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Mahathir-Summit

DR MAHATHIR ARRIVES FOR ASEAN INFORMAL SUMMIT

SINGAPORE, Nov 23 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here this evening to attend the fourth Asean Informal summit.

Dr Mahathir will join leaders from the 10-nation Southeast Asian grouping who will mull over the direction of Asean in the new century after the bruising 1997 Asian economic crisis.

The leaders will have a working dinner today before going into their summit tomorrow.

They will also meet their counterparts from China, Japan and South Korea on Saturday.

Earlier in KUALA LUMPUR, Dr Mahathir was seen off at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

The first Asean informal summit was held in Jakarta in 1996 followed by Kuala Lumpur the following year while Manila hosted last year's.

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