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DR MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR UAE ON A TWO-DAY WORKING VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, April 26 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left for the United Arab Emirates (UAE) today for a two-day working visit.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to deliver a keynote address to corporate and business leaders at a conference hosted by the Emirates International Forum themed "Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century: The Role of Muslim Nations" in Dubai.

The special aircraft carrying the prime minister left the RMAF airbase in Subang at 8.15am.

On hand to bid him "Bon Voyage" were his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Upon arrival, the prime minister is scheduled to call on his counterpart Sheikh Maktoum Rashid Al-Maktoum, who is also UAE Vice-President and the Ruler of Dubai.

He will also visit the Dubai Internet City, Emirates Hills and Dubai Marina, and witness the signing of two Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between the Multimedia Development Corporation and Dubai Internet City.

The other is between AirportXchange (Rpt AirportXchange), a Malaysian company which developed the airport management solution for KL International Airport, and Dubai International Airport and Dubai Internet City.

Dr Mahathir is also scheduled to have dinner with the Malaysian community hosted by the Malaysia Club UAE.

On the second day, Dr Mahathir will perform Friday prayers at the Jumeirah Mosque and attend a luncheon hosted by Sheikh Mohammed.

He is also scheduled to visit Burj Al-Arab, the world famous hotel in Dubai.

Dr Mahathir is expected to return home on Saturday.

The UAE is a federation comprising seven emirates -- Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm Al-Quwain, Ras Al-Khaimah and Fujairah.

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