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ROME DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED AT WORLD FOOD SUMMIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 31 (Bernama) -- Heads of government or their representatives will sign the "Rome Declaration" on World Food Guarantee at the World Food Summit in Rome beginning Nov 13.

Agriculture Minister Datuk Amar Dr Sulaiman Daud said the Declaration is a policy blueprint containing recommendations to resolve world food shortage.

The five-day summit themed "Food For All" is organised by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) to discuss issues on world food production, said Dr Sulaiman, who is leading the Malaysian delegation to the summit.

Speaking to reporters after launching his ministry's Quality Day at Wisma Tani here today, he said Malaysia's National Agriculture Policy need to be reviewed due to the changes and problems in the agricultural sector.

He said discussions had been held with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, ministers, agriculture experts and institutions to review the policy which is no longer suitable to present times.

Dr Sulaiman said his ministry would liaise with other ministries particularly the Primary Industries Ministry to streamline the policy to suit the country's rapid economic growth.

He said the government would take appropriate measures to resolve problems in the agriculture industry including ways to develop idle land.

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