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SEPANG, March 21 (Bernama) -- United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon arrived here today, for a two-day official visit to Malaysia, his first since taking office on Jan 1, 2007.

Ban, accompanied by his wife, Ban Soon-taek, and a delegation comprising UN senior officials and staff, arrived at the Bunga Raya Complex of the KL International Airport at 5pm.

They were greeted by Deputy Foreign Minister Senator A. Kohilan Pillay.

A foreign ministry statement said Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman would host a welcoming dinner tonight, in honour of the top UN diplomat.

Tomorrow, Ban is scheduled to call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and attend a luncheon hosted by the Malaysian leader and his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, at Seri Perdana in Putrajaya.

The UN secretary-general's itinerary in Malaysia includes a visit to the Malaysian Peacekeeping Training Centre (MPTC) in Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan and attending a programme at the Institute of Respiratory Medicine in the Malaysian capital, in conjunction with World TB Day.

Ban, a South Korean, is also scheduled to deliver a special address entitled, 'Malaysia and the United Nations in a Changing World', at the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations in Kuala Lumpur.

The visit will provide an opportunity for the prime minister and the UN secretary-general to discuss regional and international issues of mutual concern to Malaysia and the UN, including the latest developments in the Middle East, and efforts to promote the Global Movement of the Moderates.

Ban was unanimously re-elected by the UN General Assembly last year to serve as secretary-general of the world body until Dec 31, 2016.

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