembly at its 51st session in 1996 when Tan Sri Razali Ismail then Malaysia's Permanent Representative to the world body was assembly President.

The current assembly session opened on Sept 14.

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