

**Muhyiddin Arrives In London To Begin Five-Day Working Visit**  
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LONDON, Sept 8 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin arrived here Sunday to begin a five-day working visit to the United Kingdom (UK) aimed at enhancing Malaysia-UK bilateral trade.

Muhyiddin and his wife, Puan Sri Norainee Abdul Rahman, were accompanied by Malaysian High Commissioner to the UK, Datuk Seri Zakaria Sulong and officials from the Deputy Prime Minister's Office, foreign and education ministries, when they arrived at the Four Seasons Hotel here at around 9 am (4 pm Malaysian time).

They were greeted upon arrival by several officials from the Malaysian High Commission and officials from several government agencies in London.

On Monday, the Deputy Prime Minister is scheduled to chair a roundtable meeting with captains of industry in the UK, organised by the Malaysian High Commission in UK.

The session is aimed at promoting bilateral trade and to attract British investments into Malaysia, while encouraging networking among businessmen, investors and entrepreneurs of both countries.

Among the 27 participants that have confirmed their presence at the meeting are BAE Systems, BRE Global Ltd, Commonwealth Business School, HSBC, JCB, UK Trade and Investment, and Matradis.

The Deputy Prime Minister is also scheduled to call on his counterpart, Nick Clegg, Tuesday, where they will have the opportunity to exchange views on bilateral relations, as well as regional and international issues of interest.

Muhyiddin is scheduled to deliver a keynote address at the annual dinner of the board of trustees of the Oxford Centre of Islamic Studies, in conjunction with the board's annual meeting, on the same day.

Total trade between Malaysia and the UK last year stood at RM13.737 billion, an increase of 2.6 per cent, with exports totalling RM6.807.4 billion (a decrease of 4.9 per cent), and imports at RM6.830 billion (up 11.2 per cent).

According to a statement from the Malaysian High Commission, the total Malaysia-UK trade for January-July this year stood at RM8.236 billion (an increase of four per cent), with exports at RM3.851 billion (a decrease of 5.3 per cent) and imports at RM4.385 billion (an increase of 13.7 per cent).

Arrangements have been made for Muhyiddin, who is also the Education Minister, to visit the Westminster Kingsway College in London so as to gain useful insight into UK's technical and vocational education from which Malaysia could learn.

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