

PM embarks on official visit to Cambodia and Thailand

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PRIME Minister (PM) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob is on his inaugural official visits to Cambodia and Thailand from Feb 23 to Feb 26, 2022.

In a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the visits are undertaken at the invitations of Cambodia PM Samdech Techo Hun Sen and Thailand PM Prayut Chan-ocha.

During his visit to Cambodia from yesterday until today, the PM is scheduled to have an audience with the King of Cambodia, King Norodom Sihamoni, and hold a meeting with Samdech.

"The two leaders will discuss initiatives to further strengthen Malaysia-Cambodia's long-standing relations, including post-Covid-19 cooperation, Asean cooperation, as well as regional and international issues of mutual interest.

"The PM is also scheduled to hold separate meetings with the president of the Senate and president of the National Assembly of Cambodia. In a separate session, the PM will also meet with Malaysian Family in Cambodia," said Wisma Putra.



Ismail Sabri will also have a session with the Malaysia-Thailand Chamber of Commerce and Malaysian Family in Bangkok

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His visit to Thailand from today until Saturday includes a meeting with Prayut where the two leaders will discuss the

way forward in strengthening multifaceted cooperation between the two countries.

Their areas of discussion include economic

cooperation, post Covid-19 cooperation, reopening of borders and key connectivity projects crossing the land borders.

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"The high-level visits by the PM to Cambodia and Thailand reflect the friendly and comprehensive ties Malaysia has with both neighbours, bilaterally and in the framework of Asean family. The visits will afford the opportunity for Malaysia and the respective countries to explore joint initiatives in post-pandemic recovery efforts, as well as in addressing regional and international challenges," it added.

Ismail Sabri will be joined by Foreign Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Abdullah, International Trade and Industry Senior Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, Federal Territories Deputy Minister Datuk Seri Jalaluddin Alias, Risda chairman Datuk Seri Mohd Salim Mohd Sharif and senior government officials.

It added that the official visits will be conducted with strict Covid-19 preventative standard operating procedures in place in Malaysia, Cambodia and Thailand.