



Ismail Sabri being welcomed by senior adviser to the United States Chief of Protocol Asel Roberts at the Joint Base Andrews Airport in Washington yesterday. *.BERNAMAPIX*

Ismail Sabri in Washington for Asean-US Special Summit

WASHINGTON: Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob arrived here on Tuesday for a four-day working visit.

He was welcomed by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Abdullah, International Trade and Industry Senior Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri M. Saravanan and Malaysian senior officials.

The prime minister will be meeting with United States President Joe Biden and Asean leaders.

He will join Biden, US Vice-President

Kamala Harris and other Asean leaders at a two-day Asean-US Special Summit starting today. Biden will also host a dinner for the Asean leaders at the White House.

The president will also meet Asean leaders at the US Department of State, the venue of the special summit.

The summit marks the 45th anniversary of Asean-US dialogue relations, and the second such summit hosted by the US president in this country after the then-president Barack Obama welcomed Asean leaders at Sunnylands, California in February 2016.

Ismail Sabri, together with Asean leaders, will participate in discussions with Harris at the State Department.

He will also meet with US Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo and US Trade Representative Ambassador Katherine Tai today, Bernama reported.

Ismail Sabri is scheduled to meet American captains of industries as well as the US-Asean Business Council and Chamber of Commerce today. He will also meet the Malaysian diaspora in an Aidilfitri Keluarga Malaysia gathering.