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DR MAHATHIR ARRIVES IN DUBAI FOR TWO-DAY WORKING VISIT

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DUBAI, April 26 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today for a two-day working visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The prime minister was met at the Dubai International Airport by Director of Information Sheikh Hasha AlMaktoum and Malaysian Ambassador Datuk Syed Hussein Al Habshee.

Dr Mahathir is accompanied by 10 prominent Malaysian businessmen.

The prime minister is scheduled to deliver a keynote address to corporate and business leaders at the Emirates International Forum on "Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century: The Role of Muslim Nations."

This is the second time that the prime minister was invited to deliver a keynote address at the forum which was established in 1993.

Dr Mahathir was first invited to deliver the keynote address at the annual forum, headed by Crown Prince of Dubai General Sheikh Mohammed Rashid Al-Maktoum, in 1998.

After the forum, he will visit the Dubai Internet City (DIC) and other projects undertaken by the Dubai government such as the Emirates Hills and Dubai Marina.

The prime minister will also witness the signing of agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between the Multimedia Development Corporation and DIC, and between AirportXchange and Dubai International Airport and DIC.

In the evening, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to have a meeting with the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Obein Saif Al Nassiri, who is also the Chairman of Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank.

The prime minister will then meet the Malaysian community in the UAE at a dinner hosted by the Malaysia Club UAE.

Tomorrow, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to perform Friday prayers at Jumeira Mosque and attend a lunch reception hosted by Sheikh Mohammed.

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