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CHINA'S DPM TO VISIT M'SIA ON JAN 11-14

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 10 (Bernama) -- China's Deputy Prime Minister Li Lanqing will make a four-day official visit to Malaysia beginning tomorrow.

Li's visit at the invitation of Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi is expected to provide him with a glimpse of Malaysia and the opportunities available to both countries in areas of mutual interest, a Wisma Putra statement here says.

Li will be visiting Melaka and Pulau Langkawi. He will be accompanied by his wife, Zhang Suzhen, two ministers, four vice-ministers, other government officials, media representatives and security personnel.

In total, China's delegation comprises 62 government officials, media representatives and security personnel, the statement said.

The programme includes an audience with Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail and meetings with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Abdullah.

After his visit to Malaysia, Li is expected to visit Myanmar, India, South Africa and Thailand, the statement adds.

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