

Najib arrives in Zurich to attend Davos forum
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Prime Minister Najib Razak and his wife, Rosmah Mansor, arrived in Zurich late yesterday to attend the 45th World Economic Forum (WEF) which begins today until Jan 24.

Najib, who arrived at 10.10pm (local time) was received at the Zurich ExecuJet Terminal of the Zurich International Airport by Malaysian Ambassador to Switzerland Mohd Zulkepli Mohd Noor and his wife Anna Amalina Imam Baweh.

Making his second appearance at the WEF as prime minister, Najib is leading the Malaysian delegation to this year's forum, themed 'The New Global Context'.

Najib, is expected to deliver a strong message, as well as, lay the right foundation towards the realisation of the Asean Economic Community in line with Malaysia's chairpersonship of the regional grouping this year.

Encompassing 10 diverse countries, Asean today is home to more than 600 million people with a combined Gross Domestic Product of US\$2.4 trillion, making it the seventh largest grouping in the world.

Besides Najib, other head of states or government that have confirmed their participation include King Abdullah II of Jordan and Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi.

Bilateral meetings

The annual forum will be held in Davos, a mountain resort in Graubunden, the eastern Alps region of Switzerland, located about two hours' drive from Zurich.

It will see the congregation of more than 40 world leaders, as well as, more than 2,500 participants comprising chief executive officers, academic scholars, regional experts, policy makers and business leaders from 140 countries.

Najib is also scheduled to hold bilateral meetings with his Kazakhstan counterpart Karim Massimov, Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu and Netherlands Prime Minister Mark Rutte.

He will also hold talks with US Secretary of State John Kerry.

The WEF, which is a Swiss non-profit foundation based in Cologny, Geneva, is an independent international organisation committed in bringing business, political, academic and other leaders to improve the state of the world.

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