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MOROCCAN PM ARRIVES FOR FOUR-DAY VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 12 (Bernama) -- The Moroccan Prime Minister Abderrahmane El Youssef arrived today for a four-day visit, his first to Malaysia, and will discuss, among other things, ways of enhancing bilateral relations.

He and wife Helena were met on arrival at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and Datin Seri Sharifah Aziah Syed Zainal Abidin.

Tomorrow, Abderrahmane who is accompanied by a 36-member delegation, is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to discuss enhancing bilateral ties and exchange views on international political and economic developments.

Both the prime ministers will also witness the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Malaysia's Multimedia Development Corporation (MDC) and the Moroccan Information TechnoPark Company.

Abderrahmane will be guest of the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (NCCIM) at a luncheon to enable Malaysian and Moroccan businessmen discuss potential trade and investment opportunities.

Tomorrow evening, Abderrahmane will have an audience with the Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin and Permaisuri Nur Zahirah at Istana Terengganu here.

On Wednesday, Abderrahmane and delegation will visit the MDC headquarters in Cyberjaya, Malaysia's intelligent city and the Petronas Twin Towers, the world's tallest building.

The Moroccan prime minister and entourage will depart for Paris on Thursday night.

Currently, bilateral trade between the two countries was in Malaysia's favour and as of August this year, Malaysia registered RM51 million total trade with Morocco with exports amounting to RM43.8 million and imports, RM7.2 million.

Malaysia exports electronic items, household products as well as rubber and chemical products to Morocco and imports textile, fabric materials and food products from the north African country.

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