

Vietnam Foreign Minister Arrives For Two-day Visit
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SEPANG, Feb 8 (Bernama) -- Vietnam's Foreign Minister, Pham Binh Minh arrived at the KL International Airport today for a two-day official visit to Malaysia at the invitation of his Malaysian counterpart, Datuk Seri Anifah Aman.

Pham who arrived at about 10am, was accompanied by several senior government officials and his wife, Nguyen Nguyet Nga.

Receiving them were Deputy Foreign Minister, Senator Datuk A.Kohillan Pillay and officials from Wisma Putra.

Pham's delegation then visited the iconic Petronas Twin Towers in the federal capital before leaving for Putrajaya to pay a courtesy call on Anifah at the Foreign Ministry, scheduled for 2.30pm.

The two are expected to discuss bilateral relations, and regional and international issues of common interest to Malaysia and Vietnam.

The two countries enjoy close relations since 1973.

This is Pham's first visit to Malaysia since he was appointed as Foreign Minister in August 2011.

The visit is expected to further strengthen relations between these two Asean countries after President Truong Tan Sang's visit to Malaysia in September last year.

Trade between the two countries from January to November, 2011 was worth RM19.89 billion.

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