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MAHATHIR SETS CONDITION FOR MALAYSIA'S PRESENCE AT UNCED

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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 30 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today reiterated that Malaysia will attend the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Brazil in June if its presence there can effectively help overcome its own and global environmental problems.

Malaysia's decision to attend the UNCED in Rio de Janeiro would however depend on the outcome of two meetings preceeding the summit, he told reporters at Angkasapuri here.

They are the UNCED preparatory meeting and the meeting of developing countries scheduled for January.

The Prime Minister was at Angkasapuri for the taping of his New Year message by Radio Television Malaysia.

One hundred countries and 300 non-governmental organisations are expected to attend the UNCED to discuss a broad range of environmental issues.-- more

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Malaysia had previously stated that it would not attend the summit if Western countries were to use it as a forum merely to discredit the country.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir was also asked to comment on RTM's move to introduce an +InnovationBox+ for staffers to contribute ideas on ways to improve RTM's performance.

He described it as a good move in soliciting for constructive ideas.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said other government departments should emulate RTM.

The +InnovationBox+ was a brainchild of Broadcasting Director-General Da tuk Jaafar Kamin.-- Bernama

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