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SIXTY BUSINESS LEADERS TO ACCOMPANY PM TO BUSINESS FORUM

KUALA LUMPUR, March 6 (Bernama) -- Sixty business leaders led by the president of the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry and chairman of Malaysia Airlines, Tan Sri Tajudin Ramli, will accompany Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on his official visit to Jakarta beginning Wednesday.

The businessmen accompanying the Prime Minister will have the opportunity of being briefed by Indonesian leaders on the business and political environment in Indonesia as well as the sectors for investment during the Malaysia-Indonesia Business Forum, which is being held in conjunction with Dr Mahathir's visit.

The forum is being organised by the Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI), the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce (KADIN) and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta (CSIS).

The businessmen, who will be part of the business delegation, include Tan Sri Azman Hashim, Chairman of Arab-Malaysian Banking Group; Tan Sri Ahmad Johan, President of Airod; Datuk Amirsham A. Aziz, Managing Director of Malayan Banking Bhd and Datuk Lee Oi Hian, Executive Chairman of Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd.

Others include Datuk Adzmi Abdul Wahab, Managing Director of Edaran Otomobil Nasional Bhd; Tiong Thai King, Executive Director of Rimbunan Hijau Group; Datuk Rozali Ismail, Executive Chairman of Puncak Niaga Bhd; Datuk Razman Hashim, Deputy Chairman of Sunway Group; Micheal Goh, Managing Director of Suremax Group Bhd and Datuk Mohd Ibrahim Zain, Chairman of Pan Malaysia Industries Bhd.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said last month that the business delegation would also identify areas for co-operation and assistance to accelerate Indonesia's economic recovery.

The forthcoming visit is at the invitation of President Abdurrahman Wahid after the two leaders met at the Unctad X conference in Bangkok early February.

Syed Hamid had said, "It is more of trying to strike a smart partnership that will benefit both sides. We have to look within our capabilities and the interest that Malaysians have." -- BERNAMA

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