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PM expected to address global telecoms meeting

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed is expected to open an international telecommunications exhibition and conference organised by Telekom Malaysia on Oct 23.

The event, entitled Telecom 21, will be held at the new Malaysian International Exhibition Centre as part of Telekoms' 10th Anniversary celebration.

Dr Mahathir will present a keynote address on "The Telecommunications Industry in Malaysia; Developing an Information-Rich Society".

The highlight of the ceremony will be a video-conference between Dr Mahathir and British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

The conference will focus on strategic alliances in the industry that will form the forum for key decision makers regionally and internationally.

Speakers will include Energy, Telecommunications and Posts Minister, Datuk Leo Moggie, Telekom Malaysia chief executive officer Datuk Mohd Said Mohd Ali and Multimedia Development Corporation executive chairman Tan Sri Dr Othman Yeop Abdullah.

Also expected to present papers are Alvin Toffler of Toffler and Associates United States, Fujitsu Ltd president, Tadashi Sekizawa and Indonesian Minister of Telecommunications, Joop Ave.

Conference organisers, AMB Exhibitions Sdn Bhd executive chairman Tan Sri Dr Ahmad Mustaffa Babjee said 200 companies from 15 countries will be expected to showcase their services and products at "the biggest telecommunications event in Malaysia". New Straits Times is the official newspaper for the conference.

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