

Eight ASEAN Dialogue Partners Confirm Attendance To Kuala Lumpur Summit

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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 17 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian-hosted 27th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits will see eight ASEAN Dialogue Partners and United Nations Secretary General, Ban Ki Moon, converging in Malaysia's capital.

The leaders are expected to discuss ASEAN relations with their respected countries and also witness an ASEAN significant milestone - the establishment of the ASEAN Community - which will pave the way for a more integrated and significant bloc globally.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman said besides United States President Barack Obama, leaders who had confirmed their attendance include South Korea's President Park Geun-Hye, Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Russian Prime Minister Dmitry A.Medvedev.

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and New Zealand Prime Minister John Key will also participate in the summits, Anifah said in an interview with Bernama in conjunction with the five-day summits starting tomorrow.

Elaborating on the summit, which will take place at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, he said that to commemorate the formal establishment of the ASEAN Community by Dec 31, ASEAN leaders will be signing the 2015 Kuala Lumpur Declarations on the Establishment of the ASEAN Community.

The leaders will also sign the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on ASEAN 2025: Forging Ahead Together, a set of documents that chart the path for the ASEAN Community building over the next 10 years.

"These documents will be endorsed by ASEAN leaders during the summit," Anifah said.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

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