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Mahathir-Arrival

DR MAHATHIR ARRIVES IN NEW YORK FOR UN ADDRESS

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NEW YORK, Sept 26 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here on Sunday for a four-day visit during which he will address the 54th United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday.

The Prime Minister was met by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and Malaysian diplomats on his arrival at the Newark Airport in New Jersey.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to be briefed tomorrow by Malaysia's Permanent Representative to the UN Datuk Hasmy Agam on UN issues, followed by a meeting with leaders of US tourism industry in the morning and in the evening, to address the Asia Society in which he would talk on "Lessons from the Asian financial crisis: The Malaysian Experience".

On Tuesday, Dr Mahathir would deliver a keynote address on "Malaysia and the United States in the New Millennium - Challenges and Opportunities" at the inauguration of the Malaysia-US Business Council.

He would then meet with the Malaysian community here at the Malaysian Permanent Mission.

At the UN on Wednesday, Dr Mahathir would call on UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and President of the UNGA Theo-Ben Gurirab before addressing the assembly.

The Prime Minister would be the second speaker of the day after the address by the Prime Minister of Samoa.

Dr Mahathir would end his visit to the United States on Wednesday with a visit to the Lucent Bell Laboratories in New Jersey.

He would depart New Jersey for London enroute to Zimbabwe to attend the 3rd South Africa International Dialogue at Victoria Falls on Oct 2-6.

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