

## **Ahmad Zahid's Trip to India Will Boost Bilateral Ties**

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NEW DELHI, July 16 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi's first working visit to India from Sunday (tomorrow) will boost bilateral ties between the two countries.

A spokesman for the Malaysian High Commission in New Delhi said Ahmad Zahid's visit would enhance cooperation and diplomatic relations in various sectors and fields.

"This visit is very timely as India will host the 25th ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit which is expected in the first half of 2017. It is expected Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak will attend the summit on behalf of the Malaysian government.

"Najib's visit to India will reciprocate Modi's trip during the ASEAN Summit last year. Therefore I believe many issues will be raised during Ahmad Zahid's visit to India," he told Malaysian media here, Saturday.

According to Wisma Putra, Ahmad Zahid is scheduled to arrive at Indra Gandhi International Airport, Sunday for a three-day working visit, after attending the 11th Asia-Europe Meeting Summit in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, which ended today.

During the visit, he is scheduled to call on India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi and meet a few Indian Cabinet ministers before leaving New Delhi for a two-day working visit to Sri Lanka on Thursday.

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