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Dialogue

CHINESE PREMIER TO ADDRESS M'SIA-CHINA PARTNERSHIP DIALOGUE

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 6 (Bernama) -- Chinese Premier Li Peng is expected to make a special address at the "Malaysia-China Partnership" Dialogue in Beijing on Aug 26.

Li will also join Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in an open dialogue on the same day.

Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (ASLI) president Mirzan Mahathir said today the event was held in conjunction with Dr Mahathir's working visit to China from Aug 24 to 27. Asli is the dialogue organiser.

"The objectives of the dialogue are to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries, to provide insights and up-to-date information on investment opportunities in China and Malaysia, and to develop better understanding of the East Asia Economic Caucus (EAEC)," he told a news conference here.

Dr Mahathir would deliver the keynote address "The Dawn of the Asia-Pacific Century: A Malaysian Perspective" on Aug 26 which would give insights into Malaysian strategies in the next century, he said.

Mirzan said both leaders would also witness the signing of several agreements between Chinese and Malaysian parties.

Pulau Pinang Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon will talk on "Growth Triangles: The Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Experience - Opportunities for Chinese Entrepreneurs".

Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik would talk on "Strengthening Bilateral Trade and Economic Cooperation Between Malaysia and China" and Deputy Education Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn on "Asia: The Centre of Educational Excellence - Partnering Towards the 21st Century".

A panel discussion on "Partnership for Mutual Prosperity - Opportunities for Joint Ventures and Investments Between Chinese and Malaysian Businessmen", chaired by Lions Group chairman Tan Sri William Cheng, would be held on the same day, he said.

According to ASLI's list, DRB-Hicom chairman Tan Sri Yahya Ahmad, Malaysia Airlines chairman Tan Sri Tajudin Ramli and SungeiWay Group president Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah will be among the participants of the dialogue.

Last year, China invested approximately RM19.2 million in Malaysia while total investment for the first three months this year had exceeded the amount.

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