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Habibie-Arrival

HABIBIE ARRIVES FOR ONE-DAY VISIT

SEPANG, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- Indonesian President B.J. Habibie arrived here today for a one-day working visit.

He was received at the Bunga Raya VVIP Room at the KL International Airport (KLIA) here by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali, who is the minister-in-attendance.

Habibie will have an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah at Istana Negara in Kuala Lumpur before having bilateral talks with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the new federal administrative capital in Putrajaya.

This is Habibie's second trip to Malaysia since assuming the presidency. His first was in November last year for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum meeting.

Habibie's visit today was to reciprocate that by Dr Mahathir to Indonesia's Batam Island last May.

The two leaders are scheduled to hold a joint news conference at the end of their talks in Putrajaya later today.

Habibie is accompanied by an 80-member delegation, including Cabinet ministers and senior government officials.

The Indonesian president is scheduled to leave for home in the evening.

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