

Bahrain PM on official visit to Malaysia

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — The Prime Minister of Bahrain, Shaikh Khalifa Salman Al-Khalifa, will begin his official visit to Malaysia tomorrow.

He arrived in Penang late yesterday evening for a private visit, and was met on arrival by Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon at the International Airport.

Shaikh Khalifa, 66, is accompanied by a 55-member delegation, including four Cabinet Ministers.

This evening, Koh hosted a dinner in honour of Shaikh Khalifa and his delegation at a hotel here.

Tomorrow, Shaikh Khalifa is scheduled to arrive at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang at 10.15am.

He will be received on arrival by

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Shaikh Khalifa is expected to tour the Prime Minister's office in Putrajaya.

Dr Mahathir and Shaikh Khalifa are also expected to have a private meeting before the delegation meeting during which bilateral agreements between the two countries would be signed.

Shaikh Khalifa is also scheduled to visit the Petronas Twin Towers and Kuala Lumpur City Centre.

The Prime Minister will host a dinner for Shaikh Khalifa and his delegation tomorrow night at Seri Perdana in Putrajaya.

On Tuesday, Shaikh Khalifa will visit the Economic Planning Unit of the Prime Minister's Department

and the Multimedia Development Corporation in Cyberjaya.

He will also meet with the heads of missions of Arab countries at the Palace of the Golden Horses.

Later in the evening, he is expected to have an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah where he will be conferred the honorary "Darjah Kebesaran Seri Maharaja Mangku Negara".

On the third and last day of his visit, Shaikh Khalifa will visit the International Islamic University in Gombak where he will be conferred an honorary Phd in Political Science.

Shaikh Khalifa and his delegation are expected to leave for Bangkok on Wednesday at 2pm.