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CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC ISSUES AFFECTING ASEAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 30 (Bernama) -- Wide-ranging issues relating to Asean's economy will be examined at the 30th Asean Anniversary Conference and Exhibition to be held at the Putra World Trade Centre here beginning on Monday.

The conference will also examine international developments in finance, make assessments of the economies in Asean and consider the proposals for Asean cooperation in the finance sector, its organiser, Asean Business Forum, said in a statement today.

The conference and exhibition themed "Asean Financial Initiatives for the 21st Century" will be officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

A line of impressive speakers comprising Asean Finance Ministers as well as those from various international financial and economic bodies will present their views at the three-day, the statement said.

They include International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Michel Camdessus, World Bank's Economic Advisor Amar Battacharya, European Monetary Institute Senior Economic Advisor Pierre Petit and Chairman of the Foundation for Advanced Information and Research Yuichiro Nagatomi.

Concurrently, an exhibition with a theme "Asean Strategic Partnerships in Banking and Finance", will also be held at the same venue, from 9 am to 6pm, Monday to Wednesday. The exhibition is open free to the public.

The statement said that the Asean Business Forum is also hosting a series of webconferences on its website on the Internet.

It said papers presented at the conference will be posted at the site and the topics for discussions are "Asean Currencies: Crisis and Response", "The Case for Economic Policy Coordination in Asean" and "Asean 2020 : An Intergrated Financial Future?".

Those interested to participate can register on-line with the Asean Business Forum on the form provided in its website at <http://www.asean-business.com>. -- BERNAMA

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