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CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT MALAYSIA NEXT WEEK

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 15 (Bernama) -- Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque will make a three-day official visit to Malaysia beginning Monday to enhance bilateral ties and promote economic cooperation, the Foreign Ministry said today.

The visit, his first to Malaysia since taking office in May 1999, is at the invitation of his Malaysian counterpart Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, the ministry said in a statement.

It said Roque, who will be accompanied by three senior officials, is scheduled to hold bilateral discussions with Syed Hamid and call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tun Mohamed Zahir Ismail.

He will also speak at a public lecture organised by the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations and visit Petronas, the national oil corporation, the statement added.

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