

Muhyiddin In Japan For For Four-Day Visit

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TOKYO, March 13 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin arrived here Friday for a four-day working visit in Japan.

Muhyiddin, accompanied by his wife, Puan Sri Norainee Abdul Rahman, arrived at Haneda Airport here about 11 pm (10 pm Malaysian time) and was greeted on arrival by Malaysian Ambassador in Japan Datuk Ahmad Izlan Idris .

The deputy prime minister will head the Malaysian delegation at the Third UN World Conference On Disaster Risk Reduction, to begin tomorrow in Sendai, about 380km from here.

He is attending the conference at the invitation of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and the United Nations (UN) secretary-general Ban Ki-moon, who also invited other country leaders to exchange views and share their experiences on risk management for a new international frame work of cooperation in handling major disasters.

On the first day of the conference (Saturday), Muhyiddin, who is also the National Disaster Committee chairman, is attending the opening ceremony, which is then followed by lunch hosted by the Japanese prime minister for all heads of delegation.

He will also hold a bilateral meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey, Numan Kurtulmus.

On Sunday, Muhyiddin will attend the ministerial round-table meeting at the conference and then receive a courtesy call by the Japanese Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Akihiro Ota.

Besides attending the conference, Muhyiddin will also meet the Malaysian community in Japan and on Monday, he would have a meeting with Japanese Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Minister Hakubun Shimomura, where a Memorandum of Understanding on education would be signed between Malaysia and Japan.

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