

Tech talk high on PM's agenda

Mahathir to meet with industry experts during China visit

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BEIJING: Technology, innovation and artificial intelligence (AI) are among the main focus of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's five-day working visit.

The Malaysian Prime Minister, who has been pushing for the country's advancement in technology, will visit telecommunications giant Huawei.

"He will be meeting senior executives to discuss cooperation between Malaysia and the world's biggest telecom equipment maker.

"Dr Mahathir will also be briefed on the latest innovation of the company," said Malaysian Embassy Charge d'Affaires Nuryante Mohd Yazid.

She said the Prime Minister would also make a trip to SenseTime, a Chinese firm specialising in AI products.

"He will be shown a demonstration on how the technology is used in various fields while discussing the transfer of technology and expertise to enhance the nation's AI industry," she said.

Dr Mahathir and his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali arrived at



Welcome to Beijing: Dr Mahathir being greeted by China's Ambassador to Malaysia Bai Tian upon his arrival at the Beijing Capital International Airport. Looking on is Saifuddin. — Bernama

Beijing Capital International Airport here last night.

He was received by Foreign Affairs Minister Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah, among others.

Dr Mahathir is here for the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF2), to be held from today to Saturday.

His entourage comprises six ministers, including Darell Leiking (International Trade and Industry), Datuk Seri Azmin Ali (Economic

Affairs) and Anthony Loke (Transport), as well as Kedah Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir.

This will be his second trip to China as the seventh Malaysian Prime Minister. He visited China seven times when he last held the premiership.

"This visit is expected to further strengthen the long-standing friendship between Malaysia and China as well as fostering wide-ranging cooperation between the two coun-

tries," Nuryante said.

Dr Mahathir will also be invited to share his views - "Strengthening Policy Synergy and Building Closer Partnership" - at a high-level meeting and a leaders' roundtable.

He will meet Chinese President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang. Both sides are expected to discuss various bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest.

Li and Dr Mahathir will witness the signing of two memoranda of understanding on palm oil cooperation and enhancing cooperation in East Coast Rail Link related developments.

The Prime Minister is also scheduled to meet key investors, international capital market analysts and renowned businessmen.

The BRF2, themed "Shaping a Brighter Shared Future", will be attended by 37 world leaders and representatives from over 130 countries.

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