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Vajpayee-Visit

VAJPAYEE ARRIVES ON SUNDAY FOR FOUR-DAY VISIT TO MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, May 11 (Bernama) -- Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee will make a four-day visit to Malaysia beginning Sunday.

He will be accompanied by Minister of Information Technology Pramod Mahajan, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Omar Abdullah and a 135-member delegation comprising senior officials and businessmen.

This is Vajpayee's first visit to Malaysia, Wisma Putra said in a statement today.

Vajpayee will call on his Malaysian counterpart Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to exchange views on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest.

The statement said agreements and memorandums of understanding (MoUs) on finance, information technology, services and stock exchange are expected to be signed by both governments during the visit.

The private sectors of the two countries are also expected to sign MoUs and agreements on aerospace technology, trade promotion and high technology software applications, it said.

In conjunction with the visit, a business forum will be held on Tuesday at the Putra World Trade Centre where Vajpayee is scheduled to deliver a keynote address and take part in a dialogue.

On Wednesday, Vajpayee will deliver a talk themed "India and Asean: Shared Perspectives" organised by the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations at Nikko Hotel.

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