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Dr M to deliver keynote address

LANGKAWI, Fri. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver the keynote address and open the aerospace conference during the Lima'97 exhibition which will be held from Dec 2-4.

Dr Mahathir will speak on "Asean and the new world century - prospects for peace, progress and prosperity" in the conference entitled, "Asian Aerospace and Regional Security: The Future Agenda," which is organised by the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik will deliver the closing address on "Future challenges and prospects for air transport in Malaysia."

The Asli conference is the third biggest conference in the world and among the topics to be discussed are:

- \* Malaysia's defence priorities and challenges for the 21st century in the context of regional developments;

- \* Defence roundtable - Enhancing regional security and defence co-operation in the Asia-Pacific region;

- \* Asia-Pacific towards the new millennium - issues and opportunities;

and,

- \* Developing Malaysia's aerospace industry - Capitalising on future opportunities.

The panel of distinguished speakers will come from Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, Indonesia, Canada, the Philippines, and the United Kingdom.

Among the speakers are Aviation Week executive vice-president/publisher Kenneth E. Gazzola; Defence Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar; former Armed Forces chief Jen (rtd) Tan Sri Hashim Mohd Ali, who is also SME Aviation chief; and former Chinese Defence Minister Gen (rtd) Chi Haotian.

Also present will be United Kingdom's Minister of State for Defence Procurement, Lord Gilbert; Australian Minister of Defence, Industry, Science and Personnel, Bronwyn Bishop; Indonesian Defence Forces chief, Gen Feisal Tanjung; Royal Malaysian Air Force chief, Lt-Jen Datuk Seri Ahmad Saruji Che Rose; and US Air Force commander of the Pacific Forces, Gen Richard Myers.

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