

Mahathir leaves for Japan

SEPANG: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left for a two-day visit to Japan last night in conjunction with the 20th anniversary of Malaysia's "Look East" policy.

The prime minister, who was accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, was seen off at KL International Airport by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, his wife Datin Seri Endon Mahmood, cabinet ministers and Barisan Nasional supporters.

During the visit, Mahathir will re-evaluate and assess the "Look East" policy which Malaysia has adopted since early 1982. The policy, introduced by him soon after he assumed office in 1981, emphasises the need for Malaysians to emulate exemplary eastern work ethics, morale, values and management quality and skills, and is aimed at learning Japan's and South Korea's recipes for success.