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PRIME MINISTER CHAIRS CONFERENCE OF MENTERIS BESAR

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad chaired the 76th Conference of Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers at the Prime Minister's Department here today.

According to the statement issued by the department, among issues discussed was the awareness campaign on information technology to be launched by the Prime Minister over radio and television on Saturday.

The conference also touched on the preservation of the environment and preparations for the Commonwealth Games next year.

The statement said that Dr Mahathir stressed the importance of keeping the environment clean which includes the setting up of a committee to make beaches free of oil spills as well as the tree-planting campaign nationwide.

Terengganu Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad, on behalf of the Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers, pledged support for the leadership and efforts by the Prime Minister and his deputy, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, as well as the federal government in dealing with economic problems affecting the country.

Dr Mahathir, who thanked them for their support, explained to them the economic crisis in the country and measures taken to overcome it.

The conference was also attended by Anwar and several Cabinet ministers, the statement added. -- BERNAMA

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