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Pavarotti to perform at Pangkor concert

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Italian opera star Luciano Pavarotti is in town and loves Malaysia!

The world-renowned tenor arrived from Italy at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang this morning and was met by Sylvia Chew, personal assistant to YTL Corporation Bhd managing director Tan Sri Francis Yeoh.

Pavarotti was taken to the J.W. Marriott Hotel here where he met Yeoh who had invited him to Malaysia.

Pavarotti will perform at a concert at the Pangkor Laut Resort on Saturday, as part of the inaugural Asian Global Leadership Conference or Pangkor Retreat.

The conference, to be attended by regional and international leaders, will focus on how to make the world a safer place.

The concert on is being held in remembrance of the attacks on the United States on Sept 11 last year. Pavarotti's performance will celebrate the joy of peace and life that symbolises the conference's theme of renewal.

The concert will be attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"I am happy to be here again on this occasion. The Pangkor Retreat which has elected World Peace as the aim of its own existence, pursues a cause close to my heart," said the tenor.

Pavarotti is a United Nations Ambassador for Peace, and raises funds for war orphans through his annual 'Pavarotti and Friends' concert.

This is his second visit to Malaysia.