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PRESIDENT MEGAWATI VISITS MALAYSIA BEGINNING MONDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- Indonesian President Megawati Soekarnoputri will make a two-day state visit to Malaysia beginning Monday.

The visit, the first since her appointment as president on July 23, is at the invitation of Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah.

A Wisma Putra statement says Megawati will be accompanied by her husband, Taufiq Kiemas, Minister of Foreign Affairs Noer Hassan Wirajuda and a 60-member entourage.

During the visit, the Indonesian president will hold a meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Both leaders are expected to discuss bilateral cooperation and exchange views on regional and international issues of common interest, the statement says.

Megawati is also scheduled to attend a state banquet hosted by Sultan Salahuddin and met with the Indonesian community here.

The government of Malaysia is confident that Megawati's state visit will further consolidate the existing close ties between Malaysia and Indonesia for mutual benefit of the two countries and peoples, the statement adds.

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