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ASLI TO HOLD LONDON DIALOGUE ON OCT 21

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 15 (Bernama) --The Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) will hold the "London Dialogue on Malaysia and British Partnership" at the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre in London on Oct 21, 1997.

The dialogue, which has attracted 400 participants, will provide fresh impetus to enhancing bilateral relationships between both countries and to update British chief executive officers, and investment and fund managers on the current economic and political situation in Malaysia.

"Hopefully, the dialogue will set the stage for the return of substantial British funds to the Malaysian market," ASLI's executive vice-president Datuk Michael Yeoh said in a statement here today.

The dialogue has received strong support from the Malaysian and British Governments.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in his message to the London dialogue said "the London dialogue is timely as it will facilitate open and frank discussions not only on important bilateral issues but will also enable British businessmen, fund managers and institutional investors to obtain first hand information on the current state of the Malaysian economy".

British Prime Minister Tony Blair in his message said the London dialogue builds upon strong foundations.

"Britain and Malaysia can work well together. The dialogue should chart a course for a dynamic and developing partnership between Britain and Malaysia, building on the strength of the past and realising the potential for the future", he added.

About 80 Malaysian business leaders will attend the dialogue. They will be led by Tan Sri Tajuddin Ramli, chairman of Malaysia Airlines and president of the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Other prominent participants include chairman of YTL Corp, Tan Sri Yeoh Tiong Lay, CEO of Bank Bumiputera, Datuk Abdul Aziz Othman, president of Sungei Way Group, Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah and CEO of Telekom Malaysia, Datuk Mohd Said Mohd Ali.

The British delegation will be headed by Lord Prior, chairman of General Electric Company and will include chairman of Standard Chartered Bank, Patrick Gillam, director of Flemings Plc (Asia-Pacific), David Lowes, CEO of Lotus Ltd, Chris Knight, and chairman of Hong Kong Bank, Sir William Purves. -- BERNAMA

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