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Ramos to pay courtesy call on PM

KUANTAN, Sun. - Visiting former Philippines President Fidel Ramos will call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Wednesday.

Ramos said they would discuss the economic situation in both countries, the region and global economy.

Ramos was on a one-day visit to Pahang at the invitation of Menteri Besar Datuk Adnan Yaakob for a series of roundtable discussions to promote business and education exchanges between Malaysia and the Philippines.

Ramos said the meeting with the Prime Minister would help both the Philippine and Malaysian Governments foster closer ties.

"This will also give me a chance to visit the new intelligent government administrative centre and the Multimedia Super Corridor in Cyberjaya," he said after meeting Adnan today.

As chairman of the Ramos Peace and Development Foundation, Ramos has been networking with strategic partners in some 20 countries, including Malaysia, especially with the academic and business community, in support of Philippine Government's priority programmes.

Ramos said his visit to Putrajaya and Cyberjaya was in line with plans they were also pursuing.

When asked about the recent economic turmoil, Ramos said the Philippines was not that badly affected.

He said during his six-year term as President from 1992, he passed 229 reforms or laws, 78 of them economic reforms promoting investment, banking, incentives and taxation.

Ramos is expected to give a speech on "The Future of Southeast Asia in the 21st Century" to International Islamic University students on Tuesday.

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