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Thaksin-Arrival

THAKSIN ARRIVES FOR A DAY VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 8 (Bernama) -- Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra arrived here today for a one-day visit at the invitation of his Malaysian counterpart Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to attend the opening ceremony of the 21st SEA Games.

He was met on arrival at the KL International Airport in Sepang by Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Dr Leo Michael Toyad.

Also in the entourage are Thailand's Commerce Minister and eight government officials.

Soon after arrival, Thaksin headed for Seri Perdana, Putrajaya to meet Dr Mahathir.

Tonight, Thaksin will attend the opening ceremony of the SEA Games at the National Stadium in Bukit Jalil here.

Thaksin's visit is also to lend moral support to the Thai contingent to the SEA Games as well as to Malaysia for hosting the Games this year.

The visit is also expected to strengthen further the strong ties of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

Thaksin had previously visited Malaysia on April 24 soon after assuming the post.

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