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PM OPENS NATIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 19 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad opened the second National Conference on Information Technology -- Infotech Malaysia '96 -- at the Putra World Trade Centre here today.

The conference carries the theme, "Towards A Knowledge Society - Creating the Environment for Change".

It is designed to provide a forum for discussing issues related to the formulation of a National IT Action Plan to achieve the targets and goals of vision 2020 and for the creation of a Malaysian knowledge-based society.

The three-day conference is sponsored by the National Information Technology Council (NITC) and jointly organised by Mimos Berhad, the Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (Mampu), Malaysian National Computer Federation (MNCC), Association of the Computer Industry Malaysia (Pikom) and Telekom Malaysia Berhd.

Dr Mahathir, who is chairman of the NITC, is delivering a keynote address on the national IT Action Plan.

Other speakers include Malaysian political leaders and senior civil servants responsible for and authorised in shaping a more systematic planning for IT development in Malaysia.

In conjunction with the conference, Malaysia's premier IT exhibition, ITX '96, will be held at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here from today until Dec 22. -- BERNAMA

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