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LANGKAWI INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE, VEHICLE FOR SMART PARTNERSHIP

KUALA LUMPUR, May 10 (Bernama) -- A potent tool to compete in the borderless world is the ability to forge smart partnerships and strike a win-win situation so as not to drown in the global marketplace.

The Second Langkawi International Dialogue 1996, to be held in the Langkawi from July 29-31, would offer this opportunity.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his capacity as patron and advisor of the Langkawi International Dialogue '96, has personally invited 15 heads of governments mainly from the Commonwealth to join the dialogue.

Joint secretary of the International Steering Group Tan Sri Dr Omar Abdul Rahman, who is the Science Advisor in the Prime Minister's Department, said today the dialogue was unique because some 250 participants from the private and public sectors would have a golden opportunity to meet one another and hold interactive talks.

"Langkawi International Dialogue '96 will pursue the 1995 theme "Smart Partnership for Global Co-operative Prosperity," he added.

Omar said domestic and international response was positive.

Prime Minister Dr Mahathir and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Annuar Ibrahim would address the dialogue on the first and second day.

On the third day, a concluding dialogue would be held with Dr Mahathir and other invited heads of government.

Omar said key topics to be discussed included the Role of Government in Smart Partnership; Place of Technology in Smart Partnership and Smart Partnership within an organisation.

"There will be opportunities for networking and sharing of experiences among participants," he added.

The Langkawi International Dialogue '96 is jointly organised by the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT), the Commonwealth Partnership for Technology Management Ltd. and the Commonwealth Foundation for Technology Management. -- BERNAMA

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