

Najib To Make Working Visit To San Francisco, New York
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 21 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak will lead the Malaysian delegation to the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) during his working visit to New York from Sept 25 to 29.

Prior to that, he is scheduled to make a working visit to San Francisco for the Global Science and Innovation Advisory Council (GSIAC) annual meeting from Sept 22 to 24, according to a statement from the Foreign Ministry.

In New York, the prime minister is scheduled to deliver Malaysia's National Statement at the General Debate on Sept 28.

In addition, he is expected to deliver a statement at the High Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament on Sept 26.

"The prime minister will also take the opportunity to lobby for support for Malaysia's candidature of the non-permanent membership to the United Nations Security Council for 2015-2016," the statement said.

The Foreign Ministry noted that Kuala Lumpur would continue to support the central role of the UN as the most constructive multilateral platform towards maintaining international peace and security.

The statement said Najib was also scheduled to deliver a keynote address at an Asia Society event as well as meet with key industry players from ASEAN countries and the United States (US) during a luncheon with the US-ASEAN Business Council and the US Chamber of Commerce.

"The prime minister will hold bilateral meetings with some of his counterparts to discuss matters of mutual interest as well as participate in several bilateral events towards further enhancing Malaysia-US bilateral relations," it said.

Apart from that, he is scheduled to host a dinner for the Malaysian community in New York on Sept 28.

For the trip to New York, Najib will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman, Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Rohani Abdul Karim, and senior officials from the Prime Minister's Office and the two ministries.

During the San Francisco leg of his visit, Najib will chair the 3rd GSIAC meeting and officiate at the High Level Forum on Green Future and Green Energy which will be participated by international and national council members who are global experts on science and innovation.

The GSIAC was initiated by the prime minister in 2010 as part of his ongoing efforts to transform Malaysia into a high-income economy through enhancing Malaysia's capabilities in science and innovation.

The statement said Najib would also attend the 7th BIO-International Advisory Panel (BIO-IAP) meeting and visit Silicon Valley, including touring the headquarters of Twitter and Google.

Najib, it said, would witness the exchange of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) documents between Malaysia Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT) and Asian Energy Investment Pte Ltd (AEI); MIGHT Technology Nurturing (MTN) and The Clean Tech Open (CTO); Malaysian Green Technology Corporation (MGTC) and General Electric Co. (GE) on Sept 23 after attending the High-Level Forum.

His itinerary in San Francisco includes attending a dinner hosted by the Commonwealth Club of California and deliver a public lecture at the Intercontinental Mark Hopkins hotel.

The Club is the US oldest and largest public affairs forum which has played host to prominent leaders like former Presidents Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton.

Najib will be accompanied by some cabinet ministers and senior government officials in San Francisco.

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