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Ismail Sabri arrives in Japan for six-day visit, to hold meeting with counterpart Fumio Kishida

TOKYO

EMPOWERING the Malaysian Look East Policy, and introducing the concept of Keluarga Malaysia (Malaysian Family) in Malaysia-Japan bilateral ties will be highlighted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob during his six-day official working visit here, starting yesterday.

The visit is the first for Ismail Sabri after being appointed as prime minister on Aug 21 last year.

During the visit, he is scheduled to meet his counterpart, Fumio Kishida, who was appointed as prime minister in October last year.

“This will be the first physical meeting between the two prime ministers,” Malaysian embassy charge d’affaires ad interim Nor’ Azam Mohd Idrus said here.

He said the meeting of the two leaders would take place on Friday.

On April 20, Ismail Sabri and Kishida held a Japan-Malaysia Summit telephone talk, during which the two leaders discussed regional and international issues.

Nor’ Azam said among the matters to be discussed during the Friday meeting were Malaysia-Japan bilateral ties, including co-operation related to Covid-19, the reopening of borders and setting up of Tsukuba University in Malaysia.

“The visit will also mark the 40th anniversary of Malaysia’s Look East Policy, which has brought about a huge impact in strengthening the bilateral ties between Malaysia and Japan.”

During the meeting, both leaders will witness the signing of three memoranda of cooperation

between Malaysia and Japan.

They are the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Government of Malaysia and the Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry of Japan on the Aircraft Industry, Memorandum of Cooperation on a Basic Framework for Information Partnership for Proper Operation of the System Pertaining to Foreign Human Resources with the Status of Resident of “Specified Skilled Worker”, and the Memorandum of Co-operation between the Government of Malaysia and the Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Ministry of Japan on Cooperation in the Fields of Youth and Sports.

Ismail Sabri is also scheduled to deliver a keynote address at Nikkei’s 27th International Conference on the Future of Asia in Tokyo, themed “Redefining Asia’s Role in a Divided World” on Thursday.

Nor’ Azam said Ismail Sabri was expected to touch on efforts to boost regional economic integration, strengthen negotiation and cooperation mechanisms, cooperation in addressing cli-



Malaysian embassy charge d’affaires ad interim Nor’ Azam Mohd Idrus speaking at a media briefing in Tokyo yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

mate change, and also share the concept of the Malaysian Family.

“His (Ismail Sabri) participation will be the platform for Malaysia to share ideas and experiences in initiatives to determine the future direction of Asia.”

Ismail Sabri will also hold meetings with corporate leaders and businessmen from several

leading companies in Japan to lure more foreign direct investments to Malaysia.

Among the companies are those already established in Malaysia, such as Mitsui Fudosan, Mitsubishi Power and Marubeni, and also those with the potential to expand their operations in Malaysia. **Bernama**