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Mahathir-Programme

DR MAHATHIR HAS A TIGHT PROGRAMME BETWEEN NOW AND OCT 31

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 5 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir

Mohamad has a tight programme including attending international conferences

between now and Oct 31 when he will retire.

A smiling Prime Minister described the tight programme as "a very nice schedule."

Speaking to reporters after launching the Power Boat World Championship at the Mines Resort City Lake in Seri Kembangan here, he said this week had been a busy one for him with the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (Lima) show and several other events.

Dr Mahathir said he would leave for Bali, Indonesia, tomorrow for the Asean Summit.

On his return on Wednesday, he has various other events to attend to including chairing the 10th session of the Islamic Summit Conference in Putrajaya.

After that Dr Mahathir will travel to Bangkok for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum summit on Oct 20 and 21.

Dr Mahathir said he would then visit Yogyakarta, Timor Leste and Papua New Guinea.

On the date for handing over of duties to Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Dr Mahathir said in jest: "We have to read the BusinessWeek because they know better how I am going to hand over my job to my deputy."

"Now I have to follow them, if not they may appear to be liars," he said.

Dr Mahathir said he took pride in the various achievements of Malaysians during his stewardship of the nation.

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