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PM to share Malaysia's views at OIC meeting, officiate at airport event

ISTANBUL: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's presence at the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) 13th Summit here will show Malaysia's strong commitment to addressing the many challenges faced by Muslims.

Malaysian ambassador to Turkey Datuk Amran Mohamed Zin said it would also provide an opportunity for Najib to share Malaysia's stance and views on matters and issues of mutual interests in the OIC agenda, as well as the Muslim world, particularly the plight of Palestinians.

He said Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan had invited Najib to attend the summit.

The two-day conference, with the theme "Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace", will begin tomorrow. It will examine and determine the direction of policies on issues related to the achievement of OIC goals.

"As one of OIC's founding nations, Malaysia has always supported efforts to transform this organisation into a more effective agent of peace and development for member states, as well as the ummah (Muslim community) as a whole," Amran said.

Speaking to the Malaysian press at the Istanbul International Convention Centre here yesterday, Amran said Najib would deliver his speech at the conference tomorrow.

Najib is arriving here today, accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Foreign Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman



and senior government officials.

On his arrival at the Sabiha Gokcen Airport here at 8am (1pm Malaysia time), Najib will officiate at the opening of the airport's passenger lounge.

He will be briefed on the airport's departure hall expansion project.

The airport is owned and managed by Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd.

In the afternoon, he will witness the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Tenaga Nasional Bhd and Turkish power company Gama Enerji to cooperate in electricity supply projects in the country.

The wives of heads of OIC member countries will hold a special session on the sidelines of the summit, themed "First Ladies' Leadership on Cancer Control in OIC Member States".

"Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor will also speak at the special session on policies and measures taken by Malaysia in tackling cancer," said Amran.

Najib and his wife are scheduled to return home tomorrow. This is the first time Turkey is hosting an OIC summit and 56 of the 57 member countries will attend it.

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