

Najib To Lead Delegation To APEC Meeting In Russia
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak will lead the Malaysian delegation to the 20th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) Economic Leaders Meeting (AELM) in Russia on Sept 8 and 9.

The foreign ministry said in a statement here Tuesday, Najib would be accompanied by wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, several Cabinet ministers and senior government officials.

The annual summit, themed 'Integrate to Grow, Innovate to Prosper', to be attended by heads of state and government from the 21-member economies, will be preceded by the 24th Apec Ministerial Meeting (AMM) on Sept 5 and 6, and Apec Senior Officials Meeting on Sept 2 and 3.

Najib, who is also finance minister, would speak on wide-ranging issues, covering the liberalising trade and investment and expanding regional economic integration, strengthening food security, establishing reliable supply chains and fostering innovative growth, the statement said.

The prime minister will also explore new and innovative ideas to further enhance cooperation among the 21 Apec member economies in these areas.

Najib is also scheduled to hold bilateral meetings with several APEC leaders, including the host, Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The outcome of the leaders meeting will be documented in a Joint Leaders Declaration while the 20th AMM outcome will be documented in the Joint Ministerial Statement.

APEC, a forum set up in 1989, for 21 Pacific Rim member economies to discuss issues on regional economic cooperation, trade and investment, accounts for 55 per cent of the world's gross domestic product and 49 per cent of global trade.

APEC's 21-member economies comprise Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Hong Kong, China, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, United States and Vietnam.

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