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MAHATHIR TO ATTEND EARTH SUMMIT
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 29⁹² (bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will attend the Earth Summit 'in Rio de Janeiro from June 3 to 14, a Wisma Putra statement said today.

'The Prime Minister's decision follows the adoption of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Environment and Development at the Second Ministerial Conference of Developing Countries which ended here today.

Dr Mahathir said previously that he would not want to attend the summit, formally known as the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), if it was to be used as an occasion to smear or criticise developing countries over environmental issues.

The statement said the Kuala Lumpur Declaration +clearly articulates the concern and positions of the developing countries in addressing the subject of environment and development in an integrated, balanced and comprehensive manner.+ -- more

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The Kuala Lumpur Ministerial conference, it said, had provided +an important occasion and a critical stage of: the preparatory process, for the summit for the developing countries to exchange views and arrive at collective positions on key issues, including financial resources and technology transfer.+

It added: +Consistent with Malaysia's active participation through the preparatory process, the Kuala Lumpur conference underscored the need for Malaysia to confirm its role.

+Malaysia is prepared, in concert with other countries, to forge a new global partnership which safeguards the environment and promotes economic growth and development. + -- Bernama

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Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said he was happy that Dr Mahathir had decided to attend the summit as the developing countries were hoping for his presence as their lead speaker.

+I'm hopeful that with his presence, the South will have a unified force to represent their views in the debate and negotiations with the North for a better environmental protection in conjunction with development at the summit,+ he told reporters at Parliament House. -- Bernama

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