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MAHATHIR ARRIVES IN S'PORE FOR ASEAN ACHIEVEMENT MILLENNIUM AWARD

SINGAPORE, Sept 10 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today to receive the Asean Achievement Millennium Award tonight.

He was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali. The award from the Asean Business Forum is in recognition of Dr Mahathir's effort to turn Malaysia into an exemplary and dynamic nation.

Singapore's Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew will also receive the same award from the ABF for his role in transforming Singapore.

The two leaders are also being honoured for their contributions to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) which has been a steady force for the region for more than three decades.

Former Singapore president Wee Kim Wee will present the awards to the two leaders at a black-tie dinner in the Ritz Carlton to be attended by some 600 business leaders from the two countries including 250 from Malaysia.

The event is organised jointly by ABF and the Kuala Lumpur-based Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (Asli).

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