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DR M TO ADDRESS 800 KEY PEOPLE ON VISION 2020 TOMORROW

KUALA LUMPUR, April 28 (Bernama) -- About 800 key government officials, non-government organisation officials, corporate captains, academicians and politicians will hear a keynote address on Vision 2020 by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel in Petaling Jaya tomorrow.

It will be delivered at the two-day National Congress on Vision 2020 (Kongres Kebangsaan Wawasan 2020) which is held under the auspices of the Malaysian Business Council.

The congress will be organised by the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), Malaysia, Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (ASLI), Economic Planning Unit and the Implementation and Co-ordination Unit (ICU) of the Prime Minister's Department.

Dr Mahathir will also hold a dialogue with participants at the end of the congress on the second day.

Datuk Dr Noordin Sopiee, chairman of the organising committee of the congress, said it was aimed at discussing future challenges and strategies over the next 23 years to 2020 and identify problem areas and evaluate viable solutions.

After the keynote address by Dr Mahathir, who first spoke about Vision 2020 at an MBC meeting six years ago, the congress will have a session on "Establishing a united Malaysian nation". Panelists include education minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Pulau Pinang chief minister Tan Sri Koh Tsu Koon and Sabah chief minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee.

Tan Sri Kishu Tirathrai, chairman of Globe Silk Store, will chair that session. It will discuss efforts in moving forward towards building a united Malaysian nation with a sense of common and shared destiny, and which is territorially and ethnically integrated, and a country that is living in full harmony and in fair partnership and made up of Bangsa Malaysia.

The congress, which is open only to invited participants, will also have speeches by international trade and industry minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz, transport minister Datuk Seri Ling Liong Sik, the parliamentary secretary in the minister of international trade and industry (MITI), Datuk Hishamuddin Tun Hussein, Just World Trust director Dr Chandra Muzaffar and AIDS Council president Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir.

Other sessions, which are in line with the strategic challenges of Vision 2020, include fostering and developing a mature democratic society; creating a psychologically liberated, secure and developed Malaysian society; establishing a fully moral and ethical society; and establishing a fully moral and ethical society.

The other sessions pertain to establishing a matured, liberal and tolerant society; establishing a scientific and progressive society; establishing a fully caring society and a caring culture; ensuring an economically just society; and establishing a prosperous society that is fully competitive with a dynamic, robust and resilient economy. -- BERNAMA

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