

MAIDEN VISIT

PM IN VIETNAM FOR TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT

Ismail Sabri and his Vietnam counterpart to discuss regional, international issues of mutual interest

HANOI

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob arrived here yesterday for a two-day official visit to Vietnam.

The prime minister's maiden official visit to Vietnam was at the invitation of his Vietnamese counterpart, Pham Minh Chinh.

Ismail Sabri flew in from Kuala

Lumpur and arrived at the Hanoi International Airport at 1.45pm (local time).

He was received by Minister-Chairman of the Government Office Tran Van Son and government officials.

Accompanying Ismail Sabri were Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Abdullah and senior government officials.

The prime minister was accorded an official welcome at the international airport.

The national anthem *Negaraku* was played, followed by Vietnam's national anthem, *Tien Quan Ca*.

Ismail Sabri is expected to hold engagement sessions with several Vietnamese companies that have interests and intend to ex-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob is received by Minister-Chairman of the Government Office Tran Van Son (third from left) and senior government officials at the Hanoi International Airport yesterday. With them is Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Abdullah (left). BERNAMA PIC

pand their businesses in Malaysia.

On the second day, Ismail Sabri will be accorded an official welcome at the Presidential Palace. He and Pham are expected to discuss regional and international issues of mutual interest, as well as witness the exchanging of documents, including a memorandum of understanding on legal

cooperation activities, and the recruitment, employment and repatriation of workers.

The Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations of Malaysia and the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam will exchange a Letter of Intent. The Malaysian National News Agency (Bernama) and Vietnam News Agency will also exchange documents.

Ismail Sabri will hold separate meetings with Vietnamese President Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Communist Party of Vietnam secretary-general Nguyen Phu Trong and National Assembly chairman Vuong Dinh Hue.

He will leave for Kuala Lumpur tomorrow following a session with the Malaysian media. **Bernama**