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MEGAWATI TO VISIT MALAYSIA ON AUG 27

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 11 (Bernama) -- Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri will visit Malaysia on Aug 27 and 28 as part of her Asean tour.

Indonesian ambassador to Malaysia Hadi Wayarabi Al-Hadar said Megawati would visit all the nine Asean countries during the tour from Aug 20 to 29, starting with the Philippines.

"It will be a familiarisation visit to Asean countries as an elected president," he told Bernama after attending a Family Day of the Indonesian community at the Taman Tasik Titiwangsa here today.

Megawati was elected the fifth president of the republic on July 23 to succeed Abdurahman Wahid.

She last visited Malaysia on Jan 7 to 9 this year after she became Indonesian vice-president in October, 1999.

Hadi said Megawati was expected to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad but there was no specific agenda to be discussed.

Foreign Minister Dr Hassan Wirajuda is expected to accompany the Indonesian president during the Asean tour.

Meanwhile, some 1000 Indonesians here attended the Family Day organised in conjunction with the republic's 56th anniversary celebrations on Aug 17.

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