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MAHATHIR ARRIVES IN S'PORE TO ATTEND EAST ASIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT

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SINGAPORE, Oct 18 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here this morning to attend the World Economic Forum's eighth East Asia Economic Summit at the Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Dr Mahathir will deliver his keynote address entitled "Asia's Road to Recovery: The Challenge of Pragmatism" on the opening day of the three-day economic summit.

After his keynote address, the prime minister is scheduled to give a press conference before leaving for home.

The summit will gather about 800 high-level business participants from member countries of the World Economic Forum worldwide, heads of state and key ministers from the region, as well as leaders of international organizations and leading experts from abroad.

The theme of the summit, "New Asia, New Era: Co-creating the Opportunities," emphasises the enormous task East Asia is facing in restoring economic growth and stability.

Other Malaysian figures attending the Summit include Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Deputy Primary Industries Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Bank Negara Malaysia Governor Tan Sri Ali Abul Hassan Sulaiman, Petronas chairman Tan Sri Azizan Zainul Abidin and Institute of Strategic and International Studies chairman and chief executive officer, Tan Sri Nordin Sopiee. -- BERNAMA

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