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Mahathir-Delegation

JETRO-JACTIM BUSINESS DELEGATION CALLS ON DR MAHATHIR

PUTRAJAYA, July 29 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad held a meeting with a delegation from the Japan External Trade Organisation (Jetro) and Japan Chamber of Trade and Industry Malaysia (Jactim) at the Prime Minister's office here today.

The delegation comprising 60 high-ranking officials representing 47 companies is here on a three-day business mission which started yesterday.

Earlier, eight members of the delegation led by Jetro chairman and chief executive officer Osamu Watanabe paid a courtesy call on the prime minister.

The others included Jactim chairman Tan Sri Kazumasa Suzuki, Imao Corporation president Toru Imao, Minister of the Embassy of Japan Koichi Kawakami, Director of the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Sadahiro Sugita and Jetro Kuala Lumpur director Hiroo Suzaki.

Yesterday the delegation called on Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz.

Business match-making meetings were also arranged between Japanese manufacturers and Malaysian small- and medium-scale industries during a seminar organised by the Malaysian Industrial Development Authority (Mida) yesterday.

The delegation will visit the Perodua factory in Serendah, Selangor, this evening and the Kayaba Malaysia factory in Kuala Langat tomorrow.

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