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Kuan Yew coming here for three-day visit on Sept 2

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Wisma Putra today confirmed the visit by Singapore Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew to Malaysia, scheduled for Sept 2.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said Lee, who would lead a delegation of three Ministers, a Parliamentary Secretary and officials, would be here for three days.

"Yes, he will be making a visit to Malaysia.

"It is a follow-up to his visit in August last year."

The visit will focus on strengthening bilateral ties.

He told reporters this before handing over RM2 million worth of medical equipment and medicine to Dr Shamsul Anwar Sulaiman.

Dr Shamsul will lead a mercy mission to war-torn Kosovo on Sunday.

Syed Hamid said it had been a year since Lee last visited the country and there would probably be discussions on issues which were still pending.

"Areas of discussion will be open as is the normal practice."

He also said Lee would be making a courtesy call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Acknowledging the big delegation from the republic, he said that he was informed by the Singapore Foreign Ministry that the Ministers would be those who were young.

"I have been told that the Senior Minister will be bringing a group of new and young Ministers over," he said.

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