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DR MAHATHIR AND PRESIDENT MEGAWATI TO DISCUSS BILATERAL ISSUES

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 26 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri will discuss issues of mutual interest and areas of cooperation to enhance bilateral relations between Malaysia and Indonesia at their meeting in Kuching on Thursday.

A Wisma Putra statement issued here today said that President Megawati's two-day working visit to Malaysia starting Thursday is in conjunction with the Annual Consultations with Dr Mahathir.

The statement said that their discussion on bilateral matters may focus on issues such as illegal immigrants and illegal workers, trade and investment, cooperation in education, commodities, haze mitigation, tourism and transportation.

Their discussion on regional and international issues may touch on international terrorism, the Asean Summit, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) Summit as well as other issues of common interest.

The statement said that their restricted meeting will be followed by a delegation meeting.

Dr Mahathir will also host a dinner in honour of President Megawati on Thursday evening.

President Megawati will be accompanied by her husband, Taufiq Kiemas, and several Indonesian ministers as well as senior officials.

They are scheduled to leave for Jakarta on Friday.

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