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Dialogue-Mahathir

DR MAHATHIR TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT LONDON DIALOGUE

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver his keynote address entitled "Turning Vision Into Reality-The Malaysian Experience" at the Malaysian-British: The London Dialogue on Oct 21.

Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute president Mirzan Mahathir said that after delivering the address, the Prime Minister will have a dialogue with some 300 corporate leaders expected to attend the function in London.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Securities Commission chairman Datuk Dr Munir Abdul Majid are also expected to deliver papers at the dialogue.

Speaking at a news conference after the signing of an agreement between the co-sponsors of the dialogue here today, Mirzan said businessmen, investors and fund managers from Britain would be able to get the latest directions taken by the government to tackle the currency and stock market crisis faced by the nation.

Mirzan said the main objective of the dialogue, however was to build a more concrete long-term relationship between Malaysian and British businessmen for the benefit of both nations.

Acting British High Commissioner to Malaysia Terry Byrne, who was present, said the British government was looking forward to the success of the dialogue in strengthening trade relations between both nations.

He said Malaysia was Britain's 29th largest market out of 227 countries with whom his country was trading, buying goods of approximately RM5.8 billion while Malaysia's export to Britain amounted to RM11.9 billion last year.

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