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RM1 BLN DOCUMENTS ON M'SIA-CANADA BUSINESS TO BE SIGNED

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 10 (Bernama) -- Over RM1 billion worth of business contracts and memoranda of understanding are expected to be signed between Canadian and Malaysian businesses during The First Canada-Malaysia Business Leaders Dialogue next week.

Canadian High Commissioner to Malaysia John Bell told a news conference here today that the one-day Dialogue would be held on Jan 19 and that there would be between 35 to 45 signings on various projects.

Also present at the news conference was president of the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (ASLI) Mirzan Mahathir.

The Dialogue is organised by the Canadian High Commission and ASLI in conjunction with the official visit of Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien to Malaysia.

Bell said Chretien would be accompanied by seven Canadian provincial premiers and more than 200 business delegates.

Chretien will present a keynote address on "Canada Preparing for the Pacific Century - Building Modern Asia Together," at the Dialogue, he added.

The trade mission, called Team Canada, would concentrate on agriculture and food, education, energy, environment, financial services, telecommunications and transportation.

Bell said the Dialogue would create networking between Malaysian and Canadian businesses for collaborations in the regional market. -- BERNAMA