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BANK OFFICIAL KEEN ON PM ATTENDING WORLD MICRO SUMMIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 10 (Bernama) -- The managing director of Grameen Bank of Bangladesh, Professor Mohammed Yunus is keen on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad attending the Micro Credit Summit hosted by the World Bank in Washington DC in February 1997.

Speaking to reporters at the "Bank Poor 96 workshop organised by the Asia Pacific Development Centre (APDC) here today, he said Dr. Mahathir's leadership and support especially for developing countries is admired all over the world and his presence would be very desired at the summit.

He added "the problem in eradicating poverty in this region is that not many are not doing much but ultimately...we have to solve our own problems."

"We need a leader and he (Dr. Mahathir) is the leader who would stand up and push the region to do what it has to do to initiate efforts to eradicate poverty," said Mohammed. -- BERNAMA

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