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CHINESE VICE PRESIDENT TO VISIT MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, April 22 (Bernama) -- Chinese Vice President Hu Jintao arrives here tomorrow for a four-day official visit to Malaysia to foster closer bilateral relations between both countries.

According to a Wisma Putra statement issued here today, this will be the first visit to Malaysia by the Chinese vice president who is accompanied by his wife, Liu Yongqing.

His 65-member delegation includes the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Vice Minister of State Development Planning Commission.

Wisma Putra said that the Chinese leader is expected to discuss bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Wednesday.

He is also expected to meet and discuss various issues of common concern with Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on the same day. His visit is at the invitation of the Deputy Prime Minister.

On arrival here tomorrow, the Chinese Vice President will receive Abdullah who will later host a dinner for him.

On Wednesday, Hu will call on the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamalullail in the morning before delivering a speech at a function organised by the Asian Strategic Leadership Institute (Asli).

He will also witness the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Asli and the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) to establish the Malaysia-China Business Council.

He will also meet staff and officials of the Chinese embassy here and also attend a dinner hosted by Dr Mahathir at Seri Perdana.

He will fly to Penang for a one-day visit on Thursday before heading for Singapore and then the United States.

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