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MYANMAR LEADER GEN THAN SHWE VISITING M'SIA TOMORROW

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 24 (Bernama) -- Myanmar's State Peace and Development Council chairman Senior General Than Shwe will make a three-day working visit to Malaysia beginning tomorrow, the Foreign Ministry said today.

The trip reciprocates a similar visit by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Myanmar last January, Wisma Putra said in a statement.

It said Than Shwe's visit "reflects the close and cordial relations between the two countries and will pave the way for wider scope of cooperation between the governments and peoples of Malaysia and Myanmar".

He will be accompanied by wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and five ministers in charge of agriculture and irrigation; industry; energy; science and technology; and the Office of Chairman of The State Peace and Development Council as well as other senior government officials.

Than Shwe is scheduled to meet Dr Mahathir for discussions on bilateral and regional issues. A bilateral delegation meeting will also be held to discuss strengthening of relations.

Dr Mahathir will host a dinner for the Myanmar leader and his delegation at the prime minister's official residence Seri Perdana in Putrajaya.

Wisma Putra said that after visiting Kuala Lumpur Than Shwe will leave for an overnight trip to Langkawi for a first-hand look at development projects on Malaysia's premier island resort.

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