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DR MAHATHIR TO ATTEND WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM IN DAVOS

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 22 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is now on an official visit to Egypt, will be in Davos, Switzerland, tomorrow until Saturday to attend the 33rd annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF).

In a statement here, Wisma Putra said Dr Mahathir would be accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali.

The Prime Minister will participate in WEF plenary sessions entitled "Trust and governance for a new era" and "How the fight against terrorism will change the world" and also in an interactive session -- "Political Islam and its discontents".

The theme of this year's WEF is "Building Trust" which will focus on the need to restore confidence in public and corporate institutions, given the spate of corporate scandals particularly in the United States, during the past year.

The Foreign Ministry statement said the annual meeting provided a platform for the Prime Minister to voice Malaysia's stand on important global issues such as corporate challenges, global economy, global governance, security and geopolitics.

At an informal gathering of world economic leaders, Dr Mahathir will give a briefing on the economic and geopolitical implications of the fight against terrorism.

Dr Mahathir is also expected to hold bilateral meetings with Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev, Mongolian Prime Minister Nambaryn Enkhbayar and the Prime Minister of the Ukraine Victor Yanukovych.

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