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DR MAHATHIR TO DISCUSS VATICAN'S INVITATION WITH CABINET

KUALA LUMPUR, May 24 (Bernama) - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he will discuss Pope John Paul's invitation to the Vatican with the cabinet.

"I will put it before the cabinet and we will inform (the public about the decision)," he told reporters at the RMAF base in Subang, near here, upon his return from a visit to Japan and South Korea.

Yesterday Dr Mahathir told a news conference in Seoul that he had been invited to the Vatican by the Pope.

The visit, if accepted by the prime minister, would be his first to the Vatican.

It was reported that the visit is expected to coincide with the Prime Minister's June 9-12 trip to Switzerland and Luxembourg.

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