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VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CHAVEZ TO VISIT MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, May 25 (Bernama) -- Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez arrives here on Monday for a two-day visit to Malaysia.

The visit is aimed at further enhancing bilateral relations between Venezuela and Malaysia, according to a Wisma Putra statement here.

Chavez will be accompanied by three ministers namely the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Science and Technology, and Minister of Planning and Development.

During his stay, the Venezuelan leader will meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who will also host a luncheon for him.

Chavez is also scheduled to meet business leaders from the palm oil industry to explore cooperation to jointly develop Venezuela's palm oil industry.

From here, Chavez will proceed to Jakarta to attend the G-15 meeting.

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