

# Dr M to present South stand on environs

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will present the stand adopted by developing countries as contained in the Kuala Lumpur Declaration at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UnCED) or Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro next month.

Science, Technology and Environment Minister Law Hieng Ding said it was appropriate for Dr Mahathir to present the common position adopted by the developing countries as Malaysia had been recognised as a

"spokesman" on environment and development by them.

The declaration, which was adopted by 55 developing countries in their meeting here last week, outlines their common position on financial resources, transfer of technology, reforestation, bio-diversity, climate change and setting up of a management institution to implement the resolutions adopted at the Rio meeting.

He said the Prime Minister would call on the world community, especially the developed countries, to create a genuine new world partnership to prevent a cold war between North and South countries.

"The developing countries want the developed countries to be more sincere in helping them and providing a more equitable share of the world wealth.

"At present 80 per cent of the world wealth is in the North although these countries have only 20 per cent of the world population," he told reporters after appearing on TV3's *Se-kapur Sirih* programme today.

Law said Malaysia's permanent representative to the United Nations, Tan Sri Razali Ismail, would present the declaration to the G-77 countries when he returns to New York.

He said the declaration would become a United Na-

tions document once it was approved by the 129 G-77 countries.

On the anti-tropical timber campaign in Japan, he said the Malaysians alleged to be involved were not key actors but were being used by the Japanese.

He said the Government knew the identity of the Malaysians and Japanese involved in the smear campaign but it would not take action against them because "we are a democratic country".

"The Japanese environmentalists are those instrumental in the campaign to influence the authorities to reduce the use of tropical timber through various means," he said.