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PM to visit

Malaysia

tomorrow

PUTRAJAYA: Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi is arriving here tomorrow for a one-day visit as part of his tour to the region.

This will be Koizumi's first visit to the country since he became Prime Minister last year.

Koizumi had originally planned to visit the region last September but postponed it due to the terrorists' attacks in New York.

He will also visit the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and Singapore.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said Koizumi was expected to meet up with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during his visit on matters of bilateral interests, especially trade between Asean and Japan, and current world events.

On efforts by the various Chinese guilds and associations in the country to meet Koizumi over "compensation" for losses they had suffered during the Japanese Occupation of peninsular Malaysia in World War II, Syed Hamid said they should present their views to the appropriate channels.