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SUPREME HEAD OF NORTH KOREA'S PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY ARRIVES

SEPANG, March 3 (Bernama) -- The Supreme Head of North Korea's People's Assembly Kim Yong Nam arrived here today for a three-day official visit to Malaysia.

Kim who flew in from Thailand in a special aircraft was received at the KL International Airport (KLIA) by Rural Development Minister Datuk Azmi Khalid, who is Acting Foreign Minister, and North Korean Ambassador to Malaysia Kim Ja Ryong.

Kim is heading a 30-member delegation which includes Foreign Minister Paek Nam Sun, Foreign Trade Minister Ri Kwang-Gun, President of the Science Academy Ri Kwang-Ho and Chairman of the Committee for Cultural Relations With Foreign Countries Mun Jae Chol.

Kim will be accorded an official welcome at Parliament House tomorrow and later call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Putrajaya. He will then lead his delegation for official talks with the Malaysian delegation.

North Korea and Malaysia are expected to sign Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) in the economic, cultural and other fields.

Kim will have an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamlullail tomorrow and at night attend a state banquet at Istana Negara.

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