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MAHATHIR OPENS MEDICAL CONFERENCE

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 10 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today opened the 11th Asian Pacific Federation Congress of the International College of Surgeons (ICS) here.

A pre-congress workshop and national seminar on breast cancer is being held today in conjunction with the four-day congress organised by the Malaysian section of ICS.

Themed "Surgery Towards the 21st Century," the congress will hear views and critical appraisal from eminent personalities and experts in the various branches of surgery on surgical techniques and management to prepare for the next century.

Participation at the congress is not only from the Asian-Pacific region but also from all parts of the world, said organising committee chairman Dr P.Boopalan in a statement today.

He said the congress is being held at a time when there is a revolution in the surgical management of patients influenced by not only minimally invasive techniques but also by advances in molecular and genetic biology, leading to new concepts of treatment.

Also present were Dr Mahathir's wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and ICS' new president, Prof Refaat Kamel. -- BERNAMA