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MAHATHIR RETURNS FROM JAPAN

SEPANG, June 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali returned home today after a seven-day visit to Japan.

They were met on arrival at 6.30 pm at the KL International Airport here by Cabinet Ministers and senior government officials.

During the trip Dr Mahathir visited the Museum of Industry and Technology of Toyota, the auto giant, in Nagoya and met Malaysian students there.

He then proceeded to Tokyo where he met Japanese Vice Finance Minister Eisuke Sakakibara and editors from eight media organisations.

He also held a news conference on his latest book, "A New Deal for Asia".

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir delivered a keynote address at an international conference on "The Future of Asia" organised by Nihon Keizai Shimbun, a major Japanese media organisation.

Dr Mahathir also held a 30-minute meeting yesterday with his Japanese counterpart Keizo Obuchi and discussed bilateral issues.

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