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SULTAN OF BRUNEI ARRIVES FOR TWO-DAY VISIT TO M'SIA TOMORROW

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 30 (Bernama) -- Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei Darussalam arrives here tomorrow for a two-day visit to Malaysia for the fifth annual consultation with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

According to a Wisma Putra statement, this year's consultation reflects the close personal relations between the two leaders who will be having a four-eye meeting.

During the meeting, matters pertaining to bilateral relations, regional issues and current developments in the global arena are expected to be discussed, the statement said.

Malaysia's trade with Brunei was registered at RM979.4 million last year with exports to Brunei at RM965 million and imports at RM14 million.

For the first half of this year, total trade was RM656.6 million. Brunei's total investment in Malaysia stood at RM48 million last year.

During the visit, the Sultan will be accompanied by the Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha, Pengiran Isteri Mariam and a delegation which includes members of the royal family, the Special Adviser to the Sultan, Pehin Awang Isa, Education Minister Pehin Abdul Aziz and senior officials from the Foreign Ministry.

Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah will also be conferred an honorary doctorate in political science from the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM) on the second day of the visit.

"Malaysia is confident that the visit will pave the way for closer contacts between the leaders and officials of both countries as well as enhancing the already close and meaningful relations between both countries," the statement said.

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