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KYRGYZ PRESIDENT TO VISIT MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, July 31 (Bernama) -- President of Kyrgyz Askar Akayev will make a two-day state visit to Malaysia starting Aug 5 at the invitation of Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail.

Wisma Putra, in a statement issued here today, said prior to the state visit Akayev is also scheduled to attend the Langkawi International Dialouge from tomorrow until Aug 4.

Akayev's visit, his second after 1995, was aimed at renewing personal ties with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad as well as to enhance bilateral ties and economic cooperation.

Accompanied by his wife Mairam Akayeva, the Kyrgyz president's entourage comprises First Deputy Prime Minister Kurmanbek Osmonov, Foreign Affairs Minister, Health Minister, senior government officials, chairman of Kyrgyz National Bank and a business delegation.

According to Wisma Putra, during the visit two memorandums of understanding (MoUs) and an agreement are expected to be signed by Malaysia and Kyrgyz on Aug 5.

They are the MoU on Bilateral Payment Arrangement between Bank Negara and the National Bank of Kyrgyz and the MoU on Cooperation between the Statistics Department of Malaysia and the National Statistical Committee of Kyrgyz.

The agreement to be signed are between Bank Negara and Joint Stock Bank "Kyrgyztan" on Bilateral Payment Arrangement.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to host a delegation meeting between both countries.

During the visit, which marks the tenth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Malaysia and Kyrgyz, Akayev will deliver a public lecture organised by the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations.

He will also address a business luncheon on investment in the Kyrgyz on Aug 6, organised by the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and visit the Multimedia Development Corporation and the Petronas Twin Towers.

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