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INFORMATION MINISTRY, WISMA PUTRA JOINT-COMMITTEE TO MEET FRIDAY

PUTRAJAYA, Feb 14 (Bernama) -- The first meeting of the Information Ministry and Foreign Ministry joint-committee to handle negative reporting on Malaysia by foreign media will be held on Friday.

Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said the meeting, at senior officers level, would be followed by a ministerial-level meeting on Feb 22.

"Both meetings will be held at the Information Ministry," he said after attending a luncheon given by Women Affairs Minister Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil at Cyberview Lodge, here today.

Also present for the luncheon after the weekly cabinet meeting were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as well as other cabinet ministers.

The Information Minister would send 12 representatives headed by Khalil. Other members of the team would include Parliamentary Secretary Datuk Zainuddin Maidin and Bernama Chairman Datuk Abdul Kadir Jasin.

Among other things, the committee would identify measures needed to handle the negative media reports on Malaysia.

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