

Mahathir begins three-day visit to Russia

KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is on a three-day working visit to Russia beginning yesterday to attend the 5th Eastern Economic Forum 2019 (EEF 2019) in Vladivostok.

The Prime Minister's visit was at the official invitation of Russian President Vladimir Putin, said the Foreign Ministry.

"Dr Mahathir is expected to deliver a keynote address during the EEF 2019 plenary session together with the Russian leader followed by a bilateral meeting between the Malaysian and Russian delegations.

"The Prime Minister is also expected to have a bilateral meeting with the Russian President in Malaysia's efforts to further strengthen friendship and cooperation with the Russian Federation," it said in a statement.

Dr Mahathir is accompanied by Foreign Minister Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah, Economic Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Azmin Ali and

International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Darrel Leiking.

EEF is an annual international forum that is gaining increasing international attention.

It will discuss the prospects of economic cooperation in line with the rapid economic development in East Asia.

The statement said the visit would give Malaysia an opportunity to discuss and exchange views on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interests.

"It is also the best platform to provide more business, investment as well as new cooperation especially in the fields of science and technology in line with developments in the Industrial Revolution 4.0 in the interest of national economic development," it added.

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Touchdown in Russia: Dr Mahathir arriving at the Vladivostok International Airport. — Bernama