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DR MAHATHIR IN PENANG TO PRESENT KEYNOTE ADDRESS

PENANG, Aug 27 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today to present his keynote address at the "Penang Industrial Sector in 30 Years" seminar.

He was received on arrival at the airport here at about 1pm by about 2,000 Barisan Nasional (BN) component party members led by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Penang Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon.

The heavy rain did not deter the people who had gathered at the airport as early as 11am carrying banners and flags of their respective parties to see their beloved leader up close.

Present were Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Dr Hilmi Yahaya, state assembly Speaker Datuk Yahaya Abdul Hamid and state executive councillors.

Upon arrival at the Equatorial Hotel, here, Dr Mahathir had lunch with the captains of industry in the state and presented awards to eight multinationals which were the pioneers in investing in the industrial sector here 30 years ago.

Dr Mahathir will also meet members of the state Umno liaison body.

He is scheduled to return to Kuala Lumpur in the evening.

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