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TENAGA NASIONAL TO HOST ELECTRICITY POWER SUPPLY INDUSTRIES CONFAB

KUALA LUMPUR, July 25 (Bernama) -- Tenaga Nasional Bhd will host the 11th Conference of The Electricity Power Supply Industries (CEPSI) here in October, with participation expected to be the biggest ever.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been invited to deliver a keynote address at the five-day conference beginning on Oct 21, conference chairman Hj Abdul Hadi Deros said today.

He was speaking to reporters after Tenaga Nasional signed agreements with several suppliers and event management companies in connection with the conference.

Abdul Hadi said a highlight of the opening ceremony would see Dr Mahathir riding in an electric car specially made for the event from his office to the conference site and also for touring the exhibition being held in conjunction with the conference.

The electric car was being built by Perusahaan Otomobil Nasional Bhd with the cooperation from a research and development subsidiary of Tenaga Nasional.

Abdul Hadi said an estimated 2,000 delegates were expected to attend the conference at which 400 papers covering 27 topics would be discussed. An overview of the Bakun hydro-electric dam project and its power transmission programme would be among the 30-40 papers on Malaysia.

He added that 190 of the 200 booths for the exhibition had already been taken up by companies such as General Electric, Roll Royce, Siemens and utility companies, making it the largest held at CEPSI.

Tenaga Nasional executive chairman Tan Sri Dr Ani Arope said Indonesia's Minister of State for Research and Technology Prof B.J. Habibie would be a speaker at the conference.

He added that Malaysia, which held the presidency and secretariat for the session, managed to bring China into the Association of the Electricity Supply Industry of East Asia and Pacific (AESIEAP) which sponsored the biannual conference.

AESIEAP now has 18 members including China which would be attending the conference for the first time. -- BERNAMA

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