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MAHATHIR-PROMPTER (WITH PIX)

KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 14 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WILL

USE A SPEECH PROMPTER WHEN HE ADDRESSES THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT

MEETING (CHOGM) HERE ON WEDNESDAY.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE THE FIRST LEADER IN THE

REGION TO USE THE EQUIPMENT TO ADDRESS A PUBLIC GATHERING.

BY USING THE BRITISH-MADE QCP PROMPTER SYSTEM, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR

WILL BE ABLE TO LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE AUDIENCE WHILE DELIVERING HIS SPEECH.

THE TEXT IS ACTUALLY TRANSMITTED ON TRANSPARENT SCREENS IN FRONT OF THE

ROSTRUM. IT IS KEYED INTO A SPECIALLY DESIGNED USER COMPUTER WHICH OFFERS A

VARIETY OF TEXT EDITING CAPABILITIES INCLUDING CHOICE OF LETTER FONT, SIZES

AND COLOUR.

THE SYSTEM FREES THE SPEAKER FROM HAVING TO SHUFFLE PAPER AND PROVIDES

FOR A MORE NATURAL ORATORY STYLE WITH FREE HAND AND HEAD MOVEMENTS.

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN OF THE MANUFACTURERS, U.S. PRESIDENT GEORGE

BUSH AND BRITISH PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER ALSO USE THE PROMPTER.

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