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MAHATHIR LAUNCHES G15 ON-LINE DATA BASE

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 3 (Bernama) -- The G15's first on-line data base containing various information relating to business in member countries was launched here today by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The simple ceremony at the Mines exhibition centre here was witnessed by G15 leaders attending the seventh summit of the grouping which began today.

Called the Sibexlink Sdn Bhd South-South Business Information Provider, the data base functions like a cyber society for individuals, companies or business associations within the G15 countries and others in the South-South dialogue group.

Membership in the programme allows each other to exchange information and database, make deals or conduct other forms of businesses online through the Internet.

The leaders later visited the G15 Trade Exhibition and Malaysian Product Exhibition being held at the same venue.

The six-day event, participated by 144 companies from the G15 countries and 82 Malaysian companies with business interest in G15 countries, is being held in conjunction with the G15 summit.

At the Algerian tent, which is the first "booth" to be visited by the leaders, the leaders were treated to mint tea and dates by Algerian President Liamine Zeroual.

At the Peru booth, President Alberto Fujimori and Dr Mahathir drank "Inca Cola" -- a yellow non-carbonated cola drink -- and chatted as they observed the paintings and pewter cutlery on display.

Meanwhile, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali and the spouses of the other leaders went on a separate tour of the exhibition. -- BERNAMA

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