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Out to woo Wall Street

Busy schedule ahead for PM on visit to New York



NEW YORK: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has arrived here to begin a two-day working visit to the world's biggest financial centre, where he is expected to address top investors and scientists on the major transformation programmes taking place back home.

Najib and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor touched down at the Newark Liberty International Airport at 1.15am yesterday after a working visit to Britain.

They were received by Malaysian Ambassador to the United States Datuk Seri Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis and senior officials.

Najib, who is also Finance Minister, will have a busy programme, starting with the launch of Invest Malaysia New York 2011, where he is expected to deliver a keynote address at a



Warm welcome: Malaysian officials welcoming Najib and Rosmah after their arrival in New York yesterday. — Bernama

luncheon organised by the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

Describing it as a great honour, Dr-Jamaluddin told *The Star* ahead of Najib's arrival: "Usually this kind of financial roadshow

luncheons are organised by investment banks.

"But in our case, it is organised by the local stock exchange that happens to be the biggest in the world - Wall Street."

"Those coming for the luncheon include top fund owners and chief executives and they want to hear the Malaysian story," he said.

The highlight of Najib's visit is the inaugural meeting of the Global Science and Innovation Advisory Council for Malaysia (GSIAC) at the New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS), which he will chair.

The GSIAC is a joint initiative between the Malaysia Industry-Government Group for High Technology and NYAS in the pursuit of transforming Malaysia into a high-income economy through enhancing Malaysia's capabilities in science and innovation.

Najib is scheduled to meet NYSE Euronext chief operating officer Lawrence Leibowitz, have a luncheon meeting with leaders of the financial industry and hold a series of individual meetings with corporate leaders of high-profile multinational companies as well as officials from Wall Street and Dow Jones.