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VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR JAKARTA FOR G15 SUMMIT

SEPANG, May 29 (Bernama) -- Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez left for Jakarta today to attend the Group of 15 developing nations (G15) summit after a brief visit to Malaysia.

He was seen off at the KL International Airport by Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz, Agriculture Minister Datuk Mohamed Effendi Norwawi and Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Leo Michael Toyad.

Chavez held talks in Putrajaya this morning with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who will also be attending the G15 summit.

Chavez arrived yesterday with a 30-member delegation including ministers and businessmen.

He also met Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik.

Dr Lim told reporters after the meeting that the ministry was looking for more local palm oil producers to participate in joint ventures with Venezuelan companies.

He said that to date, only one Malaysian company, Harum Prestij Sdn Bhd, had signed an agreement with a company from the South American country last year to start cultivation there.

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